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Local town supervisor looking to joint State Capitol ranks

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TOP STORY

Facing off against the dragon

Legislation on the State Senate floor is drafted to help addicts get the help they need

By **ALI HIBBS**
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ALBANY — It was three years ago when Heidi Troche found out that a close family member was suffering from heroin addiction. Since then, she has spent days at a time in hospitals following near-fatal overdoses and complications caused by tainted needles, she has struggled to find effective treatment options and tried to persuade her loved one to check into a rehabilitation facility. Troche, who actually works at a rehab facility for adolescents, is one of many Americans who have been directly affected by a nationwide heroin epidemic that has rocked the Capital District and the Town of Colonie.

In an effort to address the problem statewide, legislation

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS



A tow truck operator prepares to remove one of the two vehicles involved in a head-on crash on Krumkill Road last Thursday.

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Woman in hospital after Krumkill Road car crash

BETHLEHEM — A woman is in critical condition after a head-on collision in North Bethlehem on Thursday, March 24, around 11:30 a.m. on Krumkill Road near Russell Road.

The driver of the vehicle who allegedly caused the crash, Evans O. James, 33, of Watervliet, was charged with reckless driving and other charges. Police said James crossed a double yellow line and struck the victim head on in a 30 M.P.H. zone. Alcohol, drugs and

speeding have been ruled out.

The victim suffered multiple fractures and internal injuries and was sent to Albany Medical Center after being extricated from her vehicle through the use of a hydraulic device by North Bethlehem and Westmere Fire Departments. She remains in critical condition as of Friday evening.

Police ask witnesses to call them at 439-9973.

Five-car collision in Bethlehem

Three transported to area hospitals with minor injuries

BETHLEHEM — A sleeping driver may have caused a five-car collision around 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at the intersection of Route 9W and Glenmont Road, said police.

Three individuals were sent to the hospital and three cars were totaled after.

Alcohol was not a factor in

the collision, said Bethlehem Police Commander Adam Hornick. The driver, who ran a red light, either had a medical problem or was asleep.

The driver reportedly struck two cars in the intersection, then proceeded to strike two cars that were stationary on the northbound lane.

Two people were taken to St. Peter's Hospital and one was sent to Albany Memorial Hospital. All were treated with minor injuries.

Selkirk fire Department and Delmar-Bethlehem EMS responded to the scene. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

State police arrests:

• April M. Zwolinski, 22, of Bethlehem, was arrested Tuesday, March 15, and charged with DWI after she reportedly rolled over her vehicle on Creble Road in Bethlehem. Police responded to the accident and found Zwolinski to show signs of intoxication, according to reports. Police said Zwolinski failed field sobriety tests and had a BAC of 0.17 percent. She is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court at a later date.

• Emmanuel J. Rodriguez, 27, of Schenectady, was arrested Thursday, March 17, around 11:30 a.m. and charged with felony possession of a forged instrument and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. Police reportedly stopped a vehicle on I-90 at Exit 25 in Guiderland for a traffic violation, and determined that the driver's inspection sticker had expired in 2012. Additionally, Rodriguez was reportedly found to be in possession of marijuana. Rodriguez was scheduled to appear in Guiderland Town Court on March 24.

• Colleen W. Aloisi, 43, of Voorheesville, was arrested Monday, March 21, and charged with DWI. Police were investigating a complaint that a vehicle had struck the guide rail on State Farm Road in the Town of New Scotland and had left the scene. Troopers located the vehicle shortly after in the Hannaford parking lot in Voorheesville and reportedly observed Aloisi in control of the vehicle. Aloisi displayed signs of intoxication, failed field sobriety tests and had a BAC of 0.23 percent, said police. She is scheduled to appear in New Scotland Town Court at a later date.

• Eric A. Erkkinen, 45, of Slingerlands, was arrested Saturday, March 26, just after 1:30 a.m. and charged with DWI. Police reportedly observed a disabled vehicle on Johnston Road in Guiderland, and upon checking on the operator, found him to show signs of intoxication. Erikkinen failed field sobriety tests and had a BAC of 0.11 percent, said police. He is scheduled to appear in Guiderland Town Court at a later date.

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EDUCATION

All together now...

High school students perform concerts with elementary, middle school students for Bethlehem Central School District's annual Band Festival

By **TRICIA CREMO**

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BETHLEHEM — This special event only happens once every four years: when Bethlehem High School band members perform with the districts' younger musicians.

During the district-wide 2016 Band Festival, held on Wednesday, March 23, combined bands composed of students from Bethlehem's elementary, middle and high schools played a pair of concerts.

Directed by staff members from the district's music department, the individual bands spent three weeks preparing for the large group performance in the high school gymnasium guest conducted by Anthony Maiello.

"Here over the last two days it has been a genuine and unimagined thrill to watch his dedication to our BC bands," said Bethlehem Music Supervisor David Norman of the maestro. Maiello is an accomplished conductor, whose past performances include conducting Gold Medal Ceremonies at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. He currently acts as artistic director and conductor of the American Festival Pops Orchestra, Washington, D.C., and is a professor of music at George Mason University.

During the evening's first performance, Maiello conducted a band which combined elementary and high school musicians, followed by a second concert featuring middle and high school students.

"I love this festival mostly because it allows the different ages to play together," said Bethlehem Music Association President Alan Goldberg.

"I saw the elementary concert earlier this evening, and in this concert particularly I was watching the middle

school students watch the high school students, because it really gives them a wonderful sense of where they're going to be quite soon, and how much growth can happen so quickly."

Thanks went out to the departments of transportation and maintenance, physical education teachers for use of their facility over the past two days, the board of education and the music department. Then, Bethlehem Music Supervisor David Norman took time to thank the performers and parents.

"None of this would occur without the effort and dedication of the fine musicians you see before you. Thank you parents for your persistence and support of your children's education."

"As you can see this is a tremendous undertaking," said Interim Superintendent Jody Monroe, at the event, which was also attended by several board members. "There's a lot of set up that goes into this performance. I'd like to thank, especially Mr. Gorman and our tremendous music faculty for their tremendous work on this performance. I'd also like to thank all of you - the family members and friends - who encouraged the kids and made this possible."

The BMA is a volunteer group that enriches the musical experience of the students of Bethlehem Central schools by sponsoring performances, purchasing district instruments, providing scholarships and sponsoring programs.

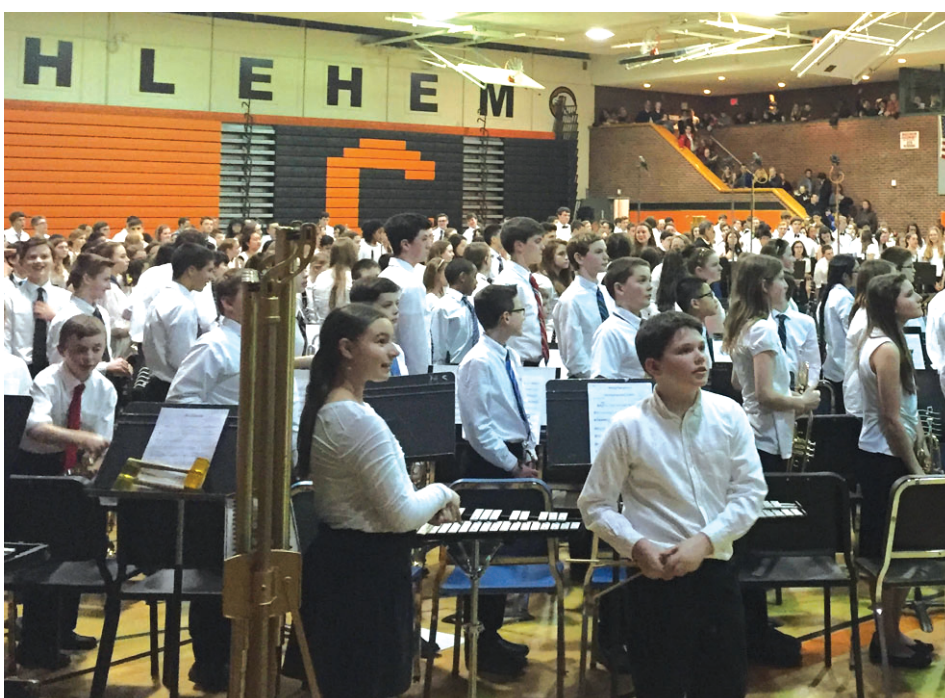
The rotating annual band, orchestra and choral festivals are made possible through donations to the Bethlehem Music Association. To learn more or to donate, visit bcsdmusic.org or visit the organization's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem-Music-Association-184221341643669/>.



◀ 2016 Band Festival guest conductor Anthony Maiello.

▼ The combined high school and middle school ensemble for Bethlehem's district-wide 2016 Band Festival concert.

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▲ Members of Bethlehem Central School District's Middle School bands stand before taking a bow during the 2016 District-wide Band Festival concert, held in the high school's gymnasium on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

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▲ A SWAT team prepares to strike during an active response exercise held at Voorheesville High School on Thursday, March 24.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Practice makes perfect

Local law enforcement agencies participate in active response exercise at Voorheesville High

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NEW SCOTLAND – To prepare emergency response to what would undoubtedly be a high-intensity situation, a school shooting was reenacted at the Voorheesville Central School District High School.

The “Interoperable Communications and Active Threat” full-scale exercise on Thursday, March 24, simulated a school shooting using students as actors with a real response from local police and EMS. The goal of the exercise was to strengthen law enforcement’s and public safety agencies’ abilities to quickly respond to and manage an active threat.

Though some parents had complained that the simulation was too much for the eyes of children, “This is the day and age we live in. We are not doing this to make

people scared. We want them to be prepared,” said Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple.

With this in mind, the drill was made as realistic as possible.

“I know the shooter’s face from a class I had last year, but I don’t remember his name,” said Luke Gillenwalters, 14, a student participant. His arm is covered in costume blood – a painted-on wound from a “gunshot.”

“Keep your hands up and walk out the front door,” instructs the officer as she escorts a group of students out of the building. A school alarm continuously sounds. Outside waiting for the drill participants are droves of emergency response vehicles from towns near and far. Those with fake injuries are shuttled to EMS services, while the rest of the school is brought to a safe area away from the school.

Though organizers said the drill did not go as smoothly as they would have liked, “If we’re going to make mistakes, I’d rather have them made now,” said Sheriff Apple. Such is the purpose of the drill.

On a daily basis Voorheesville Central School District is responsible for the safety of 1,150 students

K-12 and 250 staff members. So, for Voorheesville Superintendent Brian Hunt, the drill also provided an opportunity to test the school’s internal response systems.

“We must work continuously to improve our planning and implementation of safety techniques,” said Hunt. “The active threat response exercise at Voorheesville Central High School is just one example of how the partnership between the Albany County Sheriff’s Office and the Voorheesville Central School District is working to provide a safe environment for all our students and staff members.”

And, for Apple, the drill was also a good reminder to the community that the events simulated could easily occur in communities like ours.

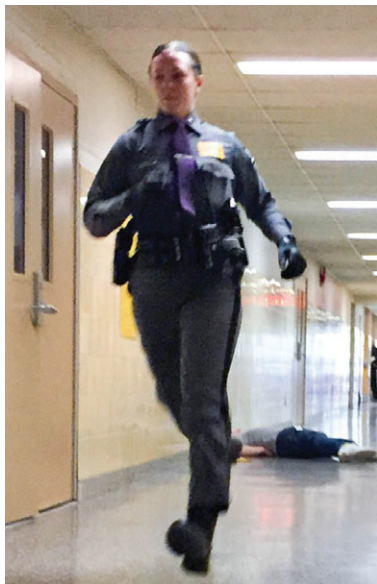
“Our staff has continuously been conducting active threat training and we understand the importance of conducting this type of exercise to include all the stakeholders in public safety. This collaborative exercise will continue to prepare our staff for a potential critical incident that may occur in our community,” said Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, Sr.



▲ An armored vehicle responds to the drill.

▶ A state trooper runs down a hallway during Thursday’s drill.

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■ STATE GOVERNMENT

Montgomery farmer has eyes on Capitol

Democrat plans to unseat NYS Senator George Amedore

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GUILDERLAND — Sara Niccoli has announced her bid to unseat Republican George Amedore from State Senate.

Niccoli is a Democrat, farmer and supervisor of the Town of Palentine in Montgomery County. Locally, she is known for her advocacy work as director of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State, where her efforts have been to raise minimum wage to \$15.

She will run against Sen. George Amedore — who was elected two years ago — to represent New York's 46th district, which encompasses all of Montgomery and Greene Counties and portions of Schenectady, Ulster and Albany Counties (including the towns of Guiderland and New Scotland).

"The main issues for me are education — meaning full and fair funding of schools — ending corruption in Albany, creating good jobs with good benefits for 46th District and relieving property taxes," said Niccoli. Endorsements have already been garnered from U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko and Sen. Neil Breslin (Bethlehem's state senator) for her bid.

Niccoli grew up in Albany, and knows the area well from her travels across the state with the Labor-Religion Coalition. In the Guiderland area, Niccoli said she has heard a lot of concern about testing and common core issues, as well as school funding and the need to fully eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and issues of property taxes and housing costs.

In response to his challenger, Amedore released this statement: "With less than two weeks to go until the state budget deadline, I am focused on making New York a more affordable place to live and work, as well as ensuring the 46th district gets its fair share of resources to properly fund our schools, invest in our crumbling

infrastructure, and create jobs and economic opportunity within every community," said the senator.

"Election season is still a long way off and with so many important issues before the Legislature, I will continue to concentrate on best representing the residents of the 46th Senate district, not on politics."

Amedore was elected to his current position after serving two elected terms on New York state Assembly. He then ran in 2012 for State Senate, lost narrowly to Democrat Cecilia Tkacyk, then defeated her in 2014. Democrats this year are hoping that a large voter turnout in this election — a presidential election — will lead to many Republicans being ousted from their seats, including in the 46th District.

"In 2014, Democrats lost the district during an off-cycle election. Now that we're on a presidential cycle again, we know it's very much winnable," explained Niccoli. "We're organizing and campaigning early, and we anticipate significant voter turnout this fall, which will play to democratic advantage."

According to the most recent reports, Democrats outnumber Republicans by about 8,600 voters in the 46th District. About 290,000 people live in the oblong-shaped district. It would take about two and a half hours to drive from tip to tip.

"And this is really the result of gerrymandering. There is really no reason why a district should be shaped so that you have such a distance between communities," said Niccoli. "It was in 2012 that a new district was created to maintain Republican majority in New York state because New York state is going blue, so they really had to get creative to carve out Republican districts," she said. "That district was created to be handed over to George Amedore, then ended being run by [Democrat] CeCe Tkaczyk," before Amedore was elected to the position in



Sara Niccoli, pictured here with family, is no stranger to local politics. She's currently Palentine Town Supervisor, and recently announced her intent to run for state senate.

Submitted photo

the 2014 election.

Niccoli herself lives in a rural area, yet, as the district she would be responsible for is so large, each area has very different needs.

"You have small towns — really small — of 1,000 to 1,500 people from Montgomery down to Ulster. For the last several months, I've been down in those areas asking what their challenges are. ...In Montgomery County it's all about jobs and lack of access to jobs with good benefits. In places like Greene County in the Catskills, they have had an incredibly devastating winter because the snow didn't come, so it's really taking a toll on

their local economy because it is based on the winter ski season. We really need to figure out a way to bring in recreation activities for all four seasons and bring that economy back," she said.

Other areas face issues similar to those faced in her town, such as income tax burden. "As town supervisor in Palentine in Montgomery County, I see these issues every day," said the candidate. "Residents being pushed out of town and off their property and farms because of burden of property tax, and the root of the problem is unfunded mandates carried by municipalities, which are created at the

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That’s why we have expanded the time slot for these programs to two hours, in order to make room for a coffee and social hour following the scheduled events. Now you can make a day of it – and not spend a penny.

Our Coffee and Conversation series kicks off April 1 at 1 p.m. with “History of U.S. Submarine Service.” Al Singleman, U.S. Submarine Veterans National Commander, will discuss



U.S. submarine history from 1900 to the present, with a special emphasis on the submarines of WWII. He will also share submarine models and photos of the boats from U.S.S. Holland (SS-1) to the U.S.S. Virginia (SSN-774). Following the hourlong presentation will be a social hour until 3 p.m., where you can continue the discussion with fellow attendees.

In the coming weeks, more Coffee and Conversation programs are scheduled, with “NASA’s Search for Life” on Friday, April 8, and “Afternoon Music with Bob and Tom” on Friday, April 15. All programs begin at 1 p.m. and are co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Pick up a flyer in the library for more information.

Connect with your community

There are many reasons to volunteer and share your skills or effort in a way that can have a positive impact on your community. There are also many local organizations that rely

on volunteers to help them carry out their good works. If you are new to volunteering, it can be hard to know how to get started. The library is hosting a Community and Volunteer Fair on Saturday, April 2, from 1-3 p.m. to bring non-profit organizations and potential volunteers together. Drop by and learn more about how you can make a difference.

Lives in focus

In the ’70s and ’80s, Paul Tick and Agnes Zellin documented the lives of New York City residents from two different walks of life. Zellin photographed the largely Greek community in Astoria, Queens, while Tick turned his lens on a grittier reality in the Bowery.

Twenty years later, the Bethlehem couple collected those photos in their book, “Later Rather Than Sooner.” They will discuss the book and share some of the images in a slide show at Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

The presentation is free and open to everyone. Copies of “Later Rather Than Sooner” will be available for purchase



Kids were hard at work creating stop-motion masterpieces in Bethlehem library’s Claymation program on Friday, March 25.

Kristen Roberts

before and after the talk.

Interested in being on the library board?

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 and are due April

18. The election will be held on May 17.

Upcoming events

Sunday, April 3

Create Printable 3D Designs

Learn how to make and print your own 3D designs with Marc Edgar in conjunction with the BCSD 3D Printing Competition. Discuss software tools, the design process and common pitfalls. For grades 3 and up. Call for times. Sign up online or call 439-9314.

Knit One, Purl One

If you’re an experienced knitter, bring your current project. If you’re a beginner, bring size 8 knitting needles; we’ll provide yarn and get you started. For adults, teens, kids age 9 and up. 2 to 3 p.m.

Monday, April 4

Tabletop Gaming

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

— Kristen Roberts

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Bethlehem Grange hosts monthly dinner

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Grange No. 137 is hosting its monthly dinner Saturday, April 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 24 Bridge St. in Selkirk.

The menu includes chicken, biscuits, beverage and dessert. Meals are served family style.

The Grange Hall is also available for booking meetings, family get-togethers, bridal showers, baby showers,

birthday parties and any other large gatherings. For more information, call Jo Downey at 767-2985.

Build a nest box at nature center

VOORHEESVILLE — The Thacher Nature Center, 87 Nature Center Way, is offering a nest box building course Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m.

Learn how to build and place a nest box for cavity nesting birds such as bluebirds and tree

swallows. Kits are pre-cut and pre-drilled, and all hardware is included. Please bring a cordless drill with you.

The materials fee is \$8, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

The nature center is also hosting an amphibians program for preschool-age children Wednesday, April 6, at 10 a.m. Children ages 3-5 will learn about the lifecycles of salamanders and frogs, and they will see eggs and adult amphibians and compare them

with the center’s resident reptiles.

For more information or to register, call 872-0800.

Small animal school at extension

VOORHEESVILLE — Children are invited to join the Capital Region 4-H program for a small animal school Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 24 Martin Road.

Topics include poultry, rabbits and cavies care and feeding; tips

for fitting and showmanship for all species; and a quiz bowl during lunch. Pizza will be available for purchase during lunch.

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Guest speakers (local authors and experts in children's literature) will present their insights into these stellar examples of the best in children's literature. Light refreshments will be served. This event is co-sponsored by the Children's Literature Connection and the Guilderland Public Library. Please let us know you're attending by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

CDPHP Family Health Series

The first session in the Family Health Series with CDPHP—Healthy Eating for a Healthy Future on Tuesday, April 5, at 6 p.m.—provides

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practical knowledge on the fundamentals of developing healthy eating habits as a family. Common challenges to eating healthy will be addressed, including serving sizes for kids, eating well on a budget, meal planning for busy families, picky eaters and healthy mealtime practices. Please call 456-2400, ext. 2 to register.

Overdrive office hours

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in-person, or call the library at 456-2400, ext. 2.

Meet Community Caregivers

Meet representatives of this local, non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," and who are presenting a series on What Families Need to Know about Memory Loss and Dementia. Join us on Wednesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. for a short presentation about the group's mission, and an overview of the group's newest initiative to help older adults communicate with their doctors and take charge of health care information. Find out about volunteer opportunities, too! Light refreshments provided. Drop in anytime between 6 and 8 p.m.

Community Caregivers and the Alzheimer's Association

of Northeastern New York join forces to present this important series.

Save the date for Latin jazz

Sensemaya fuses hot Latin dance rhythms with the cool sophistication of jazz improvisation, and you can experience this amazing group at GPL on Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. Their repertoire includes funkified interpretations of classic salsa to originals written in the revolutionary timba style of Cuba. Their own uniquely fresh Latin jazz compositions include a variety of styles from Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Brazil and the Dominican Republic. While Sensemaya can cater to the intimate jazz listener, their true purpose is to get audiences out of their seats and on to the dance floor.

Better Books Sale

Don't miss our monthly Better Books Sale being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

— Mark Curiale

Nina Crews visits

We are thrilled to have critically acclaimed children's book author and illustrator Nina Crews visit us on April 9! She uses photographs and photo collages to create energetic stories about young children. Join us to hear Ms. Crews talk about her books and her art. The children will have the opportunity to create their own bookmarks using Ms. Crews' collage technique. The program will begin at 3:30 p.m. and is for children ages 4 to grade 4, as well as their families. Please register early.

Healthy Habits

As part of its Healthy Living series, on April 14, at 6 p.m., the library will be hosting a program that will delve into how a healthy brain and body are connected.

Science is now able to

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provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. This program offers participants an opportunity to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

This is a program by Maura Fleming of the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York. Please register.

Registration for all programs can be done at the library, by phone at 765-2791 or online at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org (click on the event calendar).

— Lynn Kohler

■ IN BRIEF

Community breakfast at fish and game club

NEW SCOTLAND — The Onesquethaw Fish and Game Club, 2032 Tarrytown Road, is hosting its monthly breakfast Sunday, April 3, from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

The menu includes regular, blueberry and whole wheat pancakes, eggs, bacon, home fries, toast, sausage

and sausage gravy.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-10 and free for children five and under. Take-out meals are available by calling 526-8721 the morning of the breakfast.

Town of Bethlehem Recycle Fest

BETHLEHEM — In honor of Earth Day, the BC Green Team

is co-sponsoring the Town of Bethlehem Recycle Fest Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park.

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Easy-Fun-Raw

Prof. Johanna Sophia visits Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. to share simple reasons why people should add more raw foods to their daily diet for better health. Learn easy ways to make raw chocolate cakes, nut cheeses, crackers, burritos, veggie burgers, even soups and candy. Please register.

— Carol Melewski

In memory of Winona



The Bethlehem YMCA is blessed to have outstanding volunteers; people who use their own time to work in the wellness center, sit at the front desk, serve on our Advisory Board and committees, and participate in our Togetherhood public service program. Volunteers are an integral part of what makes the Y work every day for our members.

But there was a time when being a YMCA volunteer meant something entirely different—a time when volunteering for the Y meant putting your life on the line, like Winona Martin did 98 years ago.

Winona was one of 35,000 YMCA volunteers and 26,000 paid Y staff who went to Europe to tend to the spiritual and mental needs of American troops fighting in World War I. The Y was at the forefront of developing programs to serve the troops and further develop their minds, bodies and spirits. In fact, Y staff and volunteers performed 90 percent of all the human services work for the

American forces fighting in Europe.

Winona Martin was a librarian in Rockville Centre, N.Y. In February 1918, she boarded a ship bound for France, along with other volunteers and 150 sailors. Her friends were concerned about her putting her life in jeopardy as a Y volunteer in the war effort, but she told them, "I would go just the same if I knew the boat I went on would be torpedoed."

On the voyage, Winona helped sailors with songs and gave medicine to ones who were sick. In a letter home, she wrote about how proud she was of the men and women who were going to serve their country, and how grateful she was for being treated so well in return for her service:

"The 150 sailors are the finest, cleanest, healthiest, most courteous and chivalrous lot of young

men I ever saw. They make one proud to be an American. Just to look over a room where they are assembled causes one to feel that our cause is just and must prevail. And their treatment of the very few women on board is splendid. The fact that most of us are going over for the express purpose of doing something for them seems to affect them strangely. In turn, there seems to be nothing too good for us; and this is as true of the boy without education and culture as it is of the college graduate. In that respect, they are all alike."

Before reaching port, Winona came down with bronchitis and, upon arrival, was placed in a hospital in Paris. From the window of her hospital room, she could see German airplanes dropping bombs on the City of Lights. She wrote: "For half an hour, the firing continued, sometimes directly above our heads, sometimes becoming more distant. The airplanes, mere streaks of light, darted hither and thither, and

sometimes there was a blaze as of a falling star when one was hit. Such a scene as I hope never to witness again."

That description came in her final letter home. Less than a week later, another German air raid struck the hospital, killing Winona Martin. She was one of eight YMCA volunteers killed in volunteer service during World War I.

On March 17, 1918, the New York Times reported on her death, her YMCA service, her courage and her letters home. Flags in Rockville Centre flew at half-mast in her honor.

She was buried in the YMCA plot in the American Cemetery Memorial in Suresnes-Sur-Seine, Paris.

Volunteering for the YMCA is far less dangerous than it was almost a century ago, but the commitment and dedication of our volunteers to helping others and our community is just as strong. Thanks, Winona.

— Mark Hansen

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cost is \$25. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

Join us for a shopping trip to Colonie Center and Northway Mall on Monday, April 4. Call 439-5770.

Earth Day Recycle Fest will take place on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elm Avenue Park. The event will include

clothing and textile recycling, document shredding and paper recycling, hard cover and paperback book recycling, and electronic, appliance and household goods recycling. Bring a paper product donation to the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

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.

The Senior Legal Services program, funded by Albany

County Department for Aging, is available to Albany County residents who are age 60 or older. Call 439-6765 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.

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If you've got a craving for a little New Jack Swing, you may want to slide over to The City Beer Hall in Albany where they host a 90s Dance Party every Saturday starting at 11 p.m.

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NETFLIX

Netflix and chill

A growing number of television viewers have a more casual commitment to cable, opting to stream instead

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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Broadcast television is at a crisis it has not seen since the advent of cable in the early '80s — and by broadcast television, we mean cable.

The latest Total Audience Report released by the Nielsen Company states that Americans are spending less time in front of live broadcast television compared to a few years ago; about 20 minutes less, on average. Since 2013, Americans are spending more time plugged in. An average person spends an hour more with gaming, social media and streaming.

"Media pundits will tell you that our industry is in a state of flux. And they're right," said Dounia Turrill, Nielsen's senior vice president for insights. "It has been for quite some time. But why is today different than the mid-1980s, when we saw the rise of cable networks

all vying for audiences from the big networks, who had up until then owned that total audience and nearly all the ad dollars that went with it?"

Turrill's question is a rhetorical one. Nielsen, as in the famed Nielsen Ratings broadcast executives cling upon to determine the viability of their programs, is well aware of the breakdown in audiences. It comes down to the variety in which people choose to entertain themselves.

Unlike the mid-1980s, today's consumers have more gadgets at their fingertips than they did three decades ago. Home computers were not as prevalent and gaming systems were considered more child's play. However, each are among several categories Nielsen charts within its quarterly surveys. That also includes smartphone and tablet usage.

"[Consumers] have the ability to port content—both video content and audio content," said Turrill. "Devices and services that enable on-demand access to content, subscription on-demand services that deliver programming content as well as audio content, are growing by leaps and bounds. And technology begets technology."

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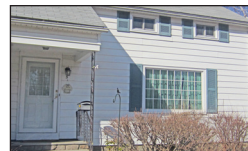
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By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SARATOGA SPRINGS — In a time when artificial intelligence (AI) programs become authors and children read off iPads, there is an ever-growing concern to preserve that good ol' fashioned experience of reading a book.

More than nine in ten parents of minor children recently expressed it is important their children read print books, according to a 2013 survey published by the Pew Research Center in Washington, D.C. Eighty-one percent of those parents stated it is "very important," and an additional 13 percent stated it is "somewhat important."

"We all have a favorite book as a child that we will never forget," said John Keefe, owner of Saratoga Book Warehouse. On the first week of each month, his book store is allowing children to walk in and take home a free book. The

goal is to give away 20,000 children's books by the end of the year. "Hopefully they will find it here," said Keefe.

Since the boom of home computers three decades ago, psychologists and engineers have researched the effects digital screens have upon humans. The jury is still out, but some have agreed reading from digital screens lack the same tactile stimulation as a book. It's that experience Alyssa Rose references when speaking of her involvement with the project.

"We just want to get kids interested in books, in physical books," said Rose, both mother and project director for Saratoga Book Warehouse. Rose's six-year-old recently bought her first book, a Golden Book at the Weibel Avenue book store. "[She] picked one up for herself and she was so excited about it. ... It's good for kids who are growing up in a world of computers and iPads."

Picking up your first book is a rite of passage for children, and a shared experience between parent and child. Many parents appear to share Rose's thoughts about books, and in the process, are bucking a trend earlier generations feared over advancing

technology. Previous generations had worried over how the advancement of television, computers and video games would lead to children dropping their reading habits, altogether. According to Pew Research Center, reading habits are not on the wane.

Overall, print remains the dominant way Americans read books: More than two-thirds (69 percent) of people said they had read at least one printed book in the past year, versus 28 percent who said they'd read an e-book and 14 percent who said they had listened to an audiobook. But, those who have incorporated a more technological way in which to read have not abandoned books — 87 percent of e-book readers and 84 percent of audiobook listeners also read a print book in the past 12 months.

"Once you're a reader, you're a reader for life," said Rose.

Saratoga Book Warehouse, located at 68 Weibel Avenue in Saratoga Springs, is open Monday to Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday to Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/Saratoga1DollarBookWarehouse/ or email saratogabookwarehouse68@gmail.com.



BOOKS HERE

John Keefe, owner of Saratoga Book Warehouse, is pushing to give away 20,000 books to kids this year.

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Randy Loren's Dolce Vita is located on 1727 State Street. For more information, call Dolce Vita at 518-357-3324 or visit Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Randy-Lorens-Dolce-Vita>.

Story Hour and Creative Movement Workshop

ALBANY — Members of the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company will present a pair of fun-filled family programs at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Saturday, April 2.

The first program, a dynamic story hour, will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dive into tales and movements related to the Hudson River and water. After listening to some great books, attendees will explore some dance moves. This program is ideal for children ages 3 to 5.

The second program, a creative movement workshop, will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. Explore the intersection of art and dance during this hands-on, interactive session. Participants will discover imaginative ways to move while experimenting with rhythm and will have the opportunity to dance to music supplied by a live percussionist. This workshop is best suited for children ages 6 to 12.

Both programs are included with admission: \$6 for children ages 6 to 12, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults.

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Sat: **Fissure, Goolagoon, Neutron Rats** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **My Darling Clementine, Blind Crow** | 7 p.m.
Mon: **Syzmic Sirkus, Slowpace, Jeremy Gold** | 8 p.m.

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Musical endings
 - 6. “Ah, me!”
 - 10. ___ fruit
 - 14. Codeine source
 - 15. ___-mutton
 - 16. “High” time
 - 17. Relating to killing one,Àôs parents
 - 19. Captain, e.g.
 - 20. Drama venue
 - 21. Sharp rugged mountain ridges
 - 23. A disadvantage
 - 26. Bleat
 - 29. Having a spine
 - 33. Rhetorical device using a conjunction
 - 35. Cheap, poorly built merchandise
 - 36. All together
 - 37. Exacting
 - 38. Marsh bird
 - 39. Hair problem
 - 42. Relating to shells
 - 44. Calendar square
 - 45. People torn by conflicts
 - 47. To assemble troops
 - 50. Herd members
 - 55. The “A” of ABM
 - 56. Explosions of stars
 - 59. Int,Àôl Flying Organization
 - 60. New newts
 - 61. Come to mind
 - 62. “September ___” (Neil Diamond hit)
 - 63. Exactly (3 wds)
 - 64. Runs in neutral
- DOWN**
- 1. Egyptian Christian
 - 2. Brightly colored fish
 - 3. Acute
 - 4. Halo, e.g.
 - 5. Forger
 - 6. Turned away
 - 7. Certain digital watch face, for short
 - 8. ___ Khan
 - 9. Comfort
 - 10. Not rebuked for a fault
 - 11. Attack
 - 12. “The ___ Ranger”
 - 13. Signs, as a contract
 - 18. Tie
 - 22. A groove along a piece of wood for joint fitting
 - 24. Arid
 - 25. “___ alive!” (contraction)
 - 26. Another name for sesame
 - 27. Con men?
 - 28. Inherited modification
 - 30. “Gladiator” setting
 - 31. Late
 - 32. Donald and Ivana, e.g.
 - 33. H.S. subject
 - 34. Cooling-off period (2 wds)
 - 37. Girl sibling
 - 39. Clinton, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 40. Hawaiian dish
 - 41. The most plentiful
 - 43. Close fitting undergarment
 - 46. 1967 war locale
 - 47. Wing, say
 - 48. So unusual as to be surprising
 - 49. Antares, for one
 - 51. Cross
 - 52. Axis of ___
 - 53. Level, in London
 - 54. Attends
 - 57. Amateur video subject, maybe
 - 58. “Harper Valley ___”

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ARTS CALENDAR

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.

Thur: **Chris Carey & Mike O'Donnell**
| 8 p.m.

Parish Public House

388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444
Fri: **Knot Dead** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Yankee Holler** | 8 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel

337 Central Ave., Albany.
paulyshotel.com
Fri: **Shift The Paradigm,**
Apostrophe S, Factory Radio |
8 p.m.
Sat: **Corduroy Shotgun** | 8 p.m.
Mon: **Blue Monday Blues Jam** |
8 p.m.
Tue: **Acoustic Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Platinum Pub

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

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
Thur: **Dead Knot** | 9:30 p.m. | Free.
\$10 under 21
Fri: **Making The Stars Move, Candy**
Ambulance, Lock 9, Demon Sense,
Red Shift, Under The Den | 9 p.m.
| \$8



Exploring cultural heritage through music

The Musicians of Ma'alwyck team up with the Capital District Youth Chorale and Nacre Dance for Albany Pro Musica's "A City of Immigrants" Sunday, April 3, at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

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Sat: **Skeleton Keys** | 9 p.m. | \$12 Adv.,
\$15 Door

Rustic Barn Pub

150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 235-5858
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Whiskey Highway** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Leukemia and Lymphoma**
Society Open Jam | 1 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: **Jeff Nania** | 8 p.m.
Thur: **Bryan Brundige Duo** | 9 p.m.

Stockade Inn

1 North Church St., Schenectady.

346-3400

Fri: **Jody Shayne Trio** | 7 p.m.

Tierra Coffee Roasters

1038 Madison Ave., Albany. 621-7299
Thur: **Monkell/Nania/Henricks/**
Chiapinelli | 7 p.m.

Twisted Vine

384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. 439-3241
Thur: **Acoustic Wheel** | 7 p.m.

Sat: **Standard Clams** | 7 p.m.

The Van Dyck

237 Union St., Schenectady. 348-7999
Tue: **Keith Pray's Big Soul**
Ensemble | 8 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

Capital Trio

Resident ensemble performs all-
Beethoven program. March 30, 7:30
p.m., University at Albany Performing
Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave.,
Albany. Tickets: general public \$8,
students/seniors/staff \$4. Information:
442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

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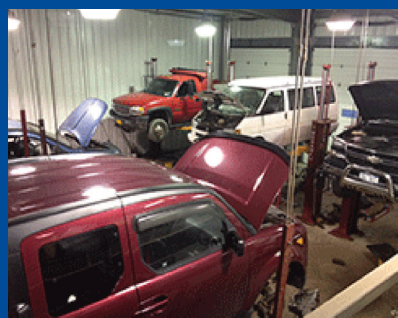
Male a cappella group tours in
support in of its album, "The New
Old Fashioned." March 30, 7:30 p.m.,
Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany.
Tickets: \$29.50-\$49.50. Information:
palacealbany.com.

The Down Hill Strugglers

Performing songs from the Alan Lomax
Library of Congress Music Collection,
along with The Four O'Clock Flowers
and Meredith Axelrod, hosted by
Michael Eck. March 30, 8 p.m., The
Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio,
339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets:
\$18. Information: 465-5233 or www.
thelinda.org.

Raise Your Voice: Sing for Kids

A special concert with teens and young
adults (ages 14-22) performing in a
benefit for the Court Appointed Special
Advocates of the Capital Region. March
31, 7 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St.,



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ARTS CALENDAR

Schenectady. Tickets: \$22. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Ethan Bortnick
Young artist recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as “The World’s Youngest Solo Musician to Head-line His Own Concert Tour.” April 1, 7:30 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$19-\$39. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Kim Nazarian
Albany native and founding member of New York Voices celebrates her first solo jazz recording. April 1, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: adults \$25, students/seniors \$20. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Melissa Ferrick
Singer-songwriter returns for another show in support of her new album. April 1, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMCs Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$20. Information: 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

Songs for the Earth: Magpie
The duo of Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner perform a tribute to the writings of ecologist Rachel Carson. April 2, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$24-\$35. Information: 346-6204, 434-1703, www.8thstep.org or www.proctors.org.

Classic Rock Flashback
Featuring performances by MAD CO (tribute to Bad Company) and Who’s Next (The Who). April 2, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$30. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

St. Petersburg Piano Quartet
Two members of the St. Petersburg String Quartet team up with Sphinx Competition winner Thomas Mesa and pianist Cahill Smith for an afternoon of classical music and a performance of Juanito Becenti’s new work. April 3, 3 p.m., Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy. Tickets: adults \$25, students \$15. Information: 833-1874.

A City of Immigrants
Celebrating the cultural heritage of the Capital District with the Musicians of Ma’alwyck, the Capital District Youth Choral and Saratoga’s Nacre Dance Company. April 3, 4 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: adults \$25-\$35, students \$15. Information: 273-0038 or troymusi-chall.org.

Dancing in the Streets
A celebration of Motown’s greatest hits. April 3, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$42-\$58. Information: palacealbany.com.

David Bromberg Big Band Belated Birthday Bash
Veteran singer-songwriter celebrates turning 70 with special guest stars Jorma Kaukonen, Keb’ Mo’ and Larry Campbell, among others. April 3, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: SOLD OUT. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Mnozil Brass
Viennese brass band performs a wide range of musical styles. April 6, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$20-\$38. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Stewart Copeland, Jon Kimura Parker and Company
Famed drummer from The Police joins

forces with classical pianist and a string ensemble to perform modern and classic works. April 7, 7:30 p.m., Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Tickets: general public \$45, students \$25. Information: 337-4871 or www.massrycenter.org.

THEATRE

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, through April 3. Tickets and showtimes: 445-7469 or www.capitalrep.org.

The Lion King
Broadway musical based on the modern classic Disney animated film, through April 17, Proctors Mainstage, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Living on Love
Joe DiPietro’s play about a demanding diva who hires a young man to write her autobiography after she discovers her husband is cheating on her with a female author he hired to write his autobiography. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, April 1-30. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m. and Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

24 Hour Theatre Project
Fifty playwrights and actors will collaborate and create five new plays in one day and present them April 2, 7:30 p.m., at the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Advance tickets: general public \$15, students/seniors/staff \$10. Day of show: general public \$20, students/seniors/staff \$15. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

COMEDY

MopCo
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
Ralphie May headlines, April 1 and 2. Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Shows: Friday and Saturday, 7 and 10:30 p.m. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

The Comedy Works — Albany
Al Park headlines, April 1 and 2, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Tickets and information: 512-4075 or thecomedyworks.com.

The Comedy Works — Saratoga
Mitch Fatel headlines, April 1 and 2, 8 and 10 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets and information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

David Sedaris
One of America’s pre-eminent humorists takes the stage. April 9, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: SOLD OUT. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

The Comedy Get Down
Cedric “The Entertainer,” Eddie Griffin, D.L. Hughley, George Lopez and Charlie Murphy perform. April 9, 8 p.m., Times Union Center, South Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: \$29.75-\$65.75, with a \$250 VIP section (includes meet and greet session). Information: www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

DANCE

Twyla Tharp and Company
Famed choreographer brings her company in for a lecture and demonstration. April 1, 4 p.m., James L. Meader Little Theatre, Russell Sage College, Troy. Free. Information: sage.edu/arts-lectures.

Albany First Friday Swing Dance
Featuring live music by Patti-O and the Hip Hooligans and a one-hour dance lesson. April 1, 7 p.m., Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Tickets: general public \$15, Dance Flurry members \$12, students/seniors \$10. Information: www.danceflurry.org.

Single Squares of Albany
Modern western square dancing with caller Matt McGovern and cuer Walter Wall. April 6, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. Tickets: \$7. Information: 674-2076.

ZviDance
Zvi Gotheiner’s dance troupe performs as part of the New York State Presenters Network’s Presenter-Artist Partnership Series and the Dance NY & Dance-The World series. April 10, 7:30 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: www.theegg.org.

FAMILY/YOUTH

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. April’s program: landscape collage. Information: www.albanyinstitute.org.

Cinderella
New York Theatre Ballet’s version of the children’s classic. April 10, 3 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$18. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

FILM

In Between Days
The story of a Korean girl who tries to make a new life for herself in a North American city. Screened in conjunction with Albany Pro Musica’s “City of Immigrants” concert and the New York State Writers Institute’s Classic Film Series. April 1, 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

LITERARY

David Gelernter
Computer scientist and theorist offers a seminar and a reading sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute and the University at Albany’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. March 31, 4:15 (seminar) and 8 p.m. (reading), Recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave. Information: 442-5620 or www.

albany.edu/writers-inst.

Launch party for April Bernard’s “Brawl & Jag”
Skidmore College faculty member reads her poetry. April 1, 7 p.m., Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

Jo Page
Author of “Preaching in My Yes Dress: Confessions of a Reluctant Pastor” visits to sign copies of her book. April 2, 1 to 2:30 p.m., The Open Door Bookstore and Gift Gallery, 128 Jay St., Schenectady. Information: 346-2719.

Ted Rall
Two-time Kennedy Award-winning journalist for his editorial cartoons discusses his graphic novel, “Bernie.” April 2, 7 p.m., Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

Caffe Lena Poetry Night
Featuring readings by Lisa Wiley and Peter Marcus, followed by an open reading. April 6, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Admission: \$5. Information: 583-0022 or www.caffelena.org.

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.

Lincoln on the Civil War: Selected Speeches
Author Giacomo Calabria leads a reading and discussion of President Abraham Lincoln’s speeches spanning his political career. Thursdays through April 14, 6 to 8 p.m., Huxley Theater, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Free. Information: 474-0575 or email Nicole.lafountain@nysed.gov.

MISCELLANEOUS

E Pluribus Unum/ Out of Many, One
Lecture by Jack McEneny as part of Albany Pro Musica’s “City of Immigrants” program. March 31, 6 p.m., Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

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ARTS CALENDAR

Capital Region Jewish Food Festival

Featuring samples of traditional and gourmet Jewish food prepared by the Capital District's restaurants and caterers. April 3, noon to 3 p.m., Congregation Gates of Heaven, 852 Ashmore Ave., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$15, children 13-17 \$5, children 12 and under free.

The Miles Davis Lost Quintet and Other Revolutionary Ensembles

Jazz historian and musician Bob Gluck discusses the revolutionary jazz artist and the transition in American music he ushered in. April 3, 4 p.m., Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

It Takes a Village to Age in Place

Information session about The Village Movement—a national grass roots senior movement that creates a "village" to allow senior citizens to age in place. Presented by Care Links of Southern Saratoga County and the Guardian Society. April 4, 2 to 4 p.m., Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park. Information: Carole Beauregard, Care Links, 399-3262.

Geeks Who Drink

A quiz show with eight rounds of eight questions each, including a music round, an audio round and a picture round. Free to play, with prizes for the top two teams and bonus prizes throughout the game. Sundays, 7 p.m., Lionheart Pub, 448 Madison Ave., Albany.

Color Between Wines

Adult coloring program. Library supplies the art materials, but adults must bring their own beverages. Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Brunswick Community Library, 4118 State Highway 2, Troy. Information: 279-4023.

Family Fun Ceramics

Weekly 90-minute class taught by Catie Singer on Sundays, 2 p.m., Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Cost: members \$8, guests \$12; all materials are included. Information: 377-8803 or www.schenectadyjcc.org.

Weekly ceramics

Two-hour Thursday class taught by Chris Singer, 1 to 3 p.m., Schenectady Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Cost: members \$8, guests \$12; all materials are included. Information: 377-8803 or www.schenectadyjcc.org.

One Big Roof

Weekly classes include Gentle Yoga (Monday, 8:30 a.m.), Meditation in Motion Yoga (Monday, 5:30 p.m.), Saratoga Stress Reduction Program (Tuesday, 5:15 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.), Tai Chi (Tuesday, 7 p.m.), Deepening your Practice/Embodyoga (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.), Yoga for Beginners (Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.), Health-preserving Qigong (Wednesday, 7 p.m.), Synervation Physical Therapy (Wednesday, 5 p.m.), Candlelight Yoga (Thursday, 6:30 p.m.) and dharma Meditation (Sunday, 9 a.m.). 538 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information: www.oneroofsaratoga.com.

Empire State

Lyme Disease Association

Holding open forum support group

meetings March 30 and April 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem.

EXHIBITS

Albany Center Gallery

"High School Regional Juried Art Exhibition," featuring more than 100 students from 20 high schools from across the Capital District, April 1-23. Opening reception: April 1, 5 to 8 p.m. Awards reception: April 8, 5 p.m. 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information: www.albany-centergallery.org.

Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center

"Nature at Your Doorstop," a photo exhibit featuring many of the natural wonders of the Capital District, through April 30. 25 Quackenbush square, Albany. Information: 434-0405.

Albany Institute of History and Art

"The Capital Region in 50 Objects," through April 2016; "Masterworks: 225 Years of Collecting," through Sept. 4; plus "A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection," "Ancient Egypt" and more. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Every Which Way," featuring works by Abraham Ferraro, through April 24; "Hudson Valley Seed Packs: The Art of the Heirloom," through April 24; "Human Trafficking in Our Neighborhoods: A Community Responds," featuring works by Joanne Van Genderen, through April 24. 265 River St., Troy.

Info: 273-0552 or artscenteronline.org.

Carrie Haddad Gallery

"Photography," featuring a variety of innovative photo techniques. 622 Warren St., Hudson. Information: 828-1915 or carriedaddadgallery.com.

The Hyde Collection

"Norman Rockwell in the 1960s," featuring 21 illustrations and original magazine covers by the artist, through April 3; "60 from the 60s: Selections from the George Eastman Museum," through April 3. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information: 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org.

Laffer Gallery

"Space + Volume," an exhibit featuring artists Robert Guille and Gyula Varosy, through April 3. 96 Broad St., Schuylerville.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

"Local Eats! What Does Your Food Say About You?" Featuring original artwork, artifacts and documents from the Schenectady County Historical Society, as well as pieces from the Iroquois Indian Museum, the USS Slater, Hanford Mills Museum, miSci and the City Mission, through April 8. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Info: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

miSci

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

New York State Museum

"REPRESENT: Contemporary Native American Art," through July 3; "St. Paul's Chapel: A Place of Refuge," through Aug. 21. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Info: 474-5877 or

www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Opalka Gallery at Sage College

"Kate Teale: The Housed," an exhibition of atmospheric paintings and large-scale drawings of waves and bedsheets that float between figuration and abstraction, plus a site-specific wall drawing, through April 10. 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: 292-8607.

Saratoga Arts

"Showcasing Saratoga Arts' Teaching Artists," featuring works by 23 faculty members, through April 30, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Opening reception: March 4, 6-8 p.m. Information: www.saratoga-arts.org.

Tang Teaching Museum

"Alma Thomas," a collection of artwork spanning her career, through June 5; "Borrowed Light: Selections from the Jack Shear Gift," through Aug. 14; "Elevator Music 30: Critter & Guitari," where visitors are invited to play unique musical instruments designed by Critter and Guitari in the museum's elevator, through June 5; and "Liz Collins — Energy Field," through May 31. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: tang.skidmore.edu.

Union College

"Recurrence," featuring artists Kira Nam Greene, Juan Hinojosa, Simone Meltesen, Karen Schiff, Sam Vernon and Rachael Wren, Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial second floor, through April 10; "Slippery Slope by Georgie Friedman," Peter Irving Wold Center, College Atrium, second floor, through Nov. 30. Information: 388-6318 or www.union.edu/gallery.

University Art Museum

"Keltie Ferris: Body Prints and Paintings," "Race, Love, and Labor: New Work

from the Center for Photography at Woodstock's Artist-in-Residency Program" and "Gerard 7 Kelly: Performance Documents," through April 2. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Arts Center of the Capital Region

Seeking submissions for its 2016 Fence Show, an annual opportunity for Arts Center members to display their artwork in its galleries. Drop-off dates: May 1, noon to 3 p.m.; May 2-4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 265 River St., Troy. Info: 273-0522 or artscenteronline.org.

Saratoga Arts

Seeking artists for its 2017 exhibition season. Saratoga Arts invites artists working in any medium to submit their works for consideration by its exhibitions review panel. Artists will be considered for solo, two-person or small group exhibitions in its 2,000 square foot gallery space. Deadline: May 1. Information: 584-4132.

Upper Union Street BID

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By ANN LINDA CIOTOLI
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Ingredients

12 ounces fresh asparagus (thin) trimmed and cut into 1/4-1/2 inch pieces (good for four servings)

1 medium tomato chopped
1 small onion chopped very fine

3 Tbs. heavy cream, or half and half

1/2 tsp. salt

Fresh ground black pepper to taste

6 large eggs

1 Tbs. olive oil

1 Tbs. butter

1/4 cup grated fresh

Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, divided

4 ounces fontina cheese

Fresh chopped parsley

Preparation

Preheat oven to 450°. Heat oil and butter in a ten-inch cast iron or non-stick oven proof skillet. Sauté asparagus

and onion until tender. Add the tomato and a pinch of salt and sauté another two minutes. Whisk eggs, cream, the rest of the salt, black pepper, fresh parsley, and two ounces of the fresh Parmigiano together in a medium bowl. Pour over the asparagus mixture. Top with fontina cheese, and cook without stirring until the edges begin to set. Place the skillet in the oven and cook until the eggs are set.

Preheat broiler. Top the frittata with the rest of

the Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese and broil until the top of the frittata is lightly browned. Remove from the oven, and let stand for five minutes.

Arugula-Radish Salad

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Mellencamp will perform songs from last year’s highly praised “Plain Spoken,” his 22nd full-length studio album, along with selections from his catalog of fan favorites. Carter, daughter of June Carter Cash, will open the concert.

During Mellencamp’s 40 year career in music, he has transitioned from pop star to one of the most highly regarded songwriters of a generation. “The Voice of the Heartland” continues to evolve artistically with “Plain Spoken,” the artist’s

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Tickets for Mellencamp’s concert at The Palace cost between \$39.50 and \$115 and are now available for purchase at the Palace Theatre Box Office, via Ticketmaster Charge by Phone at (800)-745-3000, all Ticketmaster outlets, local Wal-Mart Ticketmaster Centers, or online at ticketmaster.com. Regular box office hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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■ PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED

Festival season coming

Internationally-acclaimed acts scheduled to perform this spring

CAPITAL DISTRICT — Music lovers won't have to wait for the official start of summer to see and hear some of their favorite performers; lineups for a pair of upcoming multi-day outdoor music festivals are bringing some big names to the area.

Heavy-metal favorites Five Finger Death Punch, Megadeth, Halestorm, Anthrax, Sevendust and Dokken are among the headliners to scheduled to perform at Rock n Derby. The three day festival, which features music, wrestling matches and demolition derbies, will take place at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds, located at the intersection of state Routes 40 and 67 in Schaghticoke from Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22. For a full list of acts scheduled to perform, or to purchase tickets, visit www.rocknderby.com.

Alternative rockers Beck, Wilco, The Avett Brothers, Gov't Mule and Umphrey's McGee are the featured headline acts for the 12th annual Mountain Jam, taking place Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5 at Hunter Mountain. Other acts announced for the

four-day festival include Train, which will play Led Zeppelin II in its entirety on opening night, Brandi Carlile, Michael Franti & Spearhead and Thievery Corporation, among many others. For the latest day-by-day lineup or for ticket and camping information, visit mountainjam.com.



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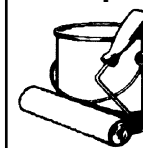
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Cage The Elephant to perform in Albany

Portugal.The Man and Broncho also slated to appear

ALBANY — WEQX, 102.7 FM, The Real Alternative, an independent radio station based in Manchester, Vt., will welcome Cage The Elephant with appearances by special guest Portugal.The Man and Broncho to the Times Union Center on Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m.

Cage The Elephant, features Matt Shultz on vocals, Brad Shultz on guitar, Daniel Tichenor on bass and Jared Champion on drums. The band, founded in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 2007, released its

fourth studio album, "Tell Me I'm Pretty" last December.

Tickets are now on sale to the general public at the Times Union Center Box Office, local Ticketmaster outlets, by phone at (800)745-3000 or online at ticketmaster.com. Prices range from \$29.50 to \$45.00.

For more information about the band, visit its official website at cagetheelephant.com. For additional details about the Times Union Center, visit its website at timesunion-albany.com.



Cage The Elephant

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Cornell coming to Palace

ALBANY — Chris Cornell, frontman for iconic bands such as Soundgarden, Temple of the Dog and Audioslave will play a solo act at the Albany Palace Theatre on Friday, July 1.

Cornell's distinctive voice helped define the alternative music genre starting in the early '90s when he first burst onto the scene with Soundgarden. First formed in 1984, the Seattle grunge band did not receive commercial success until the 1994 release of "Superunknown." The band would go on to sell more than 22 million records worldwide.

When the late Scott Weiland left Stone Temple



Chris Cornell

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Pilots, another iconic alternative band was left without a lead singer. Cornell stepped in, and the band would re-brand itself Audioslave in 2001. In its six years, the band released three albums and received three Grammy Awards.

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Wrestling comes to Electric City

Former stars of WWE to be on hand

By **CHAD VERGINE**

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SCHENECTADY— Capital District wrestling fans get ready to rumble as independent wrestling organization Northeast Wrestling (NEW) hits the mat for an event in April.

NEW takes to the Schenectady Armory Friday, April 22, as the wrestling promotion brings its “Spring Slam Tour” to the Electric City.

Former WWE superstars Mick Foley, Jeff Hardy, Matt Hardy, and Billy Gunn will be among NEW talent promised to appear at in April.

Matchups for the event will include Matt Hardy and Donovan Dijak, in a teacher vs student match. Billy Gunn will grapple with Sami Callihan a.k.a. Solomon Crowe (WWE NXT), The “Exotic Goddess” Mandy Leon duels with Deonna Purrazo.

Also in action will be “The Charismatic Enigma” Jeff Hardy, Shane Alden, “The Army of One” Brian Anthony, “The Hollywood Cowboy” Jeff Starr, “The Best Around” TK O’Ryan and more.

Bell time for the event will be 8 p.m. with autograph opportunities starting at 6 p.m. Tickets and Meet and Greet packages are available through northeastwrestling.com.



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Ticket prices for the event are: Rows 1-2 \$50, Rows 3-5 \$40, Rows 6-10 \$25 and General Admission \$20. All purchases have a \$3 service fee added to the final cost.

Meet and greet prices for former WWE superstars are: Jeff Hardy Photo or Autograph \$25 or combo for \$40 Matt Hardy Photo or Autograph \$15 combo \$25 Hardy Boys Photo/Autograph bundle \$60 Mick Foley Photo or Autograph \$20 or combo for \$30 Billy Gunn Photo or Autograph \$22.09 or combo for \$32.64

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Proctors getting “Weird”

SCHENECTADY— Following his wildly successful 2015 tour, four-time Grammy-winning artist “Weird Al” Yankovic has announced the continuation of his Mandatory World Tour in 2016.

Tickets for Yankovic’s Mandatory World Tour at Proctors, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, \$30-\$75, are on sale at the Box Office at Proctors, 432 State Street, Schenectady; by phone at 518-346-6204; and online at proctors.org.

A limited number of special packages—The Mandatory VIP Experience, \$139, and the Mandatory Czar VIP Experience, \$269—are also available.

The 2015 tour took Weird Al and his long-time band to over 100 cities in the US, Canada, Europe and Australia. This year’s tour (beginning June 3) will see Yankovic bringing his high-energy comedy rock show to an additional 79 cities across North America.

The tour follows Yankovic’s Grammy-winning Mandatory Fun, which was the first comedy album in over fifty years to hit #1 on the Billboard charts and the first comedy album in history to debut at the top spot.

“Weird Al” Yankovic is the biggest-selling comedy recording artist in history, earning four Grammys and fifteen career nominations. He is best known for his hilariously irreverent parodies of hit songs by the biggest stars in the musical universe over the past three decades, including “Eat It,” “Like A Surgeon,” “Smells Like Nirvana,” “Amish Paradise,” “White & Nerdy,” and “Tacky.”

In 2015, Yankovic released his 14th studio album, the Grammy Award-winning Best Comedy Album “Mandatory Fun”, making history as the first comedy album to debut at #1 on the Billboard Top 200.

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■ THEATRE REVIEW

A giddy race to the moon

A look at CapRep's production of "The Blue Sky Boys"

By JAMES YEARA
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Fun times for all are had at CapRep's latest production, *The Blue Sky Boys*. "Boys" and "Sky" are the key words here, for "Sky's the limit" due to the giddy goings on of the seven boy wonders galloping across the stage. Under the inventive direction of veteran director Gordon Greenberg (Jacques Brel, *Breaking Up Is Hard to Do*, 33 Variations), *The Blue Sky Boys* fills the stage with fantastic giggles that the audience plays with like happy children Christmas morn. This is a play and a production that offers much mirthful merriment.

The Blue Sky Boys is a fanciful take on the moon race — spoiler alert in 3,2,1...the U.S.A. wins — tracing through the play's loopy trajectory the origins of the high stakes bragging rights between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, from 1961 to that fateful July afternoon in 1969, almost exactly a month before Woodstock. *The Blue Sky Boys'* setting and characters seem a little more far-fetched, messy, and far-out than Woodstock's, but that's the stuff comedy is made on. The race to the moon begins in the seemingly backwoods control room in Langley, Virginia as scientist-engineers Jed, CJ, and Vencel (Andrew Mueller, Shayne David, Etai Benson who play a brainier mix of Three Stooges+Marx Brothers filtered through Mythbusters' sidekicks) almost literally get their butts kicked into gear by President Kennedy 25 May 1961 declaration at Rice University that America will be the first to the moon by the end of the decade. Under uber-tightass administrator Howard Haggerty's (a perfectly cast David Girard, who was, in fact, a

■ IF YOU GO

• **What:** Blue Sky Boys
• **When:** Ends Sunday, April 3.
• **Where:** Capital Repertory Theatre
• **Info:** "The Blue Sky Boys" by Deborah Brevoort, directed by Gordon Greenberg, www.capitalrep.org

last minute replacement) dictates, who delivers JFK's speech as a list of demands, the trio rebel and resort to "blue skying."

"Blue skying" turns out to be flying off into the wild blue yonder of their imaginations as the scientist-engineers conjure up muses like Buck Rogers, Galileo, and Apollo (Tom Templeton, Orville Mendoza, and Michael Goldstein) to inspire and to debate. While set designer Paul Tate dePoo III's banks of 1960s black and white screens, blinking lights, and wires look like something out that period's sitcoms,

Rob Denton's lighting and projection designs kick them into orbit and beyond with giddy array of effects that makes the imaginary muses real and the audience's eyes and minds spin. The interaction of the trio of engineer-scientists and imaginary inspirers yields much of *The Blue Sky Boys'* humor. After a fumbling start, the scientist-engineers decide to kick the race to the moon design process into gear by giving the program a title, and Apollo has the following exchange with them, declaring "Name the Baby," "Apollo?" Jed asks not paying attention, "Excellent idea" Apollo decides with a grin to the audience.

The physical comedy between the seven actors is energetically amusing, akin to *Snow White's* 7 Dwarves whistling while they work on getting to the moon, mining the play for comic diamonds that they toss about with glee. The

highlight of the play occurs after Buck Rogers decides "I need a spin around the Solar System," and the cast engage in a series of silly Monty Python-esque dances.

That this bumps up against the deaths of Apollo 1 astronauts on the Launchpad highlights the weakness of *The Blue Sky Boys* which tries to ladle on a seriousness to the madness that the play and the performers lack the gravitas to pull off. There's an attempt at a serious coda that's undermined by the goofiness of what comes before it and what follows it: the cast singing "Dream a Little Dream of Me" accompanied by ukulele. But great fun is had when the cast gets loony. *The Blue Sky Boys* is best when it sticks to its "Rude Mechanicals" roots, and lets its "Pyramus&Thisby" spirit shine bright. There's a moon at the heart of that, too.

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From page B1 ... Netflix and chill

Last April, *Variety* reported the results of a Deloitte survey stating that Americans are more likely to watch streamed content than live television. Within the consulting firms report, 42 percent of consumers use Netflix, with about 56 percent of viewers streaming movies and 53 percent streaming television. Less than half (45 percent) prefer watching broadcast television.

"Our rental agreement includes cable but before that we went for years without it," said Michelle Boomhower, of Albany. "From a parent's standpoint, even the 'family-friendly' channels are not family-friendly and even if they are, I can't control the commercials my kids see. We opt for Netflix when the kiddos are watching."

Cable television is in need of reinventing itself, much as Netflix did. The popular streaming company that usurped Blockbuster Video when it started up as a mail-in DVD rental company in 1997, turned to streaming content in 2007. Since then, the concept caught on with the mass market. As numbers indicate, audiences are spending less time with what cable provides, and more with what the Internet has — and subscription prices have something to do about it, too.

"I have a rooftop antenna, and I have Sling TV which is cable channels live streamed through the Internet," said

Jennifer Lescovich, of Clifton Park. "I get ESPN, HGTV, AMC, TNT....and quite a few others. I also have Hulu and Netflix and still pay \$100 less than cable."

Those who choose to ditch cable completely for streaming content register among the few in Nielsen's surveys. Less than five percent of audiences choose this route. Nielsen even suggests this is more of a phenomenon popular with Millennials leaving the nest and striking out on their own.

"Persons aged 18 to 34, who are on their own are the least likely to have multichannel service, and the most likely to be in a broadband-only home," stated Nielsen in its Total Audience Report covering the fourth quarter of 2015. "Millennials in the 'starting a family' life stage are more likely than those without children to have multichannel service or a working antenna. This implies that doing without cable and solely relying on Internet-streamed video may be a life stage choice rather than a permanent decision."

Nielsen's grasp on America's viewing habits is not absolute. The popular analytics firm has come under criticism for not including streaming viewership within its reporting metrics. In February, Nielsen reported it would include Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu as selectable options within its survey.

"Increased video viewing on digital platforms to both native digital content and TV-produced content, as well as the rise of subscription-based video on-demand (SVOD) across all platforms, are changing the way we look at the consumption of

traditional media," Turrill said last year. "Measurement holds a key to enabling true understanding of today's changing audience behavior (in real-time) to inform dynamic content and advertising in an ever-fragmenting media world. Accordingly, to do so, audience measurement will transform dramatically to capture and accurately value the Total Audience (Report)."

Cable seems to be on the move to address the precipitating number of viewers to traditional broadcasting. How this move translates to consumers, remains a question.

Last year, Charter Communications announced a proposed merger with Time Warner Cable, and later with Bright House. The combined acquisition has since received state level approval and awaits clearance from the Federal Communications Commission. At a combined value of more than \$80 billion, the conglomerate would be the second largest cable entity, controlling nine of the top 25 market areas and servicing 48 millions households.

Time Warner Broadcasting, the media company that owns and produces content for CNN, HBO, TNT and Cartoon Network, is not keen with the idea of a larger, New Charter cable company. It filed against the move with the FCC over concerns it would hamper broadband content, a claim Charter has already denied. What also comes into play is the possible loss of power those individual networks would have at the negotiating table. Cable subscribers are familiar with blackouts during contract disputes between a cable provider and a

network. With New Charter in control of a larger consumer base — or demand — opponents to the merger worry it tips the scale away from supply. In other words, content providers will be forced to drive prices down.

"If content is widely available, the price customers and service providers are willing to pay is lower," states Charter. "It is simply Economics 101. Asking Charter to continue to pay the same rates despite increased availability of the content is akin to asking us to punish our customers for using our service."

Just a few weeks after the merger was approved by New York State, Time Warner announced a price hike, striking the ire of its customers in the Empire State.

Broadband, especially those consumers who choose to go without cable, remains the wildcard. Though Nielsen suggests less than five percent of households view broadband content exclusively, some suggest that figure is higher and accelerating.

The Diffusion Group (TDG), a Texas-based research firm established in 2004, say that figure should be more like 13 percent, or about 11 million households. That figure has been going up over the years. An estimated 9.5 percent of households were "cord cutters" or "cord nevers" in 2010. TDG forecasts that 17 million households will be broadband exclusive by next year.

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



SAMMY SMALDONE

Bethlehem native Sammy Smaldone is The Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, March 27. Now playing for Siena's softball team, Smaldone belted a two-run double to help the Saints beat Holy Cross 5-2 in a non-league game March 24.

■ INSIDE



Rule the pool

The Delmar Dolphins are enjoying a successful short course season, with several of its swimmers competing this weekend in the eastern regionals in Ithaca.

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■ BETHLEHEM LACROSSE PREVIEW



Bethlehem boys lacrosse

Head coach: Dave Rounds

Key veterans: Skyler Anson (attack), Jake Szelest (midfield), Ben Tietjen (midfield), Ryan Starr (attack), Luke Conway (attack)

Outlook: The Eagles graduated several of their best players last season, including goaltender Dan Comber and offensive players Brad Bettinger, Mitchell Calabrese, John Fredette and James MacKrell. Bethlehem must find its footing at both ends of the field if it hopes to be a force in the Suburban Council.

Bethlehem girls lacrosse

Head coach: Lily Corrigan

Key veterans: Natalie Cook (midfield), Sophia Calabrese (attack), Kathryn Sancilio (midfield)

Outlook: With a high-powered offense led by Cook, Calabrese and Sancilio, the Lady Eagles are hoping to build upon last year's success, which included a trip to the Section 2 Class A semifinals. Bethlehem will break in a new goaltender this season after graduating Siena Marcelle.

— Rob Jonas



The Bethlehem boys and girls lacrosse teams begin their seasons over the course of the next seven days. The boys team opens with a game against LaSalle Thursday, March 31, at The College of Saint Rose. The girls team starts with a Suburban Council contest against Colonie Tuesday, April 5, in Delmar.

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■ SWIMMING

Dolphins post strong short course season

Alex Taber, Megan Novak among leaders for Bethlehem-based swim club

BETHLEHEM — The Delmar Dolphins swim club is winding down another successful USA Swimming short-course championship season with strong performances at several recent meets.

For the boys' varsity swimmers, the championship season started with Section 2 and New York State High School Championships. At Sectionals, Bethlehem swimmers Connor Doyle, Brendan Cartwright, Alex Taber and Richard Sweeney placed fourth in the 200-yard medley relay and qualified for states. Taber, Doyle and Cartwright also qualified for the state meet in individual events, where Taber finished seventh in the 100 back.

The Dolphins sent a contingent of 38 athletes to the Adirondack Short Course Championships at

RPI the first two weekends of March. It was an outstanding meet for the Dolphins with three high point winners, many top 10 finishes, new team records, and personal best times for all swimmers.

The high point winners were:

- Megan Novak placed second for the 11-12 year old girls

- Beni Brkanovic placed second and David Berin placed third, respectively, for 11-12 boys.

Other top 10 high point finishes at the Adirondack championships were Ned Reynolds, Sydney Sorbello, Katie Ferreira, John Janeski, James Moore, Juneau Wang and Karen Huang.

Team records were set in the 11-12 year old girls 50 and 100 freestyles by Novak and 11-12 boys 100 and 200 backstrokes by



The Delmar Dolphins have had strong performances at the state and regional levels during the short course season.

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Brkanovic. Sorbello broke the 200 breaststroke team record for the 13-14 girls.

The short -course swimming season continued to the Rochester suburb of Webster March 24-26 at the Eastern Zone Swimming Championship, where 10 Dolphins

represented Adirondack Swimming (AD) LSC. There were 32 club teams in the AD LSC sending a total of 55 athletes to Eastern Zones, with a strong showing from Dolphins. Those who went to Eastern Zones were Berin, Ferreira, Janeski, Novak, Reynolds, Chloe Derosia, Stephanie Erickson, Olivia Stebbins- Hopkins, Courtney Sorbello and Sydney Sorbello.

This weekend, a group of six senior Dolphin swimmers head to Ithaca to compete in the 2016 Eastern Zone Speedo Short Course Super Sectionals Championships.

This is a competitive senior meet, with many top talented swimmers from across the eastern United States.

Representing the Dolphins at the Speedo Championship are Cartwright, Doyle, Sorbello, Taber, Leigha Kosakowski and Connor Reilly.

As the 2015-16 short course season comes to a close, the Delmar Dolphins are looking forward to a short rest as they prepare to jump into the long course season (spring and summer months) on April 11. New swimmers who would like to join the Dolphins are

welcome. Please contact head coach Doug Gross at headcoach@delmardolphins.com.

A stroke clinic is being offered for new swimmers for a small registration fee of \$25 the week of April 11-14, with sessions each day from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School pool. Any child between the ages of 7-11 who would like to try the sport is encouraged to attend. New swimmer evaluations will take place on Saturday, April 16, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the middle school pool.

For more information, visit www.delmardolphins.com.

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■ COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Smaldone leads Siena in several categories

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Sammy Smaldone has been a big part of the Siena College softball team's offense this season.

Through 17 games, the senior leads the Saints in doubles (five) and is tied for the team lead in runs scored (nine) and runs batted in (nine). She belted a two-run double for Siena in its 5-2 victory over Holy Cross Thursday, March 24, in Loudonville.

Smaldone is batting .246 for the Saints as their starting catcher.

Conway helps RPI lacrosse to a 4-1 start this season

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Maeve Conway has been doing the little things in helping Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's women's lacrosse

team get off to a 4-1 start this season.

Conway is tied for the team lead in ground balls recovered (15) and is third on the team for caused turnovers (five). She has also recovered seven turnovers and won three draw controls.

Mazzone provides a power source for Bentley softball

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Morgan Mazzone has been a power source for the Bentley University softball team.

Mazzone belted her team-leading second home run of the season in a 2-1 loss to LeMoyne Sunday, March 20. The first baseman also has two doubles among her 11 hits this season.

Bentley is off to a 4-1 start in the Northeastern Conference, including a 7-3 win against The College of Saint Rose March 19. The Falcons swept a doubleheader against St. Michael's Saturday, March 26.

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VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, AND
ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Voorheesville Middle School/Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2016 2017.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual District Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect two members of the Board of Education for a 4-year term terminating June 30, 2020, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the terms of Diana Straut, and Timothy E. Blow.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 17, 2016, the following propositions will be submitted:

PROPOSITION #1: PURCHASE OF BUSES:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$110,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

PROPOSITION #2: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-POOL:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of reconstruction and replacement of the pool filtration system and related components of the swimming pool at the Voorheesville Middle School/High School building, along with the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$90,000, and appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended funds and/or funds from the Capital Reserve Fund therefor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special district meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of capital improvements consisting of reconstruction and replacement of the pool filtration system and related components of the swimming pool at the Voorheesville Middle School/High School building at an estimated cost of \$90,000 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from unexpended funds and/or the Capital Reserve fund, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under SEQRA, has completed its environmental review and, on March 7, 2016, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

PROPOSITION #3: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT-BRIDGE:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of miscellaneous reconstruction and window replacement at the Voorheesville Elementary School/Bus Garage building, and the repair and/or replacement of an existing foot bridge and abutments over the Vly Creek that connects a staff parking lot to the Voorheesville Elementary School, along with the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an amended estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$275,000, and appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended funds, and funds from the Capital Reserve Fund, therefor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

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Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of miscellaneous reconstruction and window replacement at the Voorheesville elementary School/Bus Garage building, and the repair/replacement of an existing foot bridge and abutments over the Vly Creek at an amended estimated cost of \$275,000 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from unexpended funds and/or the Capital Reserve fund, therefor all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

SEQRA STATUS OF PROJECT: The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under SEQRA, has completed its environmental review and, on March 7, 2016, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

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AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the close of business on April 18, 2016. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library for the presentation of the Public Library budget for the year 2016 2017.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, as part of and contemporaneous with the Annual District Meeting, a vote will be held for the Voorheesville Public Library on the following:

1. To elect one member of the of the Library Board of Trustees for a term of five years ending on June 30, 2021 to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Bryan Richmond.

2. To vote on the annual Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to

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LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE
AND ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2016-2017 Budget for the Bethlehem Central School District shall be held at the Bethlehem Central High School located at 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Prevailing Time. The budget will be available for review commencing on April 27, 2016 at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the election of candidates to the Bethlehem Central School Board of Education and the budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the upper gymnasium of the **Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar**, Albany County, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine on the following items:

PROPOSITION #1

To adopt the annual budget of the Bethlehem Central

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School District for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

PROPOSITION #2

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education as follows: two at-large seats to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2016, and expiring on June 30, 2019, for the seats held by Mr. Michael Cooper and Mrs. Diane Giaccone-Stever, whose terms expire on June 30, 2016.

PROPOSITION #3

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library be authorized to expend for the operation of such library for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the sum of \$4,030,857 and that the Board of Education of Bethlehem Central School District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, County of Albany, New York, be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor.

PROPOSITION #4

To elect one (1) trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2021.

PROPOSITION #5

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$1,413,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,413,000, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement at a principal amount not to exceed \$1,413,000 to acquire such vehicles.

To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by voting machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2016-2017 school year, exclusive of public monies, and Basic STAR exemption impact report may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School, the High School of the District, the School District Website and the Bethlehem Public Library between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and also at said District Election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library shall be filed with the District Clerk at the District Clerk's office at the Bethlehem Central High School, Superintendent's Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, not later than April 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least sixty-four (64) qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the candidate. A copy of such petitions may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk in the Bethlehem Central School District during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2016.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15, 2016, and on the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Chief Election Inspector before the close of the polls.

To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

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AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address as per School District Policy 2120.2.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Bethlehem Central School on or before April 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least One Hundred Fifty Nine (159) of the qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition or any proposition which must be included in this notice of the annual meeting and was not received at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Date: April 1, 2016
Delmar, New York

Brittany L. Barrett
District Clerk,
Bethlehem Central
School District

Ad#113205

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Richard Pellett on behalf of CSX/Verizon, 1 Bell Crossing Road, Selkirk, for an area variance under Article VI, Section 128-61 Telecommunication Towers, F. Special Use Permit Facilities, (9) location within 150 percent of the tower height to above ground power lines. Applicant would like to move location of existing tower located at 4300 Unionville - Feura Bush Road, Feura Bush, to 1 Old Yard Road, Selkirk. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals

Ad#112656

LEGAL NOTICE

100 NORTH 5TH STREET LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/11/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1726 Starr St., Ridgewood, NY 11285, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#112239

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1368 LEXINGTON LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/11/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY

12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111425

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

41 OSTEND ROAD LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/28/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111426

LEGAL NOTICE

419 EAST PINE STREET LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/28/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111427

LEGAL NOTICE

47-07 47TH AVENUE LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 2/1/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111428

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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

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 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Articles of Organization of 828 Washington, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 18, 2016, 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 828 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203, which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#113011

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

AB & SONS GROUP, LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 12/22/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111416

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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

BID MANAGEMENT LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 12/28/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111418

LEGAL NOTICE

BURGERS BAR BRANDS INTL. LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/22/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO Box 20043, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#113031

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is CAMBRIDGE ROAD PROPERTIES, LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on March 2, 2016 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 22 Fairway Court, Voorheesville, NY 12186.
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. Ad#111409

LEGAL NOTICE

CDP TRANSPORTATION LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/15. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 19 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#111258

LEGAL NOTICE

CHILDREN KREATIVE DAY CARE LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 2/4/14. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for

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process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111414

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of D & E Walker Enterprises, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/1/16. Office location: Albany County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon which process against may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 11 Frost Place, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#111381

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: EdComm NY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/22/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 27 Aspinwall Road, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#110081

LEGAL NOTICE

ELETRUNKS, LLC. Art. of Or. filed with NYSS on 3/16/16: Office in Albany County. Registered Agents Inc. is designated as the registered agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 90 State Street, Suite 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#112662

LEGAL NOTICE

ELITE TEST PREP LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 12/22/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111420

LEGAL NOTICE

EQUINOX ENTERPRISES LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/7/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111423

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, on March 23, 2016 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if:
(1) (a) such obligations were authorized for an

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object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem is not authorized to expend money or

(b) if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice; or
(2) such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION

The following is a summary of a bond resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on March 23, 2016. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution shall be used to finance a certain capital improvements project within the Town of Bethlehem Sewer District as described in a Plan and Report prepared by Paul M. Penman, P.E., Town Engineer and dated February 2016, including but not limited to, of District construction of improvements within the District including, but not limited to, upgrades to the Dinmore Road wastewater treatment plant; and all of the foregoing to include all necessary site work, equipment, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, at an estimated maximum amount of \$140,000. Said resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of a serial bond or bonds and a bond anticipation note or notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of said serial bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000. The period of probable usefulness for said purpose is 30 years. A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk, located in the Town Hall 445 Delaware Avenue, Bethlehem, New York. Ad#113187

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NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, on March 23, 2016 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if:
(1) (a) such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Bethlehem is not authorized to expend money or
(b) if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publica-

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tion of this notice were not substantially complied with and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice; or
(2) such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION

The following is a summary of a bond resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on March 23, 2016. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution shall be used to finance a certain capital improvements project within the Town of Bethlehem Water District No. 1, as described in a Plan and Report prepared by Paul M. Penman, P.E., Town Engineer and dated February 2016, including but not limited to, various water system modeling, various water storage tanks rehabilitation; Clapper Road water treatment plant improvements (design phase only); Clapper Road water treatment plant well-field 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, at an estimated maximum amount of \$4,200,000. Said resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of a serial bond or bonds and a bond anticipation note or notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of said serial bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000. The period of probable usefulness for said purpose is 40 years. A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk, located in the Town Hall 445 Delaware Avenue, Bethlehem, New York. Ad#113190

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Fun Zone Entertainment LLC, Art. Of Org. Filed sec'y of state (SSNY) 12/17/2015. Office location: Albany County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shal mail copy of process to 218 Morris St. Albany, NY, 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#111482

LEGAL NOTICE

GERRY TROUP LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/7/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111432

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

EXCELL CONSTRUCTION LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/08/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 497 E. 138th St., Ste. 5E, Bronx, NY 10454, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#111608

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the limited liability company is Fixation Technology LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on Febru-

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ary 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 Fun Zone Entertainment LLC, Art. Of Org. Filed sec'y of state (SSNY) 12/17/2015. Office location: Albany County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shal mail copy of process to 218 Morris St. Albany, NY, 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#111482

LEGAL NOTICE

GERRY TROUP LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/7/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111432

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

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have a perpetual existence. Xiaokum Wang, ORGANIZER Ad#109491

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: HASWELL FARMS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 23, 2016. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Address to which SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 117 Old Quarry Road, Feura Bush, NY 12067. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#112242

LEGAL NOTICE

IBRIDGE LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/25/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111430

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JoAnn Stevelos Consulting, LLC. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 3/21/16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 350Hudson Ave, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#112974

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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

KMH Insurance Services, LLC Notice of Qualification - LLC was filed with the SSNY on 03/08/2016. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Kathryn Hoff, KMH Insurance Services, LLC, 139 Stinger Road, Taverrier, FL 33070. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#112241

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Notice of Formation of The Kolodny Group LLC. Arts of Org. filed with

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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

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MARIANNA STRONGIN, PSY.D., PLLC. Filed w/SSNY on 12/17/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: Psychology. Ad#111415

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MBS REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 12/16/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 120 El Camino Sr. #100 , Beverly Hills, CA 90212. CA address: 120 El Camino Dr. #100 , Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Filed w/SSCA: 1500 11th St. 3 Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111436

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Meadow Wood Farm, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 14, 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 2035 West Old State Road, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#112983

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: MerQuies, 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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County residents could be healthier

By ALI HIBBS

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ALBANY — County Executive Dan McCoy announced Wednesday, March 16 that while a County Health Rankings report released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute has shown that Albany County is improving public health and life expectancy for county residents, it revealed a discrepancy between factors that influence health and the actual health of county residents.

Counties are ranked in two categories: health outcomes—how healthy we are; and health factors—indicators that influence health. Respectively, Albany County ranked 35th and 9th. This would seem to indicate that, while Albany County has much of what it takes to stay healthy, residents and officials may not be utilizing those resources to the most effective ends.

Albany ranked 9th of 62 counties when it comes to factors that influence health, measured across four categories: health behaviors (tobacco use, diet and exercise, alcohol and drug use, sexual activity); clinical care (access, quality); social and economic factors (education, employment, income, family and social support, community safety); and the physical environment (air and water quality, housing and transit). By category, Albany County ranked 12th in health behaviors, 6th in clinical care, 8th in social and economic factors and 16th in physical environment.

In outcomes however, which is based on longevity and quality of life (measured by the number of adults reporting fair or poor health, averages of the number of adults reporting physically or mentally unhealthy days in a 30-day period, and the average of infants born with low birth weights), Albany County only ranks 35th out of the 62 counties, meaning that residents are less healthy than more than half of New York state.

“The rankings show that we are making progress but still have work to do,” said McCoy. “Of concern are public health issues such as low birth weights for babies, adult obesity and related illnesses and sexually transmitted infections.” Other areas in which Albany County ranked lower are excessive drinking by county residents and access to healthy food choices.

“We will use this report to build on our successes and mobilize community partners to take action to improve overall health in Albany County,” said Albany County Department of Health Commissioner Elizabeth Whalen.

According to the office of the County Executive, Albany County Department of Health's Maternal and Infant Community Health Collaborative is working to bridge the gap for high-risk infants, children and low-income pregnant women needing prenatal care, nutritional counseling and access to insurance. The department is also utilizing Public Health Action grant funding to prevent and control obesity, diabetes, heart disease and stroke in the county.

Delaware Avenue lot under consideration for development

Developer looks to build pair of apartment buildings on site

By TRICIA CREMO

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BETHLEHEM — A short strip of land on Delaware Avenue near Elsmere Elementary School could soon be home to a new apartment complex.

Gregg Biche, founder and president of Delmar-based Quality PM Inc., is planning a 20-unit apartment complex on 229 Delaware Ave.

A single wood shingle house with a large backyard currently sits on the location. The house would be demolished to make way for access to the apartment buildings.

According to Planning Director Rob Leslie, the area is zoned commercial hamlet, which permits family housing. While the developer has appeared before the Industrial Development board, it has not yet applied to the Planning Board for the project.

Biche said that plans would come by the Planning Board's next meeting in late April.

“It's one lot that will have two buildings - a four apartment unit and a 16,” said Biche. The smaller building will contain all two bedroom apartments, while the larger building

will have eight single bedroom apartments and eight, two bedroom apartments. Each unit will have a washer, dryer and full bathroom.

“We're really in the beginning stages. [The site] is a little over one acre, and we do own the strip of land (across Delaware Avenue) going out to Ellsworth Place, so we may try to make a connection to the Rail Trail,” said Biche.

His company already owns two apartments in the area, which lie above his office. “We like that area because of its location on [the] bus line, and you don't need a car. You can walk to anything in town. [it's] close to everything,” including to Albany. “Our office is in very close, proximity, and our other apartments on Delaware Ave. rented right away.”

Biche also built four homes on Central Place next to Bethlehem Central Middle School which won five quality awards in the Capital Region Parade of Homes competition; and three homes on a vacant lot on Cherry Avenue, which are currently under construction.

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MHPG SHORE ROAD LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/11/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111424

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

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, 04/05/2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY regarding a Special Use Per-

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mit/Site Plan Application, submitted by Peter K Frueh, Inc., as shown on drawing entitled “Mining Plan, Frueh Mine Site, Old Quarry Road (CR 102), Feura Bush, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York”, dated 06/19/2015, prepared by Kleinke Associates, 306 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY, 12054. 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 03/30/2016 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Ad#112350

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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

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Postpartisan Public Policy (P3) Consulting, LLC, Articles of

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Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 9, 2016. 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: Franklin Esson Jr., 422 Sand Creek Road, Apt. 428, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Ad#111631

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SHLOMUSIC LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 11/17/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111422

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STANTON LEGACY FARM, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New

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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

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SWEETBEAN LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/15/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 195 Bedford Ave., Apt. 5, Brooklyn, NY 11211, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#112352

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TENURE AVE LLC. Filed w/SSNY on 1/7/16. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#111434

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A win for all

New York finally entered the 21st century and made mixed martial arts a legal sport. Our only question is, what took you so long?

Yes, we know the state legislature had concerns about the level of violence associated with MMA bouts. But in fact, MMA bouts are about as violent as boxing matches, which have been legally sanctioned in New York for more than a century. Yes, MMA competitors can continue to attack once their opponents hit the canvas, but only to gain a submission, which is usually called very quickly. And the methods they use are exactly the same you would see either in a wrestling match or a martial arts bout. Last we knew, those sports were sanctioned in New York, too.

Now that it is legal, New York can reap the same economic benefits from MMA matches as the other 49 states, many of which approved the sport around the turn of the millennium. UFC—the most well known MMA sanctioning body—draws sell-out crowds to large

arenas wherever it goes, and its fighters are some of sports' biggest personalities. Imagine what a nationally televised UFC card from Albany's Times Union Center or New York City's Madison Square Garden can do not only for the arenas themselves, but also for the businesses surrounding them. After all, not everyone is going to satisfy themselves with simply eating food from the arena's concession stands.

Moreover, there is a huge, untapped market for people wanting to learn mixed martial arts, even if the intent is only to get in better shape. Boxing isn't cutting it because interest in the sport is waning. Going to a single-discipline martial arts school can only hold the interest of a millennial for so long. Being able to have variety in a workout—and, perhaps, fulfill a dream of competing in the same octagon as Georges St. Pierre, Anderson Silva and Ronda Rousey, among others—will attract more athletes to gyms.

Speaking of Ronda Rousey, MMA also offers women a chance to pursue a

professional sports career that boxing has never quite been able to provide. It's more difficult for women to get a well-paying professional boxing bout than it is for them to get a well-paying MMA bout because fewer women are sticking with "the Sweet Science." If the burgeoning MMA market for female fighters explodes, the opportunities could be limitless.

Naturally, there will always be a risk of serious injury associated with MMA, but the same can be said of many professional sports. But given how big the sport has become, both in terms of participation and popularity among sports fans, it would have been silly for New York to continue denying MMA the legal designation it deserves.

So, congratulations to the New York state Legislature on joining the rest of the country in allowing sanctioned MMA bouts. It only took you 16 years to become part of the 21st century sports revolution.

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Paul Burgdorf
Albany County Legislator

Hometown: Garden City, N.Y.
Residence: Colonie, N.Y.

What kind of music do you listen to?

Old rock, Springsteen, Grateful Dead, Rolling Stones and jazz

Are you reading anything right now, and would you recommend it?

"The Escape" by David Baldacci... A cyber security and national security thriller

Current favorite television programming?

"Blacklist," "Good Wife," "NCIS," "Blue Bloods," "Tiny Houses."

What was the last movie you saw?

"13 Hours", the story of the State Department, CIA and Special Forces contractors during the Benghazi embassy attack.

If you could meet one person, living or dead, who would it be and why?

I would like to have dinner with Pope Francis; he is humble, committed to the public, shuns worldly goods and has set a fantastic example for people of all faiths across the world. He has rebuilt the foundation of the Catholic Church and urges compassion for all. Pope Francis has made a real impact on bringing faith back to the world, while respecting all people's beliefs.

Describe your dream vacation.

I would love to rent a Villa in the Caribbean, probably in St. Martin, and be able to bring all my relatives; Mom, my three children, their spouses and my grandchildren for a family vacation. It's difficult as my mom is 91, my son Paul and his girlfriend Hillary live in NYC,

my daughter Michelle and her Husband Patrick and grandson Theo currently live in Dusseldorf Germany, and my Daughter Jessica and her husband Mike and grandsons Xander and Maddux live in Latham and have constant activities.

Do you have any favorite hobbies?

Travel, Boating, and shooting sports, especially shotgun sports; trap, skeet and sporting clays with my wife Jane.

Describe a favorite local memory.

As a young couple Jane and I were able to have our house on Chippendale Court built Latham in 1984, where we were able to raise and educate our family. The memories continue as everyone is back on a regular basis.

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Best face forward

ELSMERE — Hundreds of people were on hand to usher in the grand re-opening of Upstate Wine & Spirits Company in Delaware Plaza on Saturday, March 19.

Upstate Wine boasts being one of the oldest, if not one of the original, tenants of the mall on Delaware Avenue. The store recently moved a few doors down to a larger store space long occupied by Fashion Bug.

New York state Assemblywoman Pat Fahy was on hand for the ceremonial ribbon cutting with owner Todd Yutzler. Bethlehem Town Board members Joyce Becker, David VanLuven and Doris Davis were also present.

Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

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state level. Those unfunded mandates create an impossible catch 22 for municipalities. We need a quality education, we need a strong safety net; but when we are relying so heavily on property taxes to fund those things, it all begins to fall apart. The costs of unfunded mandates have risen significantly above what they were 20 or 30 years ago."

Niccoli also said she would not have voted against the women's right to choose with no exception, as Amedore did, and she would not have voted to extend the common core, as Amedore did, thereby giving millions of dollars to New York

City charter schools. Niccoli has also accused Amedore of using his legislature title and salary to bolster his real estate career and financing his campaigns with the same money at the heart of recent corruption scandals involving former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and former Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos.

"I'm committed to ending corruption in Albany, where the state legislators are more likely to go to prison than be voted out," said Niccoli. "I'm in support of ethics reform and proposals limiting income to \$70,000 for legislators. It makes sense, ensures that legislators are making

decisions based on their constituents, not on income.

"It's about education, relieving property tax burden, creating good jobs with benefits which come when we make sure that the economic development subsidies, which New York gives to businesses every year to the tune of \$9 billion, and making sure they are truly creating new jobs long term jobs and hiring local workers right now. We don't have enough penalties and requirements for business to actually fulfill obligations to create jobs."

To learn more about Niccoli and her views or to learn more on Sen. Amedore, visit sarakniccoli.nationbuilder.com or nysenate.gov/senators.



Signs of spring

Sunday was the scene for egg hunts all around the land, as was the case at the family home of our editor, Michael Hallisey. Here, we have a sign that may be directed towards the Easter Bunny. Hopefully he didn't cross paths with Mr. McGregor. Word has it he doesn't take too kindly to bunnies going into his garden carrots.

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Facing off against the dragon

introduced by local Assemblyman Phil Steck (D-110) seeks to make it easier to obtain treatment for individuals who may be unwilling or unable to do so for themselves.

"Just a couple of months ago, she was found unconscious on the floor of her bathroom with a needle still in her arm," Troche said of the family member, a young woman in her early twenties. "And, there's absolutely nothing I can do. Absolutely nothing. It's an epidemic; it's a plague. And it's been a battle trying to get her into a program."

"We have one individual in town that we have brought back to life four times," said Colonie Police Chief Jon Teale. "The system we have now is clearly not working."

"I've spoken with our EMS director and supervisors and staff here and we're all very interested in this new legislation because it would hopefully provide treatment for the addicts," he continued. "Right now, if [overdoses are] transported [to a treatment facility], they're released a short time later and they're back out on the street and using again—and sometimes they aren't even transported, they'll just sit right up and walk away. They're committing crimes frequently to support their habit; the homicide we had last year in town was a direct result of heroin addiction. There's a real impact to everyone in the community, this is not an inner city problem anymore—it

is affecting everyone. We have had heroin overdoses called in to us from people stopped at a traffic light, in traffic on a major road with a needle in their arm; we've had overdoses in restaurant bathrooms. It happens everywhere, there is no particular economic or social class that is affected."

Under the proposed legislation, which amends Section 22 of the state's Mental Hygiene Law, if an individual overdoses (or ends up in a medical care facility due to any drug or alcohol addiction) and medical professionals determine that they are a threat to themselves or to others, they could be held involuntarily for up to 72 hours, "to achieve stabilization." If it is determined that a patient is in need of further supervised treatment, the medical practitioner may then obtain permission from highest county court to continue treatment for a period of time not to exceed 90 days.

Right now, said Troche, there is virtually nothing loved ones can do when dealing with an addict. "I had no recourse. There was no action I could take and she

wouldn't go to rehab. She ended up in jail and on probation from her use. It's been a real struggle for the past three years. It's hard to watch someone you love destroy themselves."

"It is non-stop," said Teale. "We need legislation that will address this." He said that the bill introduced by Steck looks promising, but that he has some concerns about how the legislation will be funded and whether treatment facilities would

be equipped to handle the new patients. "All of this could be a relatively large influx at first, which could create a real demand on these facilities and will there be enough beds."

According to Steck's office, treatment facilities are

already in existence and funded through Medicaid and/or private insurance, and the legislation should result in significant savings to public services funds due to reduced emergency hospital visits, fewer police and EMS services, complications caused by needle-borne infections, and crime connected with heroin abuse. Pointing out that the brutal stabbing of Jacquelyn Porreca last summer was allegedly at the hands of heroin addicts attempting to feed their addiction, Steck said, "these are all terrible human and financial costs borne by every member of the community."

"I feel like if this law had been on the books, I could have gotten her help. I could have gotten the doctors to help."

— Heidi Troche
family member lost
to heroin addiction

On March 10, Assembly bill A09501 was referred to the body's Mental Health Committee. The same legislation in the Senate, sponsored by Senator Robert Ortt (R-62), was referred to the Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in February. No votes have been taken on either bill, nor are any co-sponsors listed on either piece of legislation.

In the meantime, Colonie police officers are doing what they can to stem the tide of heroin coming through the town. On Thursday, March 17, a drug bust in Colonie yielded more than 100 packets of heroin. It was too late, however, for the Colonie resident that overdosed during the previous weekend. "I think they just had the funeral two days ago," said Teale, declining to name the victim.

"I feel like if this law had been on the books, I could have gotten her help," said Troche. "I could have gotten the doctors to help." Troche said that, during one prolonged hospital stay, she had attempted to have her family member transferred to a rehab facility, but was ultimately unsuccessful. Troche hopes that, if passed, the new legislation will help her finally obtain treatment for the young woman—even if it has to be involuntary. "According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse," she said, "treatment doesn't have to be voluntary to be effective."

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