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TOP STORY

Taking the lead

Selkirk man honored as Grand Marshal of this year's
Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade

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BETHLEHEM — Tim McSweeney, a local man with Irish heritage to spare, will be leading this Saturday's St. Patrick's Day parade in Albany, Saturday, March 12, at 2 p.m.

A Delmar native and Selkirk resident, McSweeney is a lifelong member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), America's oldest Irish Catholic Fraternal Organization, which leads the parade every year. The organization follows in the traditions of similar cultural groups that have existed in Ireland for over 300 years, and McSweeney was voted as grand marshal by a majority vote among the group's 500 members at AOH 5, Albany County branch.

"My mother and father were Irish Catholics - proud Irish Catholics - from Brooklyn, and my brothers and sister were all raised in an Irish Catholic household, going to every event at the Hibernian. The Hibernian Hall has been around my my whole life," said McSweeney.

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Tim McSweeney is pictured standing on the shores of Ireland, but come this Saturday, he stands in as Grand Marshal of Albany's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Submitted photo



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Éirinn go Brách

An event that ties the Capital District to Ireland marks its 100th anniversary, and locals are using St. Patrick's Day to remember

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MAAC tourney

The MAAC Basketball Tournament played out at Albany's Times Union Center last week

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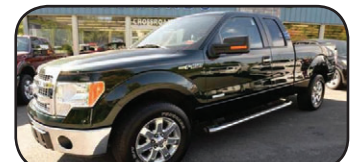
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■ EDUCATION

BCSD anticipates having money to spare

Proposed 2016-17 budget includes partial restoration of Gap Elimination Adjustment

By **TRICIA CREMO**

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BETHLEHEM — School departments will compete for increased funding, as the Board of Education's proposed budget for the 2016-17 year will have money to spare, thanks to a partial restoration of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA).

In the coming weeks, the board will hear from the athletic, transportation and maintenance, special education and K-12 education departments as each present its proposals and requests for funding.

"This year the budget did not have to draw from the fund balance, which was a goal the district has been reaching toward for many, many years," said Judith Kehoe, the district's chief financial officer, at the Wednesday, Feb. 24, School Board meeting, the first of several budget meetings to come.

Tax levy is up an estimated 1.45 percent, a \$919,000 increase, in a year that had both high tax base growth and the lowest allowable tax cap yet, since it was instituted several years ago. Total revenue is up by over \$300,000 and state aid totals \$262,000.

"We will not be looking at dramatic program reductions. There are no anticipated cuts to staff based on fiscal

needs," she said, listing features which have allowed for the excess of funds. "All in all [it is] a relatively stable picture."

One factor in that assessment is the expected return of an estimated \$646,000 in state funding to the district, as part of another incremental restoration of the GEA.

The GEA, introduced in 2009 by former Gov. David Patterson, cut state funding to schools in an effort to fill the state's \$10 million deficit during the height of the economic crisis. Clarksville Elementary School was closed and 36 teaching positions were cut as a result of the loss of nearly \$3 million in state funds to the Bethlehem Central School District.

Last year, when the GEA was partially restored (six years after it was introduced), the additional \$2.3 million restored to the budget allowed the district to replace 12 teaching positions and eliminate the \$1.4 million fund balance use that had been part of the previous year's budget. A total \$25.5 million in state aid was received for this year's school budget.

Only \$361,000 more is now needed to completely restore the GEA, said Kehoe, provided that the governor's current estimates for aid remain in place. Many believe and are hopeful that the final amount of state aid received for the next academic year will be even greater.

■ IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

March 16: Athletic, special education and student services departments appear before board

April 5: K-12 instruction department appears before board

April 13: Board to discuss and make decision on the budget

April 18: School Board candidate petitions due (25 signatures needed, two open board seats — one of which is uncontested, as Diane Giaccone Stever is choosing not to seek reelection)

May 4: Public hearing on the proposed budget

May 17: School budget vote from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

"I remember years where the gap was \$7 million, so we've come a long way — largely in part to the efforts by the staff to develop budgets that resulted in significant savings and the support of the community," said School Board Vice President Charmaine Wijeyesinghe.

"Ultimately, when you don't have that state aid, that means a greater tax burden, so any aid we can get back is a good thing," said Board Member Joanne Cunningham.

The highly anticipated additional

restoration means the district is now able to consider department funding requests as they start approaching the board in coming weeks.

And, these new projects will come on top of the district's \$20 million worth of capital improvement projects which were approved at the polls in March 2013.

Renovations were made throughout the district, including this past summer's field and drainage improvements; refurbished football stadium, track and tennis court at the high school; kitchen, bathroom and gym updates at the four elementary schools; repair of outdoor masonry at the middle and high schools; construction of a new maintenance and transportation building; and completion of the second phase of repairs to the middle school pool.

"The big difference on [the] governor's aid run was building aid numbers did not include aid coming to school from \$20 million capital project that district recently finished," said Kehoe. Though, as the project was bonded for, funds for this year should come, and will cover about 70 percent of the project, leaving residents to pay as estimated \$17.03 in increased taxes until the remaining 30 percent of the project is paid off.

VCSD looking at \$154K budget gap

District faced a \$320K gap at this point last year

By **TRICIA CREMO**

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NEW SCOTLAND — Voorheesville Central School District officials believe that its proposed 2016-17 budget will continue efforts to chip away at debt created by the Gap Elimination Adjustment, introduced by the state back in 2009.

"At this point in our budget, we do have a budget gap of \$154,000. The reason why we're not too

concerned about that at this point is something called the Gap Elimination Adjustment [GEA]," explained Voorheesville Central School District Superintendent Brian Hunt at the Monday, Feb. 22, School Board meeting.

After facing a budget gap of roughly \$320,000 at a late point during last year's budget talks (it had been \$176,000 earlier, and was reduced thanks to a greater than expected increase in state aid) the

district had to make cuts, including two part-time teaching positions and custodial positions.

Five years passed without the return of GEA funding, until last year, when some of that state aid was restored.

"Since the GEA, the state has taken a lot of money from school districts. There's a big push right now to reduce that or completely

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COMMUNITY



Now that the foundation of Thacher Park's new visitor center has been poured, the rest of the structure is starting to take shape.

Tricia Cremona/Spotlight

Construction begins at Thacher Park

By **TRICIA CREMONA**
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NEW SCOTLAND —

Construction of a new visitor center at John Boyd Thacher State Park which was first announced in 2013 is now underway.

Officials expect the new visitor center to open during the Winter 2016-17 season. A state grant of \$3.8 million made the initiative possible.

Visitors can already see progress on the new structure from both the park's southern entrance and the popular Indian Ladder trail.

"I'm excited; It's long overdue for Thacher Park. This is a jewel and a gem and it's being recognized as such. The broader area will be a great attraction for more visitors from across the country, just as it was for professional geologists at the turn of the century," said Maureen Curry, who manages both Thacher and Thompson Lake State Parks.

Construction on the new structure began two weeks ago and should be completed by early summer, in time for a company to come in to finalize exhibits in October.

According to Curry, while the exhibits will be "mostly geology and cultural history of the Helderbergs, Thacher Park and the Hilltowns," their focus will also include human and cultural history.

Permanent standing displays include a simulated cave experience, and exhibits on the escarpment, the area's geology, and a time fossil. An outdoor exhibit purchased by the Friends of Thacher Park will lead into sets of children's play sections, dispersed throughout the area, and set up in way that allows children to explore the entire area surrounding the visitor center, running from section to the next. One such area will include a rock wall in the back of the building.

For adults, outdoor spaces will

feature chairs, tables and small fire pits.

"We have spectacular views, so we definitely wanted to feature that with outdoor patios, an upstairs patio and a downstairs patio with views that overlook Thacher Park, and an event room with large windows all overlooking the escarpment," described Curry.

When complete, the visitor center will accommodate between 100 and 200 people. The patios may be rented out for weddings and other occasions.

A new mountain bike path which was part of the Thacher Park 2012 master improvement plan, located across the street from the site of the new center, is also up and running.

Contributions to the project are still being accepted with naming rights to benches and bricks available for purchase. To donate to the Park's Visitor Center Fundraising Campaign, visit its website at www.nysparks.com/parks/128/details.aspx.

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Work continues at Five Rivers

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BETHLEHEM — Construction activity at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is in full swing. Contractors are currently paving a new parking lot and building the foundation for the new structure.

"With the warm weather, the construction is going along according to schedule. We are still anticipating it will be completed somewhere around the end of this calendar year," said Ray Perry, director of the facility, located on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Construction was made possible by a \$7 million grant from Gov. Andrew Cuomo's capital projects fund. The new, 9,500 square-foot Visitor Center, which will be more than double the size of Five Rivers' existing facility, will stand next to the Wendy Repass Suozzo classroom, which was completed in 2014.

The nature preserve's existing visitor center, a cafeteria brought to Five Rivers in 1968 with a maximum capacity of around 70 people, will be torn down once the new visitor center is ready.

"We'll have exhibits that feature native New York State wildlife, different habitats... What we're doing is combining for the best of both professionally-done exhibits - some rotating, but also keeping some standing exhibits that people have grown to know and love, like the taxidermy mounts, the large mural already in our visitor

center and the large animals in tanks, so it really does combine the best of old with a lot of the new features," explained Perry.

And it all will be housed in a top-of-the-line, green, energy-efficient building. Features include geothermal heating and cooling and a living, breathing green room with rain water collection to flush toilets. Its roof will not only be made from recycled plant materials, but will also be lined with solar panels. Some of the trees cut down during the clearing of the construction site were used to make lumber for the new building.

"It looks like pretty much all tree clearing that needs to be done has been done. From here on in it will all be more building up than taking things down."

The team at Five Rivers has wanted make these upgrades for a long time. Bringing the existing building up to energy-efficient standards would have cost a lot more than having an entirely new structure built, said Perry.

"The classroom we'll be getting will be able to accommodate larger groups, somewhere in the range of 100 people, with multiple meeting rooms that can be rented for professional use and everything will be new."

"We wanted to enhance the visitor experience. We want exhibits to be enjoyable, but we want to peak interest when they come in and see the exhibits so that they want to explore all the great nature that Five Rivers has to offer."

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Man arrested for having sexual contact with minor

Alleged incident took place in Stephen P. Wallace Town Park in January

NEW SCOTLAND — Joel Harrington, 35, of Rensselaer, was arrested on Sunday, Feb. 28, for allegedly having sexual contact with a 15-year-old boy.

Police reportedly observed a suspicious vehicle at the Stephen P. Wallace Town Park in New Scotland after the park was closed. Investigations reportedly revealed that Wallace had

met the boy on the online dating app Grindr and that the two had engaged in oral sex in January.

Police executed a search warrant at Harrington's residence and seized his computer and multiple tablets.

Harrington was charged with one count criminal sexual act in the third degree, a felony, and one count of

endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor.

Harrington was arraigned in New Scotland Town Court and remanded to Albany County Correctional Facility without bail. An order of protection was issued for the 15-year-old victim.

The investigation is ongoing and additional criminal charges are possible.

State police arrests:

- Abraham Altbuch, 32, of Jersey City, N.Y., was arrested on I-87 in Bethlehem on Saturday, Feb. 27, around 1:10 a.m. He was charged with felony criminal possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. Police stopped Altbuch for allegedly speeding and reportedly found approximately 4 grams of cocaine and a small amount of marijuana in his possession. Altbuch was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County Jail in lieu of \$7,500 bail.

- Robert P. Cagnina, 26, of

Rotterdam, was arrested in Guiderland on Saturday, Feb. 27, around 11 p.m. He was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree, a felony, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. Police stopped Cagnina on I-90 at Exit 25 for an alleged traffic violation, and he was reportedly found to be in possession of 3 grams of cocaine and a small quantity of marijuana. Cagnina was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court and released on his own recognizance to reappear on March 17.

- Jordan J. Macken, 22, of Guiderland, was arrested in

Guiderland on Saturday, Feb. 28, and charged with DWI and marijuana possession. Police stopped Macken for allegedly speeding on State Route 155 and reportedly detected an odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath. In addition, an odor of marijuana was reportedly detected emanating from his vehicle. After failing field sobriety tests, Macken was transported to the State Police barracks in New Scotland, where he was determined to have a BAC of 0.13 percent, said police. Macken was scheduled to appear in Guiderland Town Court on March 7.

■ COMMUNITY

Amnesty week

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Friday Flicks

See "The 33," the story of the copper and gold mine collapse in Chile, which trapped 33 men underground. We will show it on our big screen on Friday, March 11, at 2 p.m. The popcorn is on us.

Pi Baking Contest

In honor of National Pi day on Saturday, March 19, the library will host its second annual pie baking contest, open to members of the community. Check the library's website for the rules and more information. Bring your pie to the library that Saturday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Judging will begin at 1 p.m. Winners will receive a prize, and all attendees will eat well.

— Carol Melewski



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Make a fashion statement

If you're a teen who likes to express yourself through your original sense of style, then sign up for our Project Runway challenge beginning Friday, March 11, and see where your imagination takes you.

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to design and create an original look over the course of two months, culminating in a fashion show for all ages to highlight their talents. Sewing machines and a serger will be available at each session, but sewing machine knowledge is not necessary to participate. Librarian Tori Russo, an accomplished seamstress in her own right, will be on hand for advice and troubleshooting.

Come to as many sessions as you can. Trade ideas with your fellow designers or pick up some tips to help you make your vision a reality.

Signup is required, and attendance at the March 11 introductory session and the April 30 fashion show is mandatory. If you can't make it, contact Tori at tori@bplteens.org or 439-9314, ext. 3034.

Project Runway sessions take place on the following dates: Friday, March 11, at 3:30 p.m.



(introduction); Wednesday, March 23, at 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 6, at 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 27, at 10 a.m.; and Saturday, April 30, at 3 p.m. (fashion show).

Are you a trivia superstar?

If you've got the answers, we've got the questions. Our first of two trivia nights this spring kicks off Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. Sign up alone or as a team and match wits with others. Back by popular demand is a return to the written answer format popular with past players. Winners get bragging rights and prizes donated by the Friends of the Library. A second trivia night takes place Thursday, April 14. Sign up online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org or call 439-9314.

Connect with your community

Local non-profit groups looking to get the word out about their services and connect with potential

volunteers are welcome to take part in the library's Community and Volunteer Fair next month. Register your organization to participate in the Saturday, April 2, event by filling out the form at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/volunteerfair.asp. Forms must be received by March 21. For more information, contact Natalie McDonough at 439-9314, ext. 3023.

Consider a run for library board of trustees

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library for one open seat on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees. The seat holds a full term of five years. Petitions must contain at least 64 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar by 4:30 p.m. on April 18.

Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 17, from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.



Bethlehem library hosted an intergenerational outing for grandparents and grandchildren Friday, Feb. 26, with a Grand Winnie the Pooh Tea Party. Participants enjoyed crafts, stories, trivia and snacks.

Kristen Roberts

Upcoming events

Friday, March 11

Parent and Child Sewing: Suncatcher Garland

Kids and parents will work together on a lacing project. For age 3-6 with caregiver. Sign up online or call 439-9314. 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 13

Sunday Cinema

Enjoy a matinee with PG and PG-13 titles intended for adults. 2 p.m.

Monday, March 14

Sewing Machine Basics

Learn the basics of sewing on a machine, and try out the library's sewing machines and serger. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16

Lego WeDo Workshop

Sign up as a family to explore Lego robotics using the WeDo system, which combines simple mechanisms with computer programming to make

projects come alive. For kids and families. Sign up online or call 439-9314. 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 17

Tai Chi for Health

Practice the ancient Chinese art that promotes health and wellness while focusing on new movements in the Tai Chi for Arthritis form. All ages and abilities welcome. 11:15 a.m.

— Kristen Roberts

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BHA lecture focuses on the Wemples

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Historical Association's March meeting takes place Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road in Selkirk.

John Wemple Jr. will present a talk about the Wemples of Bethlehem. Following the talk, town historian Susan Leath will be available to sell and sign copies of her new book, "Historic Tales of Bethlehem, New York."

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be

available following the talk.

For more information, call 767-9432 or visit BethlehemHistorical.org.

Stop the pipeline meeting Thursday

BETHLEHEM — There will be a "Stop the Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline" meeting Thursday, March 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W in Selkirk.

The purpose of the meeting is to get reports from various committees involving political figures, fundraising, outreach/

lawn signs, the web page, Facebook page, letter writing, door-to-door campaigns, public forums and more.

There will also be discussions about March events, such as the public forum in Knox on March 12, the Josh Fox film in Nassau March 15 and the Schodack compressor station public forum on March 31. A New Scotland forum is being planned for April.

"Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline" will be offering its evaluation of what has worked best to date regarding pipeline opposition, and it will explain current statewide efforts to defeat the pipeline in New York

and beyond.

Spring activity registration

BETHLEHEM — The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting 2016 spring activity registrations.

Activities include Active Aging, aerobics, Kitchen Kidz, Mommy or Daddy and Me, Yoga Dynamic, Yoga 50+ and Zumba.

To view all activities and events in the Park Playbook and/or to register online, visit www.townofbethlehem.org. People may also register over the phone

by calling 439-4955, ext. 2131.

FUMC of Voorheesville hosts barbecue

VOORHEESVILLE — Brooks Chicken BBQ will be at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple Ave., on Saturday, March 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. or until all meals are sold out.

Chicken dinners are \$10, rib dinners are \$11, chicken only is \$8 and ribs only is \$9. Meals are take out only.

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■ COMMUNITY

New spring classes

Here are some of the spring classes being offered by the Bethlehem Area YMCA:

Mommy & Me

This fitness class is a great way to get into shape without taking time away from your infant. As a matter of fact, your child is an important part of the workout. Participants will do a variety of exercises such as strength and yoga using your baby as the weight, both in a carrier and out. It's also a great opportunity to get together with other moms. The atmosphere is casual, and the flow is easy going to accommodate all.

The Y's new Mommy and Me class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon beginning March 14. There will be a demonstration class on March 11 at noon.

Tween/Teen Boot Camp

The Bethlehem Y's Teen Boot Camp has proven to be so popular that we are starting it up again on Tuesdays at 5 p.m., and added another class on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. These classes are for kids ages 11-18.

This Boot Camp is a great way to keep your kids moving. It's designed to push your teen to the next level of fitness. Workouts consist of cardio, strength and core exercises.

Baseball/softball training class

As spring is almost upon us, it's time to get in shape for baseball and softball. To help with that, the Bethlehem YMCA is offering a sport-specific training and exercise class for young baseball and softball players. The class will be on Wednesday nights from 4 to 5:15 p.m. beginning on March 9.

The young athletes will work on sport specific exercises to help improve their game and bring it to the next level. It is coached by two former BCHS Varsity baseball players, Mike Graves and Andrew Lennox.



Birthday parties

A birthday party at the Bethlehem YMCA is a great way for toddlers, children and teens to celebrate their special day, and create lasting memories with family and friends. The Y provides dynamic and engaging activities, while relieving you of the stress that comes along with planning everything by yourself.

The Y's "no mess, no stress" approach to parties allows you to choose from a wide range of activities, and then we will handle all elements of the party from setup, present opening, ordering and serving the meal and dessert to clean up and facilitating entire party. The Y will even provide YMCA-themed goody bags for every party up to 25 guests.

Partygoers can swim in the pool, skate on the ice (winter only) or we can even hold playground parties at our backyard pavilion. So, if your son or daughter has a birthday coming up, please check out what the Bethlehem YMCA has to offer to make his or her day extra special.

Summer camp registration

Many people are taking advantage of the special early sign up deal for the Bethlehem YMCA summer camp. If you sign up for camp during March, you will save \$10 off your first week of camp. Local field trips are being planned, and special camps focusing on Legos, architecture and other building fun are also being offered. Please stop by the Y front desk for more information and to sign up your kids for a great summer at the Y.

— Mark Hansen

Candy shop outing

Join us for a trip to Krause's Homemade Candy Shop and then to Smokey Bones restaurant for lunch. Cost on your own. Call 439-4599, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

The Capital District Garden and Flower Show will take place at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy on Friday, March 18, at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 at the door. Call 439-4599, ext. 1176.

The Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to the Boston Flower and Garden Show on Saturday, March 19. The cost is \$65 for the bus and flower show ticket, or \$49 for bus trip only. Call 605-6580 for more information.

Join other seniors for breakfast at Tool's on Wednesday, March 16, at 10 a.m. Socialize and share a meal with friends.

The health and wellness program on Friday, March 18, at 1 p.m. at Town Hall, will feature Will Vail,



LCSW, Bethlehem Senior Services, who will present "Healing Power of Music." Music can transport you through time, evoke emotions, muster strength and find meaning during times of trouble. Come share the power of music. You can join us for lunch before the program at the Windowbox Café, cost on your own. No reservations are needed to attend just the program alone. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a lunch reservation and/or arrange transportation.

You can get help with filing New York State and Federal income tax returns at Town Hall on Wednesdays, by appointment, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 12. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment.

Federal funding (HEAP) is available for income eligible people who need assistance with home heating costs. Outreach workers are available to assist with counseling on HEAP, as well as health insurance, housing issues, food stamps, and health and income related programs. 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. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org.

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■ COMMUNITY

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Each month, we will provide different coloring sheets with multiple pages to choose from, as well as a large selection of colored pencils, markers and crayons. The library community room will provide a welcoming environment with soothing music to help you relax and enjoy some you time.

Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your



own. Please register.

Selma: The March for Voting Rights

2015 marked 50 years since the landmark civil rights march spearheaded by Martin Luther King. This program, on Wednesday, April 20, will include a showing of the movie, "Selma," followed by a discussion facilitated by Dr. Paul Murray from Siena College, an expert

on the Civil Rights movement. Susan Butler, a Civil Rights activist who marched during the Selma to Montgomery event, will share a firsthand account of her experience.

The movie will be shown at 5:30 p.m. The discussion will begin at 8 p.m. after a short break at the movie's conclusion.

Join us for this special educational program. The program is suitable for high school students and up. Light refreshments will be served. Please register.

— Lynn Kohler

■ IN BRIEF

'Grounds for Giving' fundraiser Saturday

BETHLEHEM — The RPMs High School Youth Group is holding its annual "Grounds for Giving" coffeehouse fundraiser

for its Spring Mission Trip Saturday, March 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

The "Grounds for Giving" coffeehouse features hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee, along with music by the Sacandaga String Band.

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The pH life of gardens

Join us for the third and final part of our gardening series — this one on the effects pH has on your garden, on Saturday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m. — by the great folks from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Join CCE Master Gardener Mary Carol White for a fascinating look at what goes into having healthy soil and why it is important. Being knowledgeable about your soil is the all-important key to gardening success. Each class participant will receive a coupon for one free soil pH test with CCE. Please call 456-2400, ext. 2 to let us know you're attending.

Welcome spring

On Saturday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m., bring children ages 3 through 6 to GPL to welcome spring with The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Watch as the caterpillar eats his way through lots of yummy foods. Act out the story, make a caterpillar hat and get your very own copy of the book to take home. This is a WMHT Family Literacy program with Barbara Lucas. Please call 456-2400, ext. 4 to let us know you'll be there.

Teen Winter Writing reception

All participants in the Teen Winter Writing Contest are invited to a reception on Friday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Winners

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Gospel group Heavenly Echoes will perform a free concert at GPL on Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. Submitted photo

will read selections from their entries, and honorable mentions will be announced.

Be a community leader

If you want to have a voice in how the Guilderland Public Library serves its community, running for office to become one of the eleven Library Trustees who oversee library policy is the way to go.

Incumbents and new candidates may run for a Board seat by obtaining an information packet at the library. Everyone

picking up a packet must sign their name, address and phone number; this information is required by the Guilderland Central School District. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 17; this election is concurrent with votes on the library budget, school district budget and election of members of the School Board.

Please call library director Tim Wiles at 456-2400, ext. 113, or the Guilderland Central School District Clerk at 456-6200 with any questions.

— Mark Curiale

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Rap legend, Rakim, headlines hip hop festival at Proctors.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

PICK OF THE WEEK



Hair of the Dog

Local favorite with an Irish flair, Hair of the Dog takes to the stage at The Madison Theater on Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m.

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Éirinn go Brách

An event that ties Troy to Ireland marks its 100th anniversary this year, and locals are using St. Patrick's Day to remember

By ALI HIBBS

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“The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and all of its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.”

— Proclamation of the Irish Republic, April 1916

This year marks the centennial of the nationalist Irish rebellion against British governance known as the Easter Rising. A statue in Troy's Riverfront Park, erected 70 years later, bears the likeness of James Connolly, Irish legend, former Troy resident and one of seven leaders of Irish rebel forces to sign his name to the proclamation claiming Irish independence one hundred years ago. Proud descendants of a free Republic of Ireland are

Former Troy resident and Irish patriot James Connolly is memorialized with a bust that sits in the Collar City's Riverfront Park.

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\$750 Reception Sponsor – you will have the opportunity to host the Welcome Reception or Dessert Reception with signage display. Seating for 4 guests.

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■ FITNESS

Raising the barre

There's a revolution in the world of fitness, and it's brewing here in the Capital District... Namaste

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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The evolution of good ideas is in constant motion, as is Karli Taylor.

Taylor is the owner of Poise yoga studios in Slingerlands, where she and her business partner Jodi Druzba are staging a quiet revolution within the fitness world; in particular with barre fitness training.

Now, a revolution doesn't need to be violent. That's not what this is about. It's simply a matter of change. And, in this case, it's a change Taylor has developed with a form of fitness training that has been around for more than 50 years.

"Every move leads into another one," said Taylor, explaining how elements from vinyasa yoga, "to move on your breath," are adopted into barre. Instead of the usual exercise program established on sets and reps, "we go from one movement to the next, and the next, to get that mind/body connection. You can get lost in the flow, and before you know it, 45 minutes is over with."

Poise is reminiscent of a ballet studio; dance barres are bolted into three of the four walls, in a spacious room with polished, hardwood floors. The front wall,

the one which visitors face as they walk in, is completely covered by mirrored glass, behind a small Buddha seated front and center. If not for Buddha, the dozens of rubber yoga balls suspended upon the barres tip off the intent of the exercise room: each has a purpose.

Traditional barre purposely incorporates elements of ballet and yoga. According to Taylor's BarreFlow website, the Genesis behind the practice was through a woman by the name of Lotte Berk. Berk suffered from a back injury and looked towards her ballet training as a form of rehabilitation. Ultimately, one of her students opened The Lotte Berk Method Studio in Manhattan, planting the seed for a type of exercise that has evolved since Berk first devised it in 1959.

Not all of it was for the better, said Taylor.

Barre is intended to be an efficient and effective workout, using one's own body weight as resistance while challenging core stability and balance. The intended result is a streamlined body of a dancer, reinforcing strength and muscle tone.

However, with the increased popularity of yoga and the subsequent commercialization of it through competing exercise programs fighting to establish unique angles, Taylor said the recent generation of barre programs have lost focus of the fundamentals.

"It's been going on for a long, long time. It's really dance based, and then it came into the fitness world. In the late '90s,

Jodi Druzba and Karli Taylor have teamed together to start up BarreFlow, a fitness program Taylor started, and it's catching on.

Photo by: Michael Hallisey/Spotlight



early 2000s, people jumped on it and started to make changes to it. What it turned into is something that's kind of a mess."

Taylor's own introduction to the program provided the catalyst to start her BarreFlow certification program.

"Well, the BarreFlow program, I began playing with about two years ago," said Taylor. "I came into the studio business from a big box gym and Barre was a trend in studios and I knew I had to incorporate it into my programming, but I didn't like it. I took it in various places, locally and all over the country, and there was so many things I found wrong with it. I had to make a decision. I could either hate on it and be the only studio not to offer barre, or I could change it."

She chose the latter. Which, in turn, introduced her to Druzba. Which, later, turned into a business partnership.

"Someone in our town asked me to teach barre at Average Joe's," said Druzba, whose husband Joe, is the namesake and owner of the fitness center in Rotterdam. "I called a bunch of places, and then I landed on Karli."

Druzba took one of Karli's barre classes and, "hated it," she said. "I couldn't move the next day. Then I thought, what's going on in this class? So, I kept doing it, and doing it. And, I was like, 'Wow, this is really something.'"

Nearly two years later, Druzba has stuck with the program. The only one she's been able to stick with, she said. The

changes she's observed in her own physical and mental health influenced her decision to partner with Taylor to launch BarreFlow.

"Alignment is the key," said Taylor, "and that's how this program is so much different than the other ones that are out there at the moment. We do a lot of focus on alignments and proper posture, so no one gets hurt, and you have the longevity."

Today, BarreFlow is taught at both Poise and Average Joes. BarreFlow, the company, is an education program to aid and ultimately certify instructors on the fitness program. There are two certification centers in the Capital District, with a few more planned around Buffalo and Boston. The program is for both instructors who are already teaching barre, and for those who wish to learn barre.

"It's something for the average person, so you don't have to have any dance experience, said Taylor, who has practiced yoga for ten years. "You don't need to have anything graceful about you. It's not hardcore discipline. It targets everybody." Novice visitors may hesitate to step into the studio over fears of looking silly, or lacking the flexibility others may exhibit in class. Taylor said she recognizes that mind set and enlightens first-timers that the experts they may see, started out feeling just as awkward. "The same with anything that is new, is to go in with an open mind, to not be afraid to tell the instructor that you are new, and kind of do what you can. Take a break when you need to, and don't feel self-conscious about that."



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CULINARY ARTS

Food & Vino

By ANN LINDA CIOTOLI

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Italian dishes are a favorite for many, which is what I have here for you today. Cannelloni Ricotta is a nice, filling dish. And, instead of an Italian red, I looked east for this week's pairing.

Cannelloni Ricotta

Ingredients

Extra Virgin Olive Oil
18 sheets of egg pasta
16 ounces of ricotta
12 ounces of chopped spinach
1 cup parmigiano reggiano (parmesan)
1 egg
Sea salt
Fresh ground black pepper
1-2 cups of bechamel (recipe to follow)

Preparation

In a bowl mix ricotta, spinach, 1/2 cup parmesan, egg, salt and pepper (to taste). Put a small amount of the mixture in each sheet of pasta, and roll. In a shallow baking dish, pour a thin layer of olive oil. Place each pasta roll in the dish. Cover each pasta with bechamel and remaining parmesan. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 20 minutes.

Bechamel Sauce

Ingredients

5 Tbs. butter
4 Tbs. unbleached flour
4 cups milk
2 tsp. sea salt
1/2 tsp. freshly ground nutmeg

Preparation

In a medium saucepan melt butter over medium-low heat. Add flour and stir until it's all incorporated, over a medium heat. Cook until the mixture turns a light golden sandy color (six to seven minutes).

Heat milk in a separate pan until just about to boil. Add the hot milk to the flour mixture 1 cup at a time, and whisk until very smooth. Bring to a boil, then lower to medium heat. Cook 10 minutes, stirring constantly, until it coats the back of a spoon. Remove from heat, and season with salt and pepper. Add nutmeg, and set aside until ready to use.

Wine Pairing

Raimat Albarino - Lleida, Spain - Brilliant, pale yellow with greenish hues. It is a dry white wine with aromas of floral, spice, and vanilla. Flavors of citrus, tropical fruit, and green apple.

Ann Linda Ciotoli owns a catering business called Good Enough to Eat. She is also a frequent contributor to SpotlightNews where she is one of our culinary arts columnists. For information, e-mail sodeliciousalc@yahoo.com.

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Rakim at Proctors

SCHENECTADY — Legends of old school hip hop converge onto the stage at Proctors Theatre with the original Microphone Fiend, Rakim as the headlining act.

The "I Love Hip Hop Music Festival" kicks off at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 11, featuring Rakim, as well as Kool G Rap, Brand Nubian, Nice & Smooth and Lil Mo.

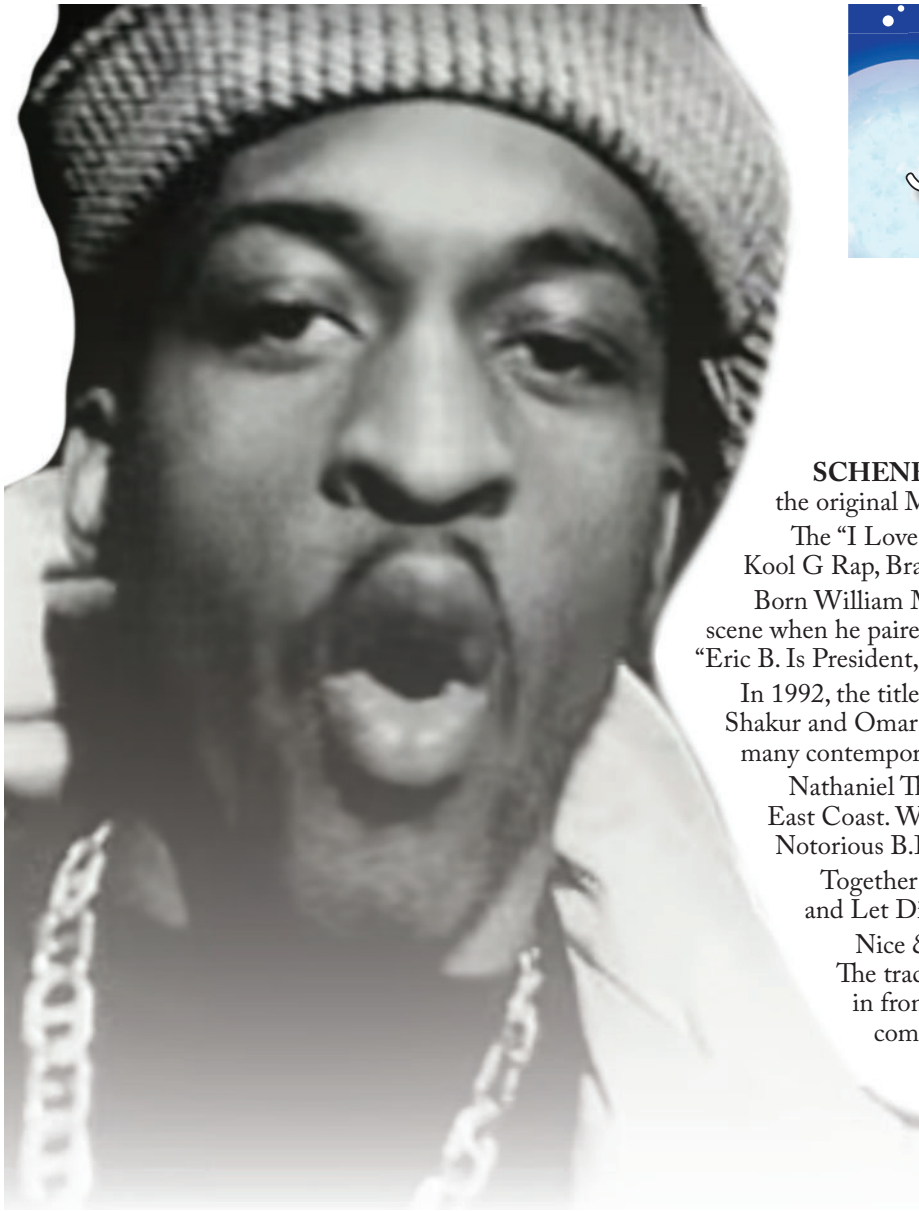
Born William Michael Griffin, Jr., Rakim came into prominence within the emerging New York City rap scene when he paired up with Eric B. in 1985. Together, the DJ and MC duo would put together hits such as "Eric B. Is President," "Paid in Full," and "I Know You Got Soul."

In 1992, the title track "Juice (Know the Ledge)" appeared in the film under the same title, starring Tupac Shakur and Omar Epps. However, the two would split up shortly afterwards, putting an end to a DJ/MC duo many contemporary music experts consider to be among the best of all time.

Nathaniel Thomas Wilson, also known as Kool G Rap, also climbed up the ranks of hip hop from the East Coast. Wilson has been cited as an influencing force behind the likes of Jay-Z, Eminem, Nas and The Notorious B.I.G.

Together with DJ Polo, Kool G Rap released "Road to Riches," "Wanted: Dead or Alive," and "Live and Let Die," all three considered classics in the Golden Age of hip hop.

Nice & Smooth's hit "Sometimes I Rhyme Slow" received a lot of playtime on MTV back in 1992. The track carried a guitar loop from Tracy Chapman's hit "Fast Car," and would later bring the two in front of the cameras of prime time television, as they performed on Kennan Ivory Wayan's hit comedy show "In Living Color."



St. Patrick's Day parade

ALBANY — The official 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade mass will be held at 9 a.m. on parade day at the Blessed Sacrament Church at 607 Central Avenue.

The service is open to the public and will be followed by a reception. There will also be a dinner held by the Menands St. Patrick's Club at the Menands Firehouse and live music at the Hibernian Hall on Ontario in Albany later the same day.

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St. Patrick's Day prep
High-energy Irish quintet Goitse comes to the Capital District when it plays at the Old Songs Community Arts Center in Voorheesville Friday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

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Thur: SubSlab, Jasper | 8 p.m.
Fri: Kimono Dragons, Ben Garrett (Built4BBQ Happy Hour) | 6 p.m.
Ten Foot Polecats, Henry's Rifle, Savage Randys | 8 p.m.
Sat: Free Patty's Day music with Pony in the Pancake, Shoebox Dojo | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Coupons, Hellz Kitchen, Neighborhood of Make Believe, Off Hours, Apostrophe S (late-night DJ set) | 7:30 p.m.

Madison Theater
1036 Madison Ave., Albany. 438-2094
Fri: Hair of the Dog | 8 p.m. | \$20
Sat: Antoine Roney Quartet | 7 p.m. | \$20

McGeary's
4 Clinton Square, Albany. 463-1455
Wed: Best Damn Open Mic Ever with MotherJudge | 7:30 p.m.

Moon & River Café
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. 377-5100
Every Sun: Open Mic | 7:30 p.m.

Mouzon House
1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014
Wed: Joe Gitto & Dan Wanczyk | 6:30 p.m.
Thur: Hot Club of Saratoga Trio | 7 p.m.

Oh Bar
304 Lark St., Albany. 463-9004
Thur: Karaoke | 10 p.m.

One Caroline Street
1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
587-2026
Wed: The Masters of Nostalgia | 8:30 p.m.

Parish Public House
388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444
Fri: The Deadbeats | 9 p.m. | \$10

Platinum Pub
795 3rd Ave., Watervliet. 270-9907
Every Tue: Open Mic

Provence
Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. 689-7777
Sat: Linda Harrison Trio | 7 p.m.

Prime at Saratoga National
458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs.
583-4653
Sun: Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch) | 10:30 a.m.

Putnam Den
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
584-8066
Wed: Roosevelt Collier | 9 p.m. | \$15
Thur: Candy Ambulance, Lock 9, Shift

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Sharp and stimulating
 - 7. Catchphrase
 - 14. Paved airstrip
 - 15. Afraid
 - 16. Back
 - 17. Foresight
 - 19. The most flexible
 - 21. Queen, maybe
 - 22. Coin opening
 - 23. Baggy
 - 24. "Beetle Bailey" dog
 - 25. "Absolutely!"
 - 26. Switch material
 - 27. Pipe material
 - 28. ____ bear
 - 29. Bust
 - 30. Divine
 - 33. Make sport of
 - 34. Depth charge targets
 - 35. Jazz player, for example
 - 36. Rinse, as with a solvent
 - 37. Kind of engineer
 - 38. Bon ____ (witticism)
 - 41. Easter flower
 - 42. Aspect
 - 43. Maker of holes
 - 44. "The Three Faces of ____"
 - 45. Good-fellowship
 - 47. Vacillated
 - 49. Speaker at a university
 - 50. Earache
 - 51. As a precaution
 - 52. Units of force
 - 53. Gawks

- DOWN**
- 1. Noisy
 - 2. To move or stir
 - 3. Emcees' lines
 - 4. Candied
 - 5. Go-____
 - 6. A downward fold
 - 7. Pudding ingredient
 - 8. All over again
 - 9. "Silly" birds
 - 10. Bringing up the rear
 - 11. Bank offering, for short
 - 12. Denial
 - 13. Lacking teeth
 - 18. Put away
 - 20. Crush
 - 24. An abalone
 - 26. Butter up?
 - 27. Diagonal face of chisel or gem
 - 28. Relating to soil
 - 29. Dried leaves of the foxglove
 - 30. Supplied with energy
 - 31. State of being completely forgotten
 - 32. Random gambling game
 - 33. Have second thoughts
 - 35. Summer insects
 - 37. Entered (2 wds.)
 - 38. Brick-and-____
 - 39. Good-for-nothing
 - 40. Not heres
 - 42. North Dakota's largest city
 - 43. Center of activity
 - 45. Ax of stone
 - 46. Mar, in a way
 - 48. "Hee ____"

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Cheers!

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED COCKTAIL:

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Modern take on Shakespeare

Schenectady Civic Players presents its version of William Shakespeare's comedy "Measure for Measure." Performances begin Friday, March 11, and continue through Sunday, March 20.

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the Paradigm, Ludica, Swan Feeder, Eric Lewis | 8 p.m. | \$10 under 21

Roux

10-01 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands.
487-4358
Wed: Steve Smith Acoustic Duo | 6 p.m.
Fri: Sarah Stewart's Blues Trio | 6 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub

150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 235-5858
Thur: Open Mic | 8 p.m.
Fri: Big Johnson Blues Band | 8 p.m.
Sat: Hearts of Rhythm | 8 p.m.

Sake Japanese Steakhouse

611 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham.
785-7215
Sat: The New Edge | 7:30 p.m.

Speakeasy 518

42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332
Wed: Shaun McCarthy | 8 p.m.
Thur: Bryan Brundige Duo | 9 p.m.
Fri: Phil Allen Trio | 9 p.m.
Sat: Joe Barna Trio | 9 p.m.
Mon: Joe Finn | 8 p.m.
Tue: Justin Henricks | 8 p.m.

Stockade Inn

1 North Church St., Schenectady.
346-3400
Thur: Carla Metz & Larry Acunto | 7 p.m.
Fri: Peter Van Keuren & Lew Petteys | 7 p.m.

Tierra Coffee Roasters

1038 Madison Ave., Albany. 621-7299
Fri: Jazz Connection | 7 p.m.
Sat: Jazz Series | 7 p.m.

Twisted Vine

384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. 439-3241
Thur: Rob Beaulieu & Drew Costa | 7 p.m.

Union Gables Inn

55 Union Ave, Saratoga Springs
Thur: Hot Club of Saratoga, Ramblin' Jug Stompers, Mark Tolstrup's Brass & Blues (Caffe Lena fundraiser) | 9 p.m.

Upstate Concert Hall

1208 New York 146, Clifton Park.
371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com
Thur: The Word Alive, Fit for a King, Out Came the Wolves | 6 p.m. | \$18
Sun: State Champs, Neck Deep, Knuckle Puck, Like Pacific | 6:30 p.m. | SOLD OUT

The Van Dyck

237 Union St., Schenectady. 348-7999
Wed: SCCC Jazz Showcase | 7:30 p.m.

Waterworks Pub

76 Central Ave., Albany. 465-9079
Thur: DJ Shawn Gillie | 11 p.m.
Fri: Karaoke | 10 p.m.
Sat: DJ David Barna | 10 p.m.
Mon: Karaoke | 10 p.m.

Yono's

25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747
Fri: Hamilton Street Jazz Duo | 6:30 p.m.
Sat: Hamilton Street Jazz Duo | 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC

Patty Griffin, Sara Watkins and Anais Mitchell

Legendary singer-songwriter teams up with two contemporary artists for an evening of modern American folk music. March 9, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$35-\$40. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Happy Traum Folk Music Legacy Concerts

New York State folk music legend talks about his long career from Washington Square Park to today, as well as performs some of his songs. March 10, 6:30 p.m., Schenectady County Public Library, 99 Clinton St. Ext., Schenectady; March 11, 7:30 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany; March 12, 2 p.m., Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry St., Saratoga Springs; March 12, 7 p.m., Folklife Center at Crandall Library, 251 Glen St., Glens Falls; and March 13, 2 p.m., Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park. All shows are free. Information: www.theegg.org.

Goitse

Energetic Irish music quintet. March 11, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$23, children 12 and under \$5. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

Café Malta—Irish Style

Featuring performances by Walt Smith, Padraig Timoney & Flir Ryan, the Hill Country Cloggers, Greg Clarke, and Don & Elyse Young with the Singing

Waitresses. March 12, 6:30 p.m., Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Drive, Malta. Tickets: \$8 advance, \$10 after March 11. Information: 899-4411 or www.maltaparkesrec.com.

Bonnie Raitt

Veteran blueswoman makes a stop on her "Dig In Deep" tour. March 12, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$43.50-\$99. Information: palacealbany.com.

Willie Nile

One of the top singer-songwriters. March 12, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$20. Information: 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

Kate Campbell

Roots/folk singer-songwriter celebrates the release of her new CD, "The K.O.A. Tapes (Vol. 1)." March 13, 7 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$24-\$35. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra

Performing a special selection of works. March 14, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$45-\$55. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

THEATRE

Glengarry Glen Ross

David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the cutthroat world of real estate salesmen. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through March 19. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

Measure for Measure

William Shakespeare's comedy, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, March 11-20. Shows: Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17. Information: 382-2081 or www.civicplayers.org.

Hair

Classic 1960s counterculture musical, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, March 11-20. Information: www.slotheater.org.

The Blue-Sky Boys

A play about how NASA used outside-the-box thinking to successfully get a man to the moon and back. Presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, March 15 through April 3. Tickets and showtimes: 445-7469 or www.capitalrep.org.

Steamer No. 10 Theatre

Presenting "Puss in Boots" and "Unicorns and Alley Cats," two one-act plays featuring Todd Hamilton and Caedmon Holland, through March 20, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Shows: Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Information: 438-5503 or www.steamer10theatre.org.

Brigadoon

Classic Lerner and Lowe musical about a mysterious Scottish village that appears for only one day every 100 years. Presented by the Shenendehowa Musical Company, Shenendehowa High School East, Clifton Park, March 10-12. Shows: Thursday and Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$12, students/seniors \$10.

COMEDY

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Presenting "Real Life: The Improv," where celebrities are interviewed about their lives, and improvisors react to their stories in spontaneous and unpredictable ways. Fridays through April 29, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$14, children and seniors \$6. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

The Funny Bone

Joe Machi headlines, March 10-13. Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Shows: Thursdays and Fridays 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 7 p.m., late shows Friday and Saturday

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10 p.m. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

The Comedy Works — Albany

Ray Harrington headlines March 11 and 12. Shows: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Tickets and information: 512-4075 or thecomedyworks.com.

Jeff Foxworthy and Larry the Cable Guy

Two famous down-home, blue collar comedians team up on the "We've Been Thinking" tour. March 11, 7:30 p.m., Times Union Center, South Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: \$59.50-\$199. Information: (800) 745-3000 or www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

The Three Tenors (who can't sing)

Vic DiBitetto, Richie Minervini and Fred Rubino perform their brands of comedy. March 11, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$35-\$55. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

DANCE

Single Squares of Albany

Modern western square dancing featuring caller Dave Hass and cuer Dennis Viscanti. March 16, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. Tickets: \$7. Information: 674-2076.

FAMILY/YOUTH

The Tale of the Traveling Spectacles

Original musical written and directed by Lester Betor, presented by the Slingerlands Elementary School fifth grade

class. March 10 and 11, 7 p.m., Slingerlands Elementary School, 25 Union Ave., Bethlehem. Tickets: \$3.

Art for All

A family program presented by the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March's program: Marbled Paper Butterflies, inspired by the Karner blue butterfly. Families will create swirled blue patterns for butterfly wings from a marbled paper technique using shaving cream and paint. Information: www.albanyinstitute.org.

FILM

Phantom Carriage

Screening of Swedish silent film from 1921 with live piano accompaniment by Mike Schiffer. March 11, 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

Food for Thought — The Messenger

Featuring the screening of a documentary about the fate of songbirds and how it relates to the survival of humans, as well as food from Healthy Weight Food Co-op and a discussion. March 17, 7 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$8. Information: 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

Reel Women in Film series

Upstate NY Women in Film and TV presents a screening "Racing Daylight," starring Melissa Leo and David Strathairn. March 18, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$6-\$8. Informa-

tion: 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

LITERARY

Robert Dowling

Author will discuss his recent biography, "Eugene O'Neill: A Life in Four Acts." March 10, 8 p.m., Huxley Theatre, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Co-sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute and Friends of the New York State Library. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

EDUCATION

Gallery Talks

Enjoy a docent-led tour of the museum's exhibitions. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. (Schedule subject to change, please call to confirm.) Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or membership@albanyinstitute.org.

Synagogue Scholars

David Liebschutz will discuss his insights on how Judaism's ancient texts can inform our modern notions of what effective leadership is. March 11, 8 p.m., B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Information: 482-5283 or email office@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

MISCELLANEOUS

Capital Region Wine Festival: Romancing the Grape

Featuring samples of wine and food, with special options for designated drivers and a live auction. March 12, 1 p.m.,

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CD release party

Roots/folk singer-songwriter Kate Campbell celebrates the release of her new album, "The K.O.A. Tapes (Vol. 1)," with a performance at the Eighth Step at Proctors Sunday, March 13. Tickets are \$24-\$35.

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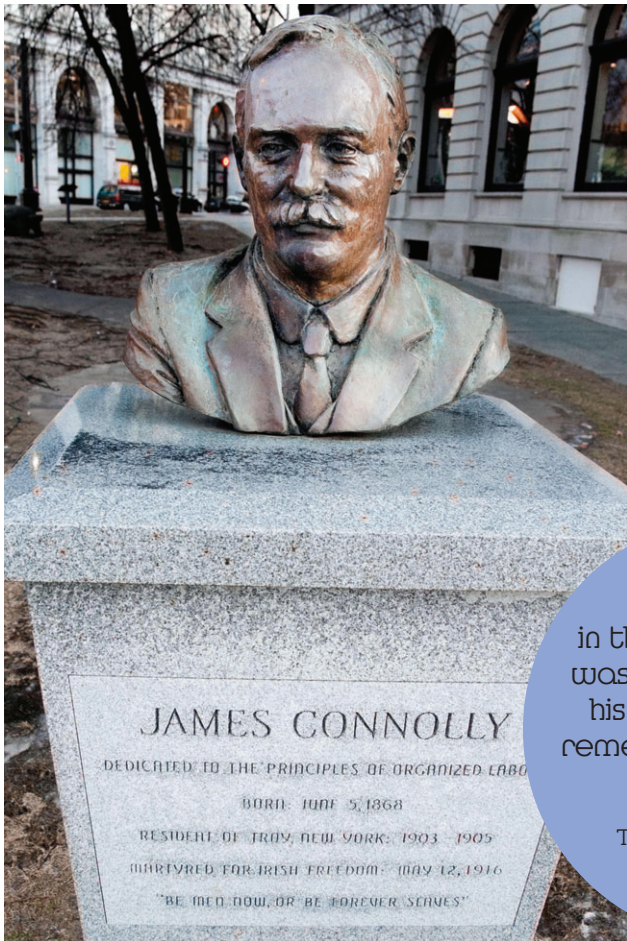
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Connolly's time in the Capital District was brief. Nonetheless, his place in history is remembered both here and in Ireland.

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From page B1 ... Éirinn go Brách

celebrating the occasion this month at the 66th Annual Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade, scheduled for Saturday, March 12.

Beginning on April 24, 1916, a six-day armed insurrection organized by seven members of the Military Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, a "secret revolutionary organisation" [sic] ultimately ended in the unconditional surrender of rebel forces when 16,000 British troops overwhelmed less than 1,500 rebels in Dublin, arrested thousands more and executed movement leaders. The harsh response of the British government, however, spurred a groundswell of indignant nationalism and created the momentum that ultimately earned the Republic of Ireland its full independence more than 30 years later.

"What I think is really interesting about that proclamation of a hundred years ago," said John McCarthy, president of Albany County Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH; Hibernia was the name of ancient Ireland), "is its progressive stance on civil rights and equality—regardless of gender, race or religion." Connolly, who was politically active on both sides of the Atlantic at the turn of last century, did, in fact, identify as a socialist and was in favor of ideals that are still considered too progressive by almost one half of 21st century Americans—ideals such as universal health care, universal suffrage and

a living minimum wage.

"To commemorate that spirit of equality," said Chris O'Reilly, local division president of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH), "the men and women are marching together this year." The inclusiveness of the proclamation message is something that she and other Hibernians say is a hallmark of contemporary Irish government in the 26 free counties of the republic (six Northern counties that elected to remain under British rule, conversely, have been plagued by religious discrimination and civil unrest). Just before a parade meeting got underway at the Hibernian Hall near The Playdium on Ontario in late February, O'Reilly lit up as she described a year in recent

memory when the weather was warm enough to eschew heavy coats. "There were all these different colors of green, on all these people who were also different colors. All these kids of every nationality, and they were having so much fun and celebrating St. Patrick. Everybody was Irish that day."

In recent years, parade organizers have been focused on emphasizing the family nature of their annual celebration. Concerns that the event had become overshadowed by the spectacle of public drinking crescendoed in March 2011, with the alcohol-fueled riot in Albany's student-populated Pine Hills neighborhood following an informal annual pre-parade "kegs and eggs" celebration/booze-a-thon. In response to the debacle—which resulted in a significant amount of property damage and multiple arrests, cost the city \$12,000 to clean up and required the removal of 16 tons of debris—UAlbany moved spring break so that it coincided with the parade in hopes that students would opt to go elsewhere.

Ryan Mahoney, executive director at the Irish Heritage Museum on Broadway in downtown Albany, said that there has been a focus on emphasizing the fact that the parade is intended to be a family event since he joined the parade committee two years ago. "So we came up with the idea of trying to put together a festival—alcohol-free—where people could actually enjoy and learn about the history and culture of Ireland. This is the first year we're doing this."

There will be live music and dancing, according to Mahoney. And arts and crafts for kids, as well as face painting, storytelling and food. And, he said, plenty of informational materials and interesting histories on all things Irish. The festival, which will be held in Academy Park immediately along the parade route, will begin two hours before the parade starts and continue until 5 p.m. (Sadly, said organizers, they were unable to make pony rides available this year.) Musical performances by: The Brothers Flynn; Pádraig Simony & Flor O Riain; Triskele; and Pipers Dojo.

The parade kicks off at 2 p.m. at Central Avenue and Quail Street, in front of Pauly's Hotel and The Low Beat. Participants will march down Central until it becomes Washington Avenue and then continue past the Capitol to Albany City Hall, where the procession will conclude.

Leading the parade this year is Grand Marshal Timothy McSweeney, President of the state AOH organization. In addition to serving many roles and receiving

much distinction in his local AOH division, McSweeney has long served as an ambassador at the state level and, according to his fellow Hibernians, was instrumental in bringing the organization's national conventions to New York State. According to his older sister Maura, McSweeney has been marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade since he was old enough to walk. "It's such a great honor," he said.

"But it's important to remember, for many of us, that St. Patrick's Day is a religious observance. And so the most important part of that day is actually, for us, the 9 o'clock mass."

The official 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade mass will be held at 9 a.m. on parade day at the Blessed Sacrament Church at 607 Central Avenue. The service is open to the public and will be followed by a reception. There will also be a dinner held by the Menands St. Patrick's Club at the Menands Firehouse and live music at the Hibernian Hall on Ontario in Albany later the same day.

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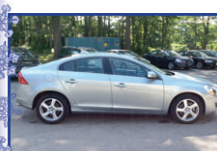
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■ ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day T-Shirts

ALBANY — The United Irish Societies of the Capital District are hard at work preparing for the upcoming St. Patrick's Parade in Albany on March 12.

This group is comprised of several Irish social and cultural organizations from the Tri-City area. Within the Irish American community, this year's parade has a special focus, and important significance. 2016 marks the 100 year anniversary of Ireland's "Declaration of Independence" from England, generally referred to as The Easter Rising in 1916.

Additional events

are being developed to commemorate the historical significance, and promote the day as a family-friendly celebration of Irish culture and heritage. In conjunction with the Irish American Heritage Museum, a family festival with food trucks, craft booths, and amusements is being organized in University Plaza at the foot of State Street.

While planning the public events for the area's oldest, and largest parade, organizers are also addressing the agreement to assist the City of Albany in defraying the costs associated with holding the event. Sponsorships

and assistance are being solicited from local businesses, with an advertising journal, and sale of Parade Supporter signs. In addition, an attractive green T-shirt has been designed commemorating the 66th anniversary of the Parade, and the Centennial of the Easter Rising, for sale to the general public.

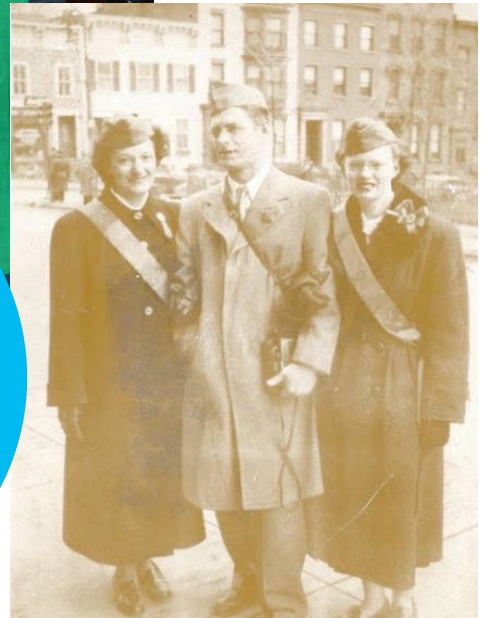
Information on purchasing the shirts for \$15 each is available by contacting Marie Glavin of the Celtic Hall in Schodack, at mpglavin@aol.com, or (518) 732-2258. Information about ads and sponsorships is available at (518) 542-4949 or albanyparadejournal@gmail.com.



TIES THAT BIND

Irene McNally, above, shows off her parade t-shirt. To the right, is a photo of her family, Irene Vitt McNally, Jim McNally and Marion McNally O'Hanlon, as they stood for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1951.

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Political satirist coming to Palace

ALBANY — For more than twenty years, Bill Maher has set the boundaries of where funny, political talk can go on American television.

Maher takes the Albany Palace Theatre stage on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m.

First on "Politically Incorrect" (Comedy Central, ABC, 1993-2002), and for the last thirteen years on HBO's "Real Time," Maher's combination of unflinching honesty and big laughs have

garnered him 34 Emmy nominations.

Maher won his first Emmy in 2014 as executive producer for HBO series, "VICE." In October of 2008, this same combination was on display in Maher's uproarious and unprecedented swipe at organized religion, "Religulous," directed by Larry Charles ("Borat"). The documentary has gone on to become the 8th Highest Grossing Documentary ever.

In addition to his television program

— which has featured such regular visitors as Howard Dean, Ben Affleck, Robin Williams, Arianna Huffington, Cory Booker and Michael Moore — Maher has written five bestsellers: "True Story," "Does Anybody Have a Problem with That? Politically Incorrect's Greatest Hits," "When You Ride Alone, You Ride with Bin Laden," "New Rules: Polite Musings from a Timid Observer," and most recently, "The New New Rules: A

Funny Look at How Everybody But Me Has Their Head Up Their Ass."

Tickets are \$95, \$69.50, \$55.50, \$49.50 and \$39.50 and on sale at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets are also available for purchase via Ticketmaster Charge-by-Phone at 800-745-3000, all Ticketmaster outlets, local Wal-Mart Ticketmaster Centers or online at ticketmaster.com.

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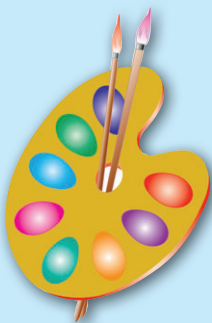
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■ JUST ANNOUNCED

MOVE Festival is back

City-wide festival highlights best and brightest of Capital District's music scene

ALBANY — 100 bands slated to play some of Albany's hottest venues will mark the fifth annual MOVE Music Festival and it's embodiment of Albany's musical renaissance. Gaining in popularity, what sets MOVE apart is its infusion of interactive round table discussions with influential keynote speakers along with panels of music industry professionals. It's here where musicians have the intimate opportunity to connect and discuss career development, branding, marketing and management.

Produced by Albany-based Indian Ledge Music Group and Avid Entertainment, MOVE now plays a pivotal role in the Capital District as part of Albany's live music scene.

"The 100 bands we select to play from the thousands submitted is not an easy task," said Bernie Walters of

Indian Ledge Music Group. "There's an overwhelming amount of talent out there and we're humbled that so many bands are eager to play MOVE. Each year the percentage of submissions increase which is a testament that this is becoming a notable festival with that "to see and be seen" vibe," Walters said.

Notorious for impressive lineups, this year will be no exception. MOVE 2016 proudly welcomes bands; Mirk, Last Daze, Super 400, New Madrid, Sirsy, Roots of Creation, Jane Lee Hooker, Eastbound Jesus and Hard Soul with many more to be confirmed in the coming weeks along with some other major announcements. The MOVE Music Video Awards show will be live at Albany's Madison Theater on April 24th, to conclude the highly anticipated three-day festival.

To purchase all access wristbands, for lineup developments and general festival questions, visit www.movemusicfest.com.

— Indian Ledge Music Group

■ LIVE MUSIC

Ramblin Jug Stompers celebrate ten years

Decade party at McGeary's;
launch of new website

ALBANY — Ramblin Jug Stompers, upstate New York's premier jug band, have been making 78 rpm music for the 21st century for ten full years now.

The band will celebrate its first decade with a 7 p.m. Monday, March 21 party at McGeary's Irish Pub, Clinton Square Albany, NY, 463-1455. Admission is free.

The event is a double anniversary of sorts, as the group began its epic Third Monday Residency as its first gig at Tess' Lark Tavern, before owner Tess Collins moved further downtown to McGeary's. One is, as it were, the history of the other.

Ramblin Jug Stompers, who were birthed on a whim for a planned-but-never-was Dave Van Ronk tribute, combine sharp playing and silly wit, quite appropriate since the all-star quartet has deep roots in the legendary Capital District outfits Blotto and Star Spangled Washboard Band.

But the Stompers have outlived both of those acts, becoming grizzled practitioners of old school showbiz. Watch with amazement as Wild Bill manipulates the mouthbow; as Bowtie bangs the banjo; as Cousin Clyde caws the second lead kazoo; and Mr. Eck blows the jug and bangs the broom. It's mayhem of the first musical order.

Under their Christian names, members of Ramblin Jug Stompers contribute to the region's culture in myriad ways, through personal involvement with Nippertown. com, Proctors, Vicarious Visions, Caffé Lena, The Music Haven Summer Concert series and with membership in Lost Radio Rounders, Berkshire Ramblers and many other bands.

In addition to the March 2016 edition of the band's Third Monday Residency at McGeary's, Ramblin Jug Stompers is also launching a new website, a requirement for any in-the-know jug band playing music of the 1920s and 30s. Cats and kittens of all ages and persuasions are encouraged to visit www.jugstompers.com.

■ PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED

Disc Jam in June

STEPHENTOWN — Disc Jam Music Festival recently announced its line-up for this year's music festival.

This year marks the sixth annual Disc Jam Music Festival, returning to Gardner's Farm in Stephentown, Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12.

The list of acts include:

Dopapod, Electron, Kung Fu, Tauk, Pink Talking Fish, Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, Consider the Source, Gubbilidis, Govinda, Cappadonna, Space Jesus, The Alchemystics, Lespecial, Vibe Street, Congo Sanchez, Soule Monde, Strange Machines, Wobblesauce, El Dub, Honeycomb Dynamo, Funky Dawgz, Kuf Knotz, Electric Love Machine, Mister F, Formula 5, The Jauntie, Manifested, Teddy Midnight, Litz, Space Bacon Chromatropic, Afterfunk, Lord Electro, Summit, Leila Harrison Stephen Lewis & The Band of One, Matt Carey.

Tickets are on sale at <http://discjamtickets.com>.

"I feel this year's line up is by far our best yet," said Tony Scavone, owner of Disc Jam Presents. "We pride ourselves on the quality of music we put out each year which has gained Disc Jam the reputation of being one of the more sought after 'little' festivals to play in the Northeast."

Disc Jam embodies what is all aspects of a memorable music experience and is truly the best small-scale festival you will find in the Northeast.

For more information, visit the festival's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/DiscJamFestival](https://www.facebook.com/DiscJamFestival) or visit <http://www.discjammusicfestival.com>.

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■ ARTS

Talking about stereotypes over milk

Polynesian artist highlights how common depictions of Samoans have it all wrong

By **ALLISON FRY**
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HUDSON — The film “100 Tikis,” arguably the most powerful piece in Dan Taulapapa McMullen’s exhibit at the Rose Gallery in Hudson, is a curated collection of clips and audio of misrepresentations of Polynesians throughout history.

The images presented are often negative and unrealistic with many of the clips depicting Samoans as large, brute characters, and some even as cannibals. While most are from the early to mid 1900s, some segments are taken from modern-day media sources, and the compilation of these images makes it impossible for the viewer to turn away.

McMullen, a Samoan, will display his exhibit entitled “One Hundred Tikis” at the Rose Gallery in Hudson until



Submitted photo

Sunday, March 13. Along with the film, his installation includes a collection of self portraits, collages, poems, sculptures and paintings. The installation’s final weekend will begin with a reading from McMullen’s books of poems, “Coconut Milk,” Friday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

McMullen also employs the film and other pieces in the exhibit to note the use of non-Polynesian individuals to play Polynesian characters, a problem that persists to this day; it’s referred to as “white-washing” and often ignites ideas of cultural appropriation. Even famous actresses with notoriously pale complexions, such as Lucille Ball, are shown in this film in Polynesian roles. Going one step further, an older cartoon even put the famous character of Betty Boop in blackface for a Polynesian-themed episode. These misrepresentations of Polynesian people and the desire to change these notions led McMullen to create this exhibit, and the Rose Gallery welcomed it with open arms.

Many of McMullen’s paintings and collages included in this exhibit involve his own interpretation of the media presented in the film. By juxtaposing these images against both bright, contrasting backgrounds and dull, gloomy seas of color, our perception of these images is warped, and the viewer is able for just a short while to view culture through McMullen’s eyes.

On his inspiration for these works, he said, “As a Polynesian fascinated by all the “misquotes” of our culture and people, I thought I’d make some paintings that play with these misquotes, with Hollywood stars and cartoon characters acting like Hollywood notions of Polynesia.”

With these pieces, McMullen still wants to have fun, and his use of bright color and iconographic figures helps keep the exhibit enjoyable. However, he also wants to make room for an open dialogue surrounding these issues, and give Polynesians a chance to take back their image. “I’m giving the dream back to the dreamer, and saying, this is not me, but let’s have a conversation.”

McMullen, a self described “gypsy,” was born in American Samoa, and after landing in several other locations across the country, has settled in Hudson, NY, where he currently lives with his partner and has established a powerful presence as an artist. His work can be seen at the Rose Gallery of Fine Art at 238A Warren St., Hudson, NY, Wednesday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

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BUSINESS

Catalano named VP at Kinderhook

SUNY Plattsburgh, Sage grad
named officer of local bank

KINDERHOOK — Kinderhook Bank Corp. (OTCQB: NUBK) CEO and President, John A. Balli recently appointed Kevin Catalano to Vice President and Commercial Banking Officer.

"Kevin brings over 17 years of banking experience in the Capital Region and will be a tremendous resource for us and local business owners as we accelerate our growth and continue to provide solutions to new and existing customers," said Balli. "Kevin fits our lending culture of entrepreneurial thinking and working hard to get things done -- that is a benefit of being locally managed," Balli added.

Catalano started his career in banking at M&T Bank and First Niagara Bank in retail and business banking before joining the Capital Region Chamber as Director of Commercial Lending where he successfully administered the AI Tech Loan Trust Fund and the Chamber's Micro Loan Program. Catalano was most recently part of the commercial lending team at Saratoga National Bank.

Catalano holds an MBA from Sage Graduate School in Albany, and a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from SUNY Plattsburgh. He graduated from the Chamber's Leadership Tech Valley program, class of 2008, is formerly a



CATALANO

member of the City of Albany Empire Zone Administrative Board, and served on the Vanderheyden Hall board. He resides in Colonie with his rescue, Zoey.

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Local garden club extends help to schools

DELMAR — The Bethlehem Garden Club announces two grants to local teachers to enhance their environmental science curriculum.

Last month, the club presented Eagle Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Barbara Riegel with a check. The grant will go towards the purchase and planting of trees. Both fifth-graders and their second-grade classmates will be involved in the project. A previous grant to both school and teacher helped build the school's vegetable and fruit garden.

The other grant goes to the Bethlehem Children's School for continued improvements to their innovative school gardens. The gardens demonstrate the

connections between plant life and animal habitats. Heather LeVeille, executive director of the Bethlehem Children's School says they plan to plant more species native to our region and to plant more food sources for butterflies, bees, birds and small animals.

These annual grants are financed by the Bethlehem Garden Club's yearly garden tour and plant sale. On Wednesday, June 8, the community will be able to tour five outstanding and inventive local gardens as well as purchase plants. The plant sale is held at the First Presbyterian Church on Delaware Avenue.

— *Bethlehem Garden Club*

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



TEDI DeMARIA

Bethlehem's Tedi DeMaria is the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, March 6. DeMaria placed second in the girls pole vault at the New York State High School Indoor Track and Field Championships at Cornell University. DeMaria cleared the bar at 12 feet.

■ H.S. HOOPS



One last game

Suburban Council seniors such as Bethlehem's Jenna Giaccone had one more basketball game to play, as they participated in the Suburban Council Senior Game Tuesday, March 8, at Guilderland High School.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

March madness

ALBANY — The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference brought its postseason basketball tournament to Albany's Times Union Center March 3-7, with the winners advancing to the NCAA Division I men's and women's tournaments.

Hometown favorite Siena College hoped to get one of its two teams to the NCAAs, but fell short on both accounts thanks to Iona College. The women's team lost to the Gaels 64-47 in the quarterfinals Friday, March 4, while the men's team fell to Iona 81-70 in the semifinals Sunday, March 6.

A.J. English scored 29 points, and Isaiah Williams added 23 points for Iona in its semifinal win against Siena. Four Saints reached double figures in the loss, led by freshman Nico Clareth's 18-point performance.

Siena, which entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed, downed defending champion Manhattan 89-76 in the quarterfinals Saturday, March 5. Brett Bisping had 22 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Saints.

Both the men's and women's tournament championship games took place Monday, March 7. The women's game pitted Iona against Quinnipiac, while the men's game featured Iona against Monmouth. The winners received automatic bids to their respective NCAA tournaments, while the runners-up awaited bids to other postseason tournaments.

— Rob Jonas



▲ Siena's Kenny Wormley shoots over a Manhattan defender during a quarterfinal round game in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament Saturday, March 5, at Albany's Times Union Center.

◀ Siena's Nico Clareth takes a short jump shot during the Saints' 89-76 victory over the Jaspers.

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STATE TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

DeMaria places second at states

Berry claims third in the boys high jump at Cornell University

By **ROB JONAS**
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Bethlehem's Tedi DeMaria and Guilderland's Zaviir Berry had top-three finishes at the New York State High School Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday, March 5, at Cornell University in Ithaca.

DeMaria placed second to Gates Chili's Erica Ellis in the girls pole vault. Ellis cleared the bar at 12 feet, 3 inches, while DeMaria — the state outdoor champion in the pole vault — cleared 12 feet.

Berry finished third in

the high jump at states. Berry cleared the bar at 6 feet, 4 inches.

Bethlehem's Dawson Homer turned in a strong performance in the boys 1,600-meter race. Homer placed sixth with a time of 4:26.30.

Boys swimming

Bethlehem's Alex Taber had a strong performance in the 100-yard backstroke at the New York State High School Boys Swimming and Diving Championships Saturday, March 5, at Buffalo's Erie Community College.

Taber was ninth among public school division swimmers and 12th in the Federation with a time of 52.60 seconds.

Shaker led the Section 2 contingent at the state

meet. The Blue Bison finished fourth in the team standings with 119 points.

Cheerleading

Guilderland finished fifth in the co-ed division at the first-ever New York State Public High School Athletic Association Cheerleading Championships Saturday, March 5, in Syracuse.

Guilderland received a score of 92.35 from the judges. Mount Sinai won the division with a score of 106.10.

NYSPPHSA added cheerleading as a recognized sport in 2014. It held a regional cheerleading championship in 2015 before creating a statewide event for 2016.

DEAN'S LIST AND GRADUATES

Duncan Gentner, of Voorheesville, graduated with a bachelors degree in chemical engineering from Clarkson University.

Robert King, of Schenectady, graduated with a masters degree in business administration from Clarkson University.

Marianna Dunbrook, of Delmar, graduated with a degree in integrated marketing communications from Ithaca College.

Mallory Schultz, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Connecticut College.

Jenna Robinson, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Marist College.

Erin Seery, of Altamont, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Marist College.

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

Peri Lindh of Delmar
Ellis Morgan of Delmar
Mary DeVries of Delmar
Ashleigh Shaver of Delmar

Austin Lang of Glenmont
Marjorie Steiner of Slingerlands

The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Northeastern University:

James MacKrell of Delmar
Alexandra Singh of Slingerlands
Julia Davidoff of Slingerlands
Ryan Fleischer of Delmar
Anne Walsh of

Slingerlands

The following people were named to the dean's list of distinguished students for the fall 2015 semester at the University at Albany:

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■ COMMUNITY

Ice cream!

BETHLEHEM — An unusually warm winter has sparked an early start to ice cream season.

At Jericho Drive-In's TwisT Ice Cream Shoppe on Jericho Road in Glenmont, business began Friday, March 4, at 1 p.m.

"I normally don't open until St. Patrick's day, but since we didn't have much of winter I just said,

'you know what - let's get going; let's open up,'" said Lisa Chenette, co-owner of Jericho with her husband, Mike Chenette.

The ice cream stand is open daily from 1 to 8 p.m. Longer hours will begin once the drive-in opens.

"I'd love to open [the drive-in] the last weekend of March," said Chenette. First to play will be

"Batman Vs. Superman," and the Jericho website lists "Finding Dory," "X-Men: Apocalypse," "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" and "Ghostbusters" as a few more movies to look forward to this summer.

"We'll have a couple choices - Whatever the top ten big movies for the summer are," she said. The movies will all play on the drive-in's new digital

projector, bought last year after several years of generous crowd funding efforts.

Jericho will first open for movies on weekends, then by Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, the schedule amps up to show movies every night.

— Tricia Cremo

Jim's Tastee Freez opens

BETHLEHEM — The warm winter weather has been felt all over town, making an early opening for Tastee Freez possible.

"Okay... It looks like we're ready to open," wrote the ice cream shop's eponymous owner Jim Borst the day before his store opened for the season on Friday, March 4.

"If you're adventurous enough to come out in the cold weather, we'll be here," he wrote, listing his specials as black raspberry and orange Dole Whip non-fat. New for the 2016 season is a selection of "Only 8" frozen yogurts, including fudge brownie and English toffee flavors.

— Tricia Cremo

From page 1 ... Taking the lead

So, being chosen to be grand marshal was "an absolute humbling honor," especially as he follows in the footsteps of the many respected AOH grand marshals who came before him. "A few weeks ago I took a picture with Tom Leach, who was a grand marshal in 1972. He has to be in his 90s now and I've know him my whole entire life. He's the oldest living grand marshal," he said, before laughing at the suggestion that that could be him in another 40 years.

McSweeney, a corrections officer with Albany County and a firefighter with the Selkirk Fire Department, has held many positions within AOH, and his family has been active in the organization for years.

"To me, St. Patrick's day is not about Irish heritage, but also about Catholic faith. St. Patrick's Day is a day honoring St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It's also about spreading your heritage. I tell everyone I'm of proud Irish heritage and proud of being that," said McSweeney, a member of St. Thomas Church in Delmar.

And, before he fulfills his duties as parader leader, St. Patrick's day begins with a trip to church. There too, the parade marshal is given another honor: to read a passage during mass.

"We always start our day with Mass, then we go out to breakfast with family [McSweeney is married to Kala McSweeney and the couple has one daughter], then we march in the parade and come back to the Hibernian for a big

party," he described. "We probably jam about 600 or 700 people into the hall, and the party goes on all day."

With many St. Patrick's Days spent this same way, now, McSweeney has his young daughter Bella, to teach the tradition to. At just one year old, Bella already knows a few of the Irish songs and stories her father has taught her, and enjoys listening to Irish music while riding in the car.

"Whether someone is Irish, Polish or Italian, everyone should acknowledge their heritage, because when you learn about your family, you learn about yourself," he said. "Making people aware of their heritage and of what being a descendant of Ireland is what it [St. Patrick's Day] is all about."

McSweeney is co-founder and operations director of the Hibernian's service organization. So, when natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy hit, McSweeney forms a boots on the ground response. Locally, the members of AOH volunteer as a group with the Northeast Regional Food Bank, giving back as a community.

And, through hosting celebrations of heritage like they do with St. Patrick's Day, Irish dance competitions and more, the Hibernian Hall keeps their heritage and traditions of Ireland alive.

Such a mission is especially important as the country itself is not fully united. "I am an activist for

"Being Irish is something in your soul. ... Collectively sharing our heritage with not only ourselves but with others is what I cherish the most because being Irish is fun."

— Tim McSweeney
Grand Marshal
Albany St. Patrick's
Day Parade

that cause," McSweeney said.

As well, this year marks the 100-year anniversary of The Rising. "It's when the Irish Nationalists proclaimed their independence from England on Easter Monday in 1916. Unfortunately it was quelled in about a week from English government," but the significance of the event remains.

"Patrick Pearse read the Proclamation of Freedom on the steps of the general post office in Dublin. What those brave men stood for is what every Irish man and women should stand for: the pursuit of freedom. Ireland is still not free. We have six counties still controlled by England. I hope in my lifetime we'll see that changed," said McSweeney.

"Being Irish is something in your soul. Being around other Irish people is like being around like-minded souls. Collectively sharing our heritage with not only ourselves but with others is what I cherish the most because being Irish is fun," said McSweeney. Plus, "Not too many heritages get a whole day and a parade dedicated to them, ya know?"

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LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Albany, New York, was held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on February 24, 2016.

PRESIDENT:
Hon. John Clarkson, Supervisor
Julie Sasso, Board Member
Joyce Becker, Board Member
David VanLuven, Board Member
Doris Davis, Board Member

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In the Matter

of the

Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Town of Bethlehem Water District No. 1 and the undertaking of improvements therein, in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, New York, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law.

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ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON
MARCH 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem (herein called "Town Board" and "Town", respectively), in the County of Albany, New York, has, pursuant to Town Law, created the Town of Bethlehem Water District No. 1 (the "District"), and has directed Paul M. Penman, P.E., Town Engineer, to prepare a preliminary map, plan and report for the District water system improvements (design phase only); Clapper Road water treatment plant wellfield improvements; dam safety improvements; and water main replacements - Delaware Avenue; and all of the foregoing to include all necessary site work, equipment, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto and such other work as more specifically described in such preliminary map, plan and report (collectively, the "Improvement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineer has completed and filed with the Town Board such preliminary map, plan and report for said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and has estimated the total cost thereof to be a maximum amount of \$4,200,000; and

WHEREAS, the expense of the District Improvement is anticipated to be funded by the issuance of bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000, such bonds shall be offset by any additional federal, state, county and/or local funds received;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will be held at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Bethlehem, New York, on March 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. o'clock P.M. (prevailing Time) to consider said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED, that the expense to the District for such increase and improvement of the facilities shall be financed by the issuance of bonds (or notes issued in anticipation of such bonds) of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000, said amount of bonds to be offset by any additional federal, state, county and/or local funds received, and unless paid from other sources or charges, the costs of said increase and improvement of facilities shall be paid by the assessment, levy and collection of special assessments from the several lots and parcels of land within the District, which the Town Board shall determine and specify to be especially benefited thereby, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit conferred upon the same, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, except as provided by law; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in each newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a copy of this Order, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing.

DATED: February 24, 2016

BOARD OF THE

OF BETHLEHEM

TOWN

TOWN

The adoption of the foregoing Order Calling for Public

LEGAL NOTICE

Hearing was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:
AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Becker, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Sasso, Councilman VanLuven
NOES: none
ABSENT:none
The Order Calling for Public Hearing was declared adopted.
Ad#111013

LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Albany, New York, was held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on February 24, 2016.

PRESIDENT:
Hon. John Clarkson, Supervisor
Julie Sasso, Board Member
Joyce Becker, Board Member
David VanLuven, Board Member
Doris Davis, Board Member

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In the Matter

of the

Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Town of Bethlehem Sewer District in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, New York, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law.

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ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON
MARCH 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem (herein called "Town Board" and "Town", respectively), in the County of Albany, New York, has, pursuant to Town Law, created the Town of Bethlehem Sewer District in the Town (the "District") and has directed Paul M. Penman, P.E., Town Engineer, to prepare a preliminary map, plan and report for the reconstruction of and construction of improvements within the District including, but not limited to, upgrades to the Dinmore Road wastewater treatment plant, all of the foregoing to include all necessary site work, equipment, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto and such other work as more specifically described in such preliminary map, plan and report (collectively, the "District Improvement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineer has completed and filed with the Town Board such preliminary map, plan and report for said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and has estimated the total cost thereof to be a maximum amount of \$140,000; and

WHEREAS, the expense of the District Improvement is anticipated to be funded by the issuance of bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$140,000, such bonds shall be offset by any additional federal, state, county and/or local funds received;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will be held at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on March 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. o'clock P.M. (prevailing Time) to consider said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED, that the expense to the District for such increase and improvement of the facilities shall be financed by the issuance of bonds (or notes issued in anticipation of such bonds) of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$140,000, said amount of bonds to be offset by any additional federal, state, county and/or local funds received, and unless paid from other sources or charges, the costs of said increase and improvement of facilities shall be paid by the assessment, levy and collection of special assessments from the several lots and parcels of land within the District, which the Town Board shall determine and specify to be especially benefited thereby, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit conferred upon the same, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, except as provided by law; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in each newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a copy of this Order, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10)nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing

DATED: February 24, 2016

BOARD OF THE

TOWN

TOWN

The adoption of the foregoing Order Calling for Public

LEGAL NOTICE

OF BETHLEHEM

(SEAL)

The adoption of the foregoing Order Calling for Public Hearing was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:
AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Becker, Councilwoman Davis, Councilwoman Sasso, Councilman VanLuven
NOES: none
ABSENT:none
The Order Calling for Public Hearing was declared adopted.
Ad#110999

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is 1256 CENTRAL OF ALBANY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 27, 2016. 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 address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Schuyler Companies, 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.
Ad#108098

LEGAL NOTICE

1491 Saratoga Road LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/4/2015. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Joseph W. Zappone, Esq., 6 Century Hill Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
Ad#109993

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Of a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Under Section 203 of The Limited Liability Company Law The name of the LLC is 208 MORRIS ROAD, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 13, 2016. 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 1716 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, 12205.
Ad#107964

LEGAL NOTICE

72 Albany Avenue LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY [SSNY] on 12/14/15. Office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave., Green Island, NY 12183. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity.
Ad#110765

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LEGAL NOTICE

76 Albany Avenue LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY [SSNY] on 12/14/15. Office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave., Green Island, NY 12183. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity.
Ad#110675

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): A - Z Builders and Remodelers, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 13, 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 A - Builders and Remodelers, LLC, 483 Joslyn School Road East Berne, NY 12059. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
Ad#110664

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: About That Home LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/17/16. 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, 121 Bushendorf Rd, Ravena, NY 12143.
Ad#111028

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Alexander S. Choe, DDS, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 1/27/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 42 Princess Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
Ad#108101

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Bob's Appliance Repair, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC

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were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/27/2016. 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 28 Kenwood Ave, Glenmont, NY 12077.
Ad#107877

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Cannon Equipment, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 15, 2016. 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 The LLC, 5 Veteran's Memorial Drive, Green Island, NY 12183. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose.
Ad#108411

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the limited liability company is Fixation Technology LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on February 9, 2016 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 any process against the LLC served upon him or her is c/o 17 Bethwood Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211. 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/Stephen M. Farrell, Organizer
Ad#109409

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is GGM Solutions, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/26/2016. 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 PO Box 155, Voorheesville, NY 12186.
Ad#107700

LEGAL NOTICE

Catalyst Chilmark LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/6/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 3 E. 28th St., 6th Fl., NY, NY 10016. General purpose.
Ad#107699

LEGAL NOTICE

DAVOS ADVISORY GROUP, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/16. 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, 421 New Karner Road, Suite 11 Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
Ad#107880

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ECOLONG LLC: Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New

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eliminate that,” said Hunt, who said this information comes from state officials who he has been in talks with since budget talks began. “I do think this gap will go away, but right now we do have a gap and we have to be cautious of that.”

Hunt estimates that remaining GEA in the district is well in excess of \$154,000. State aid is estimated to increase this year by \$225,000, a 3.9 percent increase over last year’s state aid.

“It’s not likely to be less. It’s conservative for right now,” said Hunt, who reminded attendees that these estimates from the governor’s budget are not final. By

April 1 the state budget must be finalized, and after that time the district can release its final budget to the public.

Tax levy is estimated to represent 0.66 percent increase in tax rate for the Town of New Scotland, an increase of 0.96 percent, or \$161,000 over last year. Overall revenue for the budget sees an increase of \$332,000, thanks to a modest influx in tax revenue.

New expenditures came as the district is offering additional BOCES classes, especially with seniors, as a new school policy does not allow. And, the district has identified capital need costs in the budget to make improvements to a noisy air conditioning system, and repairs for the pool ventilation system, among others. Some of those costs are included in the district’s \$100,000 bonded capital improvements project.

Salaries increased by 2 percent and health benefits increased by 5 percent, while Teachers’ Retirement

System and Employees Retirement System contributions decreased by 1.2 percent and 2.8 percent respectively through savings from retirements and resignations. All current positions remain in place.

“The transportation budget decreased, largely because the district is at a loss for bus drivers,” said Hunt. “Yeah we’re saving some money, but it’s hard to replace those jobs. It’s hard to find good bus drivers these days.”

Overall, the budget represents a 2.1 percent increase, which is less than the district’s 15-year annual average of a 2.8 percent increase year-to year. Hunt said he was trying to be conservative with these numbers.

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LEGAL NOTICE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF H&W Consulting LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is H&W Consulting LLC SECOND: Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity THIRD: The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: H&W Consulting LLC 19 Fairview Rd Albany, NY 12211 FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by: ONE OR MORE MEMBERS. SIXTH: The existence of the limited liability company shall begin on JANUARY 1, 2016. SEVENTH: The limited liability company shall have a perpetual existence. Xiaokum Wang, ORGANIZER Ad#109491	SSNY shall mail process to 62 Brookview Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose is any lawful activity Ad#108701 LEGAL NOTICE KENNETH G. SIPPERLY LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 25, 2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to Kenneth G. Sipperly LLC, 81 Latham Ridge Road, Latham, New York 12110. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. Ad#110300 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of The Kolodny Group LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/26/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY is design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 159 Delaware Ave #115, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful purpose Ad#110672 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: L. Teator, LLC- Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 2, 2016. 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: The LLC. 29 Hartman Road, Glenmont, New York 12077. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#109493 LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 03/15/2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Of-	fices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY regarding a Subdivision Application, submitted by Spruce Development as shown on drawing entitled "Subdivision Plan, of Lands of, YRC Inc., A Delaware Corporation, County of Albany, Town of Bethlehem, State of New York", last revised 01/25/2016, prepared by Weston & Sampson, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, NY. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject property. Said notice will also be published in the 03/09/2016 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Ad#111043 LEGAL NOTICE MAF Realty Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/03/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Jason Rando, 20 Kirkland Dr., Greenlawn, NY 11740. Purpose: General. Ad#108980 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: MerQuries, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/24/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 80 State Street, 2nd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#110082 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of an LLC: Middleburgh Meadows, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 27, 2016. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be	served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 494 Western Turnpike, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#109961 LEGAL NOTICE MIFIT HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/28/2012. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Northwest Registered Agent, L.L.C., 90 State St., Ste. 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#108893 LEGAL NOTICE NAMASTE NUGGETS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/13/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 84 W Broadway 3N, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#108102 LEGAL NOTICE NAVR PROPERTIES, LLC, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on January 4, 2011, Office in Schenectady Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Audra M. Passonno, 9423 Western Turnpike, Delanson, NY 12053. Purpose: General Ad#108684 LEGAL NOTICE Orion Demolition & Environmental Services, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 01/19/16 Office location: 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, 49 Wilshire Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose Ad#110667 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of P63, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of	New York ("SSNY") on December 18, 2015, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at United States Corporation Agents, INC, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#109986 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Peaceful Place Doula Services LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/28/16. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 19 Squire Road, Schenectady, New York 12304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#108880 LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 03/15/2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY regarding a Subdivision Application, submitted by James Grady as shown on drawing entitled "Preliminary Plat, Lands N/F of Grady, Hartman Road, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York", last revised 01/27/2016, prepared by Ingalls & Associates, 2603 Guilderland Avenue, Schenectady, NY. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing will be mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject property. Said notice will also be published in the 03/09/2016 issue of the	Spotlight Newspaper. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Ad#111040 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is PRIMERTY HOLDINGS LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 23, 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 address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is to the Law Office of Stephen Buckley, P.O. BOX 11627, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106541 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Name: Proscenium Data Solutions LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/2015. 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: C/O Proscenium Data Solutions LLC, PO Box 12641, Albany, 12212. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#108708 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for RAPP ROAD PROPERTIES OF ALBANY, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 27, 2016. The office of the company is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at Lombardi, Walsh, Davenport & Amodeo, P.C., 187 Wolf Road, Suite 211, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. Ad#108894	LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RENAL VENTURE GROUP, LLC On 2/17/16, Articles of Organization of Renal Venture Group, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Renal Venture Group, LLC, 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, NY 12209. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#109736 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company: Security & Technology Solutions LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 2/11/16. 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 Security & Technology Solutions LLC 9 Flicker Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#109966 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: Sh, it's Delicious LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Department of State: January 22, 2016 Office of the LLC: Albany County The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 123 Bulson Road, Troy Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act Ad#108687	LEGAL NOTICE STANTON LEGACY FARM, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on July 28, 2015. Office location Albany County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to STANTON LEGACY FARM, LLC, 171 Bushendorf Road, Ravena, NY 12143. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes. Ad#104677 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TAVO HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on JANUARY 28, 2013. Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: TAVO HOLDINGS, LLC 15 CERF LANE MT. KISCO, NEW YORK, 10549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#107887 LEGAL NOTICE The Bowery Albany, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/15/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 1625 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. General purpose. Ad#108356 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation: True Translations LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/4/16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC: 71 Hilton Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#107710

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Custom experience

Something out of place was observed this past week. It wasn't something that is entirely foreign in today's me-centric world, but it was something that is becoming more frequently rare.

At a local storefront, on a quiet day, a father and son both looked over the shelves of merchandise. The store owner stood quietly behind his desk, occasionally sharing anecdotes surrounding the teams and sports figures depicted on each of the box of cards the 12-year-old was looking at. He rattles off names to his father, all of players he's seldom watch play. Maybe he watched a video on YouTube once.

"Will I get Barry Sanders if I choose this box, dad?"

Clearly this was a time for a father and son to bond over stories of players the eldest grew fond of while he was his son's age. Perhaps, as well, the act of going to a card store was a rite of passage the two were experiencing together, akin to going to the Hall of Fame.

"You might," the father said. "But, in

this box you certainly have a good chance of getting him, or Joe Montana, or Bo Jackson, too."

The price on the box was cheaper than what his son had picked up before.

As the two continued to go through the aisles, the store owner asked the boy who his favorite team was, and conversations sparked between the two. It was a slow day, the owner had said before, so the back and forth went on without interruption from another questioning customer.

The boy had made his decision and proceeded to the cash register. As he did, the store owner noticed the price was off. The boy expected to pay about \$8, where the store owner expected to be paid \$20.

Both walked to the aisle where the box had previously sat, and sure enough the sign that advertised the amount was there. The store owner shook his head, and blamed the error on his occasional help. "I can do that, because they're not here to say otherwise," he said, with a smile. And, he took the sign off the shelf,

placed it upon the box the boy hoped to purchase, and said, "You just made off on a great deal." The boy walked away with a smile, which later, grew only wider once he found all the names he hoped he would find.

The store owner's reaction wasn't expected. He could have explained the mishap and continued to charge the price he had intended. But, he didn't. Instead, more stories were shared about how great baseball players would come to town to attend baseball card shows and sign autographs for \$5 a piece. Days once relatively frequent, but now resembling folklore younger generations tend to disbelieve. In this me-centric world where it seems more people are concerned with the dollar bill, and less about each other, the father stood and watched in disbelief of what he just observed.

"Can we come here again?" Asked the boy.

"Absolutely," his father replied.

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



John Croce
Owner/pharmacist,
Four Corners Pharmacy

*Residence: Selkirk
Hometown: Modena*

What type of music do you listen to?

I listen to (Frank) Sinatra — the (19)40s and 50s. It's what I can play on piano.

What TV shows do you watch?

"Big Bang Theory." Other than that, "Better Call Saul." I'm glad that one came back. I binge watched "Breaking Bad," so when "Better Call Saul" came on, I was glad because I could watch that in real time.

What books do you read?

The last one I read was "Killing Lincoln." Other than that, it's true life crime.

What was the last movie you saw?

"The Intern" with Robert DeNiro and Anne Hathaway. They played it off pretty well. It was touching ... it was nice.

What are some of your hobbies?

I like to golf. I camp, boat and ice fish.

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

I'd probably say Abraham Lincoln for the book I just read. I'd ask him about the Civil War and how it impacted him as he tried to bring the country back together.

What is your favorite local moment?

Opening the pharmacy and then just

the number of people we've helped over the years — being in a position to help people and being able to appreciate it.

What is your dream vacation?

Going to a tropical resort with my wife and just enjoying the beach and the water.

What would your last meal be?

Ribeye (steak), green spinach and baked potato.

What is a surprising fact about yourself?

I really enjoy quiet time and solitude. I'm usually the loud talking guy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water and transparency in Bethlehem

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

Water is in the news these days and on people's minds. Events in Hoosick Falls, Flint, Mich., and elsewhere have not only caused widespread concern, they have also shaken confidence in the regulatory safety net. Unfortunately, Bethlehem has also been in the news, for having failed to meet a recently phased in more stringent guideline for "disinfection byproducts." But the situation here is very different. It doesn't involve an industrial pollutant, pose any immediate public health threat, and it is also something we have been talking about, disclosing, and working on for several years, with a solution underway.

County public health officials have said on several occasions that Bethlehem residents should not be worried, but in the current environment it is harder for those assurances to be readily accepted. As the Spotlight observed last week, transparency is vital, and I agree. Accordingly, we are redoubling our efforts and have put all available information on our website (townofbethlem.org – water quality tab), including plain language FAQs. There will be a special presentation at the March 9 town board meeting, but here's a quick description.

Bethlehem failed to meet rising standards for a specific group of

disinfection byproducts known as "trihalomethanes" (or THMs), which took effect in 2013. THMs are found in every chlorinated public water system. However, as scientific knowledge has grown, there has been more concern about these compounds, because at very high levels they have been linked to health problems. While their presence is expected, THMs must be minimized and that is why standards are now more stringent. The standard for THMs is a running average of 80 parts per billion, and in the most recently reported period one of our sampling sites showed an average of 89 parts per billion. This standard used to apply to the system overall (and we met it), but as of 2013, each of our testing sites had to be below this level.

Planning and work to address THMs was well underway before the enhanced standards took effect in 2013, but unfortunately we did not meet them in time. Major capital projects take years to plan, design and implement. Today, two years later, we are still behind the standards very slightly, but the good news is that THM levels overall are dropping, owing to improvements already implemented. We made improvements in one water treatment plant, with changes in process for another (but these will take several more years). We have also worked

on the distribution systems to improve circulation, which is involved. Already, three testing sites are well within the standard, with only one slightly above. As described by the County Health Commissioner, this is a slight exceedance and residents should not be worried. The standards are very conservative and "a person would have to drink water containing the THMs at twice the regulatory limit for several decades to present any potential risk."

Reducing THMs is important, and

this is and has been a matter of great concern to town government. We have taken action, committed funds and will keep working until levels throughout the system are well below the standard. At the same time, we do not want residents to be unduly worried. If you are concerned, check out the website materials or call us. I hope that by making all information available and answering any questions we can help.

John Clarkson
Bethlehem Town Supervisor

Lab School is not dying

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

The recent article "Lab School begins to institute changes" completely missed the mark. As members of the Lab School Committee at Bethlehem Central, we feel it is necessary to address the significant inaccuracies reported and provide the community with a better understanding of how our program has been evolving.

Changes to Lab School have been ongoing, they are not just beginning. The formation of our committee was not a reactive response to declining enrollment as the article suggests. Instead, the committee was established to direct the Lab School back to its original tenets as an innovative, learning-community model meant to allow for experimentation with alternative approaches to education.

Lab School, while it may look different to some who have been familiar with it, is still a "school within a school" and is subject to school-wide or district-wide budgetary issues. This has required the program to make adjustments in the face of fiscal challenges. In fact, the cuts to math and foreign language mentioned in the article were part of the larger re-shifting of these areas inside and outside of Lab School. Chinese language was cited as an example of a program reduction, but was cut from the overall high school's curriculum, separate and apart from Lab School. None of these changes mean Lab School students do not have access to necessary or even supplementary class offerings. While it is true there has been

some recent enrollment losses in our junior and senior classes, the committee expects this decline to be temporary as the program reinvents itself.

The new research classes and online supplement to foreign language reflect the Lab School's mantra and are positive changes, as indicated by Lab School Coordinator Mike Mitchell and in Jody Monroe's Superintendent's Report at the Feb. 3, 2016, Board of Education meeting.

One of the most striking inaccuracies contained in the article were reported staff cuts to Lab School. In reality, this year the teaching staff was increased from eight teachers to 11, with positions added to the program to further its success and solidify the continuation of Lab School.

Contrary to the message delivered by *The Spotlight*, Lab School at Bethlehem is not dying — it has been reborn and with more students asking to be admitted than there are openings, is thriving.

Sincerely,
BC Lab School Committee:
Jeff Wittmann, Marjorie Maniccia,
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