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Bethlehem budget plan would cut tax 2.7%

By Mel Hyman

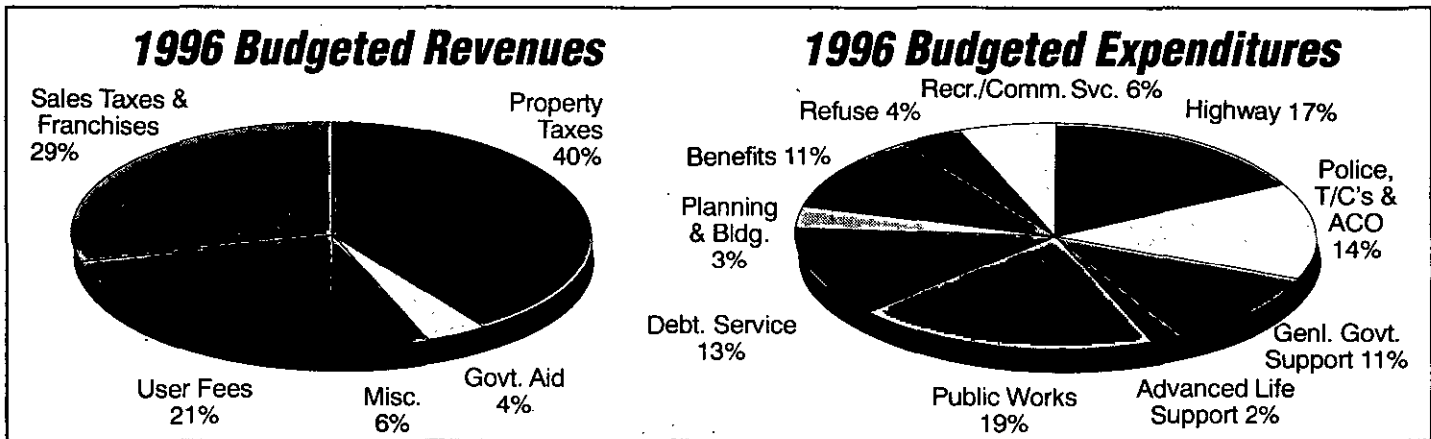
The tentative 1996 budget proposed by Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller contains a 2.7 percent tax cut.

Even though the \$20.8 million spending plan increases expenditures by 6 percent, the windfall from county sales tax payments continues to ease the tax burden for town property owners.

Homeowners with property assessed at \$130,000 would pay \$387.48 in town taxes for next year, as opposed to \$398.30 in 1995.

Town taxes have dropped steadily since the extra 1 percent sales tax in Albany County went into effect in 1992. Also working in the town's favor this year was an additional \$30 million in assessed valuation added to the tax rolls.

The 6 percent increase in expenditures is mostly due to a 3 percent cost-of-living raise being given to the town's non-unionized employees next year. A new contract with the police and telecommunicators (both unionized) has yet to be worked out, although Fuller plans to offer them the same 3 percent raises that other town



employees are getting.

The overall 2.7 percent tax decrease is comprised of separate tax rates for the general fund, the highway department, the sewer district and the water district. The tax levies in all of these areas will be taking a dip.

Fuller, who is running for re-election in November, said the 1996 budget offers a tax cut "for the second year in a row, while

still maintaining the level of services that our residents desire."

Town taxes went down 3.4 percent in 1995.

The only new expenditure of note, Fuller said, was a \$350,000 payment to the county Sheriff's Department, which will

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Chopper opponents organize Slingerlands homeowners ready for battle

By Mel Hyman

With the Bethlehem Town Board ready to schedule a public hearing on the Price Chopper shopping center proposal for New Scotland Road, the Slingerlands Homeowners Association is preparing for a battle royal.

The town board tonight (Wednesday, Sept. 27) is expected to schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, Oct. 25, on whether a 20.6 acre parcel at the corner of New Scotland and LaGrange roads should be rezoned from residential to commercial.

After an exhaustive review of the Price Chopper proposal, the town planning board last week formally issued a recommendation to the town board approving Price Chopper's rezoning request.

The planning board also agreed unani-

mously that the project developers, who are planning a 63,000-square-foot supermarket along with 25,000 square feet of retail space, would not have to file an environmental impact statement.

The major environmental impact from the project — increased traffic on New Scotland Road, Cherry Avenue Extension and Kenwood Avenue — was not considered significant enough to derail or force major alterations to the Price Chopper plan.

But that's little consolation to members of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, who successfully defeated a previous proposal for a shopping center on New Scotland Road that was substantially larger in scope.

"If the rezoning request is approved,"

□ **CHOPPER/page 19**

Town task force to tackle sluggish business climate

By Mel Hyman

A task force of business people and citizens concerned that the town of Bethlehem is not as attractive a place to shop as it could be is meeting the problem head-on.

In its second meeting, at the Main Square Shoppes on Delaware Avenue, the group decided that before anything can be done to address the problem, a survey should be conducted to determine why local businesses seem to be suffering, while shopping malls in Colonie and Guilderland prosper.



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Students from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will help put the survey together, and a team of volunteers will conduct the survey's telephone interviews. The scope of the survey and exactly what questions will be asked has yet to be determined.

One thing is certain, however — local business people are unhappy with the status quo.

"We've had some bad press in the past regarding businesses leaving town, and it's had a psychological effect,"

□ **TACKLE/page 32**



Bethlehem police officer Wayne LaChappelle and Grando chalk up another first.

Police K-9 gets ticket abroad thanks to lams

By Susan Graves

Grando, the Bethlehem police K-9, will enhance his celebrity status next month when he travels to Germany to participate in an international competition for working police dogs.

Officer Wayne LaChappelle, Grando's handler, was invited by Rolf Verbon, the head K-9 trainer in Germany. Verbon had visited Bethlehem's K-9 competition last year. LaChappelle said he was flattered by the invitation, but figured the trip would be too expensive.

But then he said he thought of trying to raise the money through the lams pet food company, which he has patronized for years. "So I called the lams company and asked to speak to the president," he said.

□ **K-9/page 32**

Why did Sheila Fuller and the Town Administration spend \$13.9 million on a Hudson River Water Plant?

In 1991, the Republican Town Administration, saying it could not continue to purchase water from the City of Albany, decided to spend millions of dollars of Bethlehem taxpayers' money to build a Hudson River Water Plant...

"The course we are pursuing [to provide Hudson River water to town residents]...is the responsible one for the people of Bethlehem..."

Sheila Fuller
The Spotlight, 10/13/93

Now, that same Town Administration claims things have changed...

"I'm sure Albany would be willing to renegotiate and sell us all the water we need."

Bernard Kaplowitz, Town Attorney
The Spotlight, 9/20/95

The Town Administration also said it wasn't feasible to separate residential from industrial water users and that we would be drinking treated water from the Hudson River.

"...To try and split out [separate residential and industrial customers] the system would become very, very costly and it is not a solution which we...recommend."

Bruce Secor, Town Engineer
Hearing on Project Cost Overruns, July 13, 1994

Now, that same Town Administration claims things have changed...

"With a supplemental supply [from Albany], we could separate the residential system."

Sheila Fuller
Times Union, 4/26/95

First, they told us it wasn't Hudson River water we would be drinking. Then, they told us the residential and industrial supplies couldn't be separated. Then, they started counting votes and now claim that the technology exists to separate the system. We don't believe the Town Administration has any intention of separating the system. The Town Board's flip-flop means that \$13.9 million of taxpayers' money was spent on a project that wasn't needed in the first place.

Vote for Matt Clyne - Town Supervisor
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Joe Duclos - Town Board

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BC mulls maintenance needs

By Dev Tobin

The scene was reminiscent of budget time — Bethlehem Central school board members going line-by-line through a list of recommended expenditures, approving most, holding some and deleting a few others.

But, despite last week's chill in the air, it's not February, and board members are not getting a five-month jump on their budget work — they are instead beginning work in earnest on a proposed bond issue for new facilities, technology and maintenance that may total more than \$15 million.

Beginning with the maintenance part of the proposed bond, the board spent more than two hours last Wednesday going over a list of high-priority projects that started out at \$3,621,000.

The list had already been reduced by almost \$1 million by moving some projects (boiler and roof work primarily) into an energy performance contract, where energy savings are guaranteed to pay back construction costs.

Since the energy performance contract has no net cost to the district, voter approval is not necessary.

Right off the bat, board member Dr. Stuart Lyman questioned whether internal drainage system modifications (to keep stormwater and boiler effluent out of the sanitary sewer line) were required.

District architect Marty Weber replied that while the separation is required for new construction, all the district's buildings are grandfathered under the old regulations, and are therefore not mandated to upgrade their systems.

"We can delete this on every building as far as I'm concerned, as long as it's not a health and safety issue," said board President Pamela Williams.

Removing the drainage work (at every school except Glenmont) reduced the total maintenance tab by \$85,500.

Lyman also questioned, as he has before, the need for a \$123,000 irrigation system for the high school athletic fields.

Lyman noted that the project as proposed would be more like a water main than an irrigation system.



Dr. Stuart Lyman

Given the current drought, Lyman said he was "impressed with the condition of the fields now, and don't see this as a necessity."

Lyman added that the district still has not secured a guarantee from the town that sufficient water would be available for irrigating the fields.

Board member Dennis Stevens argued that "If we take no action now, we risk having to make a significant investment in repairing the fields" in the future.

The board decided to hold the irrigation project, and discuss it again at a later date.

The board also held off making decisions on re-roofing parts of the high school and middle school — at \$1.5 million, one of the major components of the maintenance proposal.

Weber explained that the roofing project could be 40 percent less if asbestos removal is not involved. The board voted to do a \$9,000 inspection of the roofs in order to get a more accurate estimate of the roofing project's costs.

The board also decided to hold paving over gravel parking lots at Clarksville and Slingerlands, and approved an expanded employee parking area at the bus garage as gravel and not pavement, at a savings of \$56,000.

The board plans to meet tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. in the district office at 90 Adams Place to begin its review of the technology part of the bond.

The board will also discuss the proposed bond as part of its meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m.

The board is slated to make its final decisions on the bond issue at its Oct. 18 meeting, so that a vote could be scheduled before the end of the year.

Making the maintenance cut

Among the maintenance projects tentatively approved by the Bethlehem Central school board were:

- High school: replacing the lower gym floor and upper gym bleachers, renovating the band room, replacing the telephone system, repaving the student parking lot, replacing sidewalks and curbs and resurfacing the athletic track.
- Middle school: repaving front parking lot, replacing sidewalks and curbs, modifying the auditorium and replacing chalkboards.
- Clarksville school: replacing fuel oil tank, the telephone system and chalkboards.
- Elsmere school: building a ramp system to make the entire first floor wheelchair-accessible, repaving front parking lot and rear play area, replacing sidewalks and curbs, repointing exterior stonework and replacing the telephone system and acoustical wall tile in the gym.
- Glenmont school: improving play area drainage and replacing the telephone system and chalkboards.
- Hamagrael school: replacing the telephone system and chalkboards.
- Slingerlands school: replacing telephone system.
- Bus garage: replacing gas and fuel oil tanks and paving existing stone-covered lot where buses are parked.

School taxpayers have until Monday

Bethlehem property owners can benefit from the fact that Saturday, Sept. 30, normally the final day to pay school tax bills without a late charge, falls on a weekend this year.

Payments will be accepted all day Monday, Oct. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, or must be postmarked by 5 p.m. to avoid the 2 percent late payment penalty.

Kenneth P. Hahn, receiver of taxes, said that anyone who wishes to defer payment until later in October will incur a 2 percent additional payment and a \$1 serv-

ice charge if it becomes necessary to mail a reminder card.

All school tax bills are due by Wednesday, Nov. 1. After that the unpaid status is reported to Albany County for late collection with a 5 percent penalty.

Taxpayers in the Voorheesville Central School District also have a longer grace period.

Payments can be made in person by close of business Monday, Oct. 2, at the Key Bank branch in Voorheesville Plaza, or can be postmarked by Oct. 2 to avoid the 2 percent penalty.

Firefighter fans



John Slattery, 4, of Slingerlands, gets a good look at Saturday's county volunteer firemen's parade in Coeymans Hollow from his father's shoulders.

Doug Persons

Breslin, Ringler debate selling the Knick Arena

By Mel Hyman

The much-maligned yet much-admired Knickerbocker Arena, which has been a financial burden to Albany County taxpayers since it opened five years ago, should be privatized.

That's the belief of both Democratic County Executive Michael Breslin and his Republican opponent Kenneth Ringler.

"The Knick Arena has cost us \$5 million a year in debt service and operating costs," Ringler said. "I think it's about time, if we can find a buyer, for someone to take it off our hands."

"It's a facility we all enjoy," Ringler said, "but it's just costing us too much money. A lot of it has to do with the sweetheart deals given to Spectacor (the Knick arena management company) by politicians like (counsel to the legislative majority) Bill Conboy and (county legislator) Frank Commisso, along with all the other machine politicians who are still running Albany County."

Built at a cost of \$65 million, the Knick Arena has been well received during its brief history with high marks given to the building's acoustics, but it has also suffered from a lack of concert bookings. County legislators have bemoaned the fact that the Knick is dark for so many days, but they have continued to honor the contract the county has with Spectacor Man-

agement Inc. of Philadelphia until the year 2000.

"If we could get out in a reasonable manner, I would sell it in a minute," Breslin said, "but I will not sell it at a loss."

In the meantime, Breslin said, "As long as we own the Knick Arena I'm going to make every effort to maximize its use, No. 1 to reduce its cost to the taxpayers; and No. 2, to maximize its value" in case a serious buyer can be found.

Breslin added that he has objected to a number of expenses rung up by Spectacor, including the \$54,000 bill handed to the county by Rick Linio, the Knick's general manager, for the cost of moving his family here from Alabama.

"We're not going to pay (Linio's bill)," Breslin said. "We're going to put (Spectacor) on a tighter rein and shorter leash, and will continue to do so."

While attendance at the Knick Arena rose by more than 150,000 last year and revenues jumped by about \$2.5 million, the 17,000-seat civic center ran a deficit of \$113,204 — mostly due to sharply increased fees paid to Spectacor.

The county's outstanding debt (principal) is \$40.6 million. The \$4.8 million in annual debt service paid by the county will continue through the year 2014 — or until ownership can be transferred.

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Grants help spruce up archives

By Susan Graves

Through a series of grants, the records and archives at Bethlehem Town Hall have been organized and inventoried into tip-top shape.

Four grants totalling \$113,430 from the local government records management improvement fund of the state Education Department have allowed town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk to accomplish a Herculean task since the program began in 1992.

Along with Newkirk, Joseph Allgaier, town historian, has worked on evaluating each individual record. He said part of his job was to determine "whether it should be retained or has archival value."

Items such as old textbooks with no intrinsic value to the town are disposed of, Allgaier. However, if any of those items have monetary value, "We are looking to put that back into the program."

The items that have archival value were then properly boxed and shelved, Newkirk said. Even the basement where the archives and records were stored got a thorough going over to help to protect the documents. Wooden shelves were replaced with metal ones, and a record center was established.

The archival room, Allgaier said, has to be a physically safe and stable environment.

"And along with that, we're going to have to develop an emergency management plan" should



Bethlehem Town Historian Joseph Allgaier and Bethlehem Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk show off some of the material in the archives.

problems arise, Newkirk said.

Minutes of town board meetings, along with "unofficial documents and various photographs" have been organized by Allgaier to better preserve Bethlehem's history.

"He's done a fantastic job," Newkirk said of Allgaier's work.

Still, maintaining town records and archives is a job that's never really done. "It's a rotational program, a constantly working program ... and the town has to have a commitment to that program," Allgaier said.

Community residents who want to look up data from old deeds or birth and death records, maps, photos, building and development plans should contact Newkirk since access to materials is made through her office.

Oct. 9 through 13 is Archives Week, and Newkirk said a special exhibit of records will be set up at town hall.

The 1995-96 final grant for the program will be for microfilming records, Newkirk said. "There are so many neat things we've found, I'm like a kid in a candy store," she said.

Cops nab 4 for DWI

Bethlehem Police arrested four people recently on charges of driving while intoxicated.

John J. Campanella, 26, of 210 Weisheit Road, Selkirk, was stopped at 3:02 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, for crossing the center line markings on Wemple Road, police said.

He was also charged with possession of marijuana, a violation, and released pending a future appearance in town court. The arresting officer was Robert Markel.

Maura Ellen O'Shea, 33, of 603 Astor Court, Delmar, was stopped at 2:50 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, for driving erratically on Delaware Avenue, police said.

She was also charged with failure to keep right and released pending a future appearance in town court. The arresting officer was Charles Radliff.

Edward J. Leichtner, 30, of 223 Point of Woods Drive, was stopped at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, for failing to keep right on Delaware Avenue, police said. He was released pending a future appearance in town court. The arresting officer was Jeffrey Vunck.

Christopher J. Vanepps, 30, of 18 Sycamore St., Albany, was stopped at 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, for speeding on Delaware Avenue, police said.

He was charged with DWI and sent to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

Services guide corrections

Several items were listed incorrectly or omitted in the Sept. 20 Community Services Guide. The correct listings are:

- American Legion Post 1040 (Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post), Poplar Drive, Elsmere, contact Warren Boutelle, 439-2006
- Delmar Fire Department,

James Kerr, chief

• Voorheesville Area Ambulance Co., Dave Taber, captain, 765-4777

• Bethlehem Town Historian, Joseph Allgaier

• Albany Academy, Academy Road, Albany, 465-1461.

The Spotlight regrets the errors.

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The Times Union asserted in a September 10 editorial,

BETHLEHEM WATER STILL AN ISSUE

"Voters should have an opportunity to demand that all candidates speak plainly about where they stand on this issue, and go on record with their position."

Sheila Fuller
Town Supervisor

&

Matthew J. Clyne
Democratic Candidate

have been invited to participate in a
Community Question and Answer Forum.

David Hepp former co-host of WMHT's "Inside Albany," has agreed to serve as moderator.
Sarah Metzgar, Times Union reporter and
Mel Hyman, Spotlight reporter have been invited to be panelists.

We urge the candidates to provide this opportunity to the voters of the Town of Bethlehem.

Date, Time and Location to be announced upon response from the candidates.

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Planners ponder pond requests from residents

By Dev Tobin

With the 1995 construction season waning, the New Scotland planning board considered mostly small projects — two ponds, an addition, a new business, a lighted sign and an ongoing auto junkyard cleanup — at its regular meeting last week.

Nancy Lawson proposed one of the largest man-made ponds in town for the property she and her husband Peter Heller own on Scutt Road.

Lawson said the seven-acre pond would replace a prior pond on the property whose dam was undermined by beavers.

Because of the pond's size, Lawson said that she needs a permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, as well as a special use permit from the town.

Following a public hearing at which no one spoke against the plan, the board granted the special use permit, conditional on EnCon's approval.

The board also heard a preliminary presentation by Jeffrey Distefano, who wants to build a small pond on his Krumkill Road property for aesthetic and fire protection purposes.

The board scheduled a public hearing on Distefano's project for Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

In other business, Dimitrios Tsamardinos applied for a use variance to allow a woodworking/furniture restoration business on Delaware Turnpike in the Unionville residential hamlet zone.

Tsamardinos said he intends to do an "architecturally correct" re-

habilitation of the current 3,800-square-foot building for his business, which he described as "more like a woodworking studio than a furniture factory."

He added that he would like to stabilize, and eventually rehabilitate the other building on the site, a former hotel dating from the 19th-century.

The board unanimously forwarded Tsamardinos' variance application to the zoning board of appeals with a favorable recommendation.

The board also sent on to the ZBA Michael Cavanaugh's area variance request, for an addition to his house on Route 85.

In another matter, the board scheduled a public hearing for Oct. 10 on Mohammed Jamil's request for a special use permit for a lighted detached sign in front of his Clarksville Mini-market.

The board also discussed with Syd Dunston the ongoing cleanup and screening work at Dunston's auto junkyard at the intersection of routes 85 and 443 in Clarksville.

"The whole issue is to make it look not like a junkyard," board Chairman Robert Stapf told Dunston. "Each time you come in, it's closer to being a more appealing site, but you still need to dress that corner up."

"We try to keep up with them (cars in front of the business), and get them out of the front as fast as we can. They're not stored out there," Dunston said.

"I think it's getting along well, but it's not going to happen overnight," said Paul Cantlin, town building inspector.



Five-year-old Kayla Curtis braves the rain to watch the parade at the Coeymans Hollow Mardi Gras Festival Friday night in Coeymans. Doug Persons

Local Democrats form new RFK club

More than 80 local Democrats crowded into the Days Inn in Glenmont last week to attend a first-ever meeting of the RFK Democratic Club in Bethlehem.

Former state Attorney General G. Oliver Koppell addressed the gathering and called on Democrats to show the "faults and self-serving nature of the right-wing ideology" that has taken over the republican Party.

Koppell, who spent 23 years in the state Assembly prior to being appointed attorney general in 1994, said Republicans in Congress are "pushing for a cut in capital gains taxes at the same time that the stock market is at record levels. That is a tax cut for the wealthy."

"Without a capital gains tax cut, we wouldn't have to gut Medicare for our senior citizens," Koppell said. "Add to that plan the effort to eliminate safeguards for small investors, as the new Republican leadership has proposed, and everyone's health and finances during their retirement will be in jeopardy."

Local Democratic activist Joseph Glazer said he was pleased with the gathering and hoped that

this would be the start of a revitalization of the Democratic Party at the grassroots level.

"Our turnout was better than we anticipated," Glazer said. "We had a broad mix of people turn out to hear a longtime leader talk about our future."

The RFK Club's next meeting will held in late October in the town of Guilderland.

Mel Hyman

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Editorials

For too long, people have complained that the shopping areas in Bethlehem, particularly along Delaware Avenue, have been unattractive and lacking in diversified retail establishments.

There have been reasons for the complaints as large shopping centers have been built in surrounding communities drawing consumers in Bethlehem to them.

While community leaders have been disturbed by this turn of events, little has been done up to now.

At last, an idea long in coming has arrived as local business people have begun promoting "Bethlehem First".

A recent meeting of local business leaders at the Main Square Shoppes put into motion a survey which will attempt to determine the reasons Bethlehem residents are shopping elsewhere. This new effort may well be the impetus for keeping consumer dollars within the community.

As stated above, some of the reasons are obvious as is tentative promotion of the community's business assets. These and other less obvious reasons will be recorded by the task force formed by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce with Mary Scanlan, a local public relations executive, as the chairperson.

Students from RPI will join with the committee in putting this survey together while volunteers will work the phones finding out from local consumers the reasons they are shopping more in other communities.

It is an effort to be applauded because it involves the whole community in some form. That is as it should be where a community works together to solve its problems.

Young courage

There's something courageous and uplifting about a child who willingly takes on a responsibility where there is a chance for a broken heart.

Robyn Scherer is such a youngster. The Delmar teen volunteered to raise a puppy for the Guiding Eyes program, knowing full well that she'd have to give up the frisky, loving pet when it was one year of age.

As part of her bat mitzvah preparation, 13-year old Robyn chose to do something with animals. As the religious ceremony indicates a gaining of maturity, so her experience with the puppy enabled her to grow emotionally. The choice couldn't be more appropriate.

The dog is part of a program where volunteers raise guide dogs for the sight-impaired. When the dogs are a year old, they enter final training for assisting a sight-impaired person.

Although only 40 percent of the dogs pass the final training with the washouts available for adoption by the person who raised the pup, Robyn has displayed her mettle by hoping to attend her four-legged friend's graduation. Interested volunteers are encouraged to call Sue Nadeau, area coordinator for Guiding Eyes, at 456-5337.

Election vandalism

Elections are a vital part of the American social fabric and honest disagreement among candidates is an important element in these elections. But vandalism doesn't belong in the election process.

Although the campaigns are just beginning to move into gear throughout the county, there have already been instances of destruction of candidates' signs and use of opponents' literature to litter residential areas. This is distressing.

The emotionally-charged campaign process needs cool heads among campaign staffs to control their volunteers so there are no "loose cannons" roaming the countryside diminishing their efforts by acts of vandalism.

The true adversarial showdown is to be found in the polling booth. The fair citizen pulls down levers on election day and not signs and posters during the campaign.

Tax cuts will bring jobs to N.Y.

The writer of this Point of View is the director of government affairs for The Business Council of New York State, Inc.

By Elliott A. Shaw Jr.

"Today, and in the foreseeable future, we must and we will cut spending—and then cut it again." Gov. George Pataki's message to New Yorkers in January and this year's budget certainly take care of the "today" part of that commitment.

A report by The Public Policy Institute, the research affiliate of The Business Council of New York State, states: "The new budget represents a fundamental break from the tax-and-spend policies of the past—a break from the long-reigning orthodoxy that even though New York spends more money on almost everything than almost anybody, we must still increase spending year after year at twice or three times the rate of inflation."

The 1995 Taxpayers' Guide to the budget points out "politicians generally get more votes from bringing home the bacon than from leaving the bacon at home in the first place" but this year is different. More than at any time in recent memory, state leaders decided the gain from major tax reductions outweighed any short-term benefit from increasing spending.

That's absolutely right. New Yorkers pay the highest taxes in the nation. In 1992, our state and local taxes totaled \$3,532 for every New Yorker, 62 percent higher than the national average for all states.

This year's historic tax cuts bring New York's notoriously high taxes significantly closer to those of our competitors. In fact, the difference between our state personal income taxes and the national average will be cut in

Point of View

half when the tax cuts take full effect in 1997.

Contrary to our experience of the last five years, we can now be absolutely confident that promised tax reductions will take effect.

Gov. Pataki has made it quite clear that he will not even consider postponing the 1996 or 1997 tax cuts—as some may propose if budget gaps develop in those years.

The 20 percent average reduction in our personal income taxes isn't the only good news, of course. Due to the insistence of Senate majority leader Joseph Bruno, a variety of business and consumer taxes will be cut by some \$170 million.

The Taxpayers' Guide reports that a special analysis of the new tax cuts by noted economist Dr. Stephen Kagann predicts a difference of 200,000 jobs over the next few years.

That represents a truly dramatic improvement in the quality of life for countless New Yorkers—to say nothing of more than \$1 billion in additional state and local tax revenue.

For the Capital region as well as the entire state, there simply is no getting around the fact that we cannot survive without a thriving private sector. We've lost some 84,000 jobs since the end of the last recession in 1991; the majority of those were outside the government.

During the same period, the rest of the country gained more than eight million jobs! If we don't turn New York's economy around, we will be forced to cut the public sector even more—because the private sector which pays the taxes will continue to stagnate or shrink. In fact, cutting spending and cutting taxes is so important for our future, we can't afford to stop now.

As Governor Pataki said, we must cut spending again to pro-

tect the vitally important tax cuts already in law and to provide the further tax cuts our economy needs so badly.

The next big step is cutting taxes on our utility bills. Niagara Mohawk and other energy utilities across the state are, in effect, the state's biggest tax collectors outside the Tax Department itself. The utilities don't pay those taxes, though. You and I and every employer in the state does.

Our high energy costs have already driven thousands of jobs out of New York. Now our uncompetitive energy policies are harming the long-term health of utility companies themselves. There is now a consensus to make the kinds of changes represented by this year's budget.

Legislators in both parties, and in both the Senate and the Assembly, offered competing tax-cut plans this year, along with the acknowledgement that if you want to cut taxes, you have to cut spending. What a change we've seen. Let's start working now, for more progress in 1996.

The 1995 Taxpayers' Guide to the New York State Budget is available for \$9.50 per copy from The Public Policy Institute, 152 Washington Ave., Albany 12210.

More thanks

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Editor, The Spotlight:

As Republican candidates for the New Scotland town board, we wish to thank Conservative voters for their support in the September 12 primary.

We understand the difficulty and inconvenience associated with writing the candidates' names in the spaces provided on the voting machines.

Richard Langford

Michael Fields

Mark Dempf

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Your Opinion Matters

Decker expresses election gratitude Editorial on target

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank the members of the New Scotland Conservative Party for nominating me to be town supervisor at this month's primary.

I am deeply grateful for your vote of confidence, and I won't let you down.

We all know property taxes, including town, county and school taxes have taken increasing bites out of all of us in the past several years.

It is imperative that our elected officials do all they can to reverse that trend. That is why I opposed, and continue to oppose, the costly expansion of town hall.

I am not "playing politics"

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with that issue as some suggest.

Rather, I truly believe that town officials owe it to the taxpayers to place such an enormous expenditure up for approval at a public referendum before committing our valuable resources to the project.

I know that some people believe the cost of the project, financed over 10 years, can be paid for from a budget surplus without raising taxes.

That may or may not prove to be true. If it doesn't, then we will

all have yet another tax increase.

On the other hand, if the yearly installments for the expansion can be paid for without a tax increase, doesn't that mean that we could all have a tax decrease if the expansion didn't take place? A tax decrease! Wouldn't that be a novel and pleasant concept?

As supervisor I will commit myself to doing everything possible to conserve tax dollars.

I think that elected officials sometimes forget that every dollar they spend is a dollar that someone earned.

I will never forget that!

Clare Decker

New Scotland

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent survey indicated that the problem of alcohol abuse, marijuana and cocaine usage begins prior to high school, in females as well as males.

Clearly, as *The Spotlight* editorial indicated, suburban parents must wake up to the fact that drug and alcohol abuse is a suburban phenomenon as well as an urban problem.

Both town and school officials have shown a tremendous willingness to face the problem head-on with participation in

community partnerships, town-wide victims panels and the continuing DARE program, yet the time has come to refocus our efforts on a problem that will require the input of the parents primarily in realizing that a problem does exist, and it involves their children and the children of their neighbors.

Again, congratulations. You have encompassed within one paragraph what the 22 page report was all about.

Denis Foley,
Administrator
Stop DWI

Hole-in-one gets due recognition

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was hoping for the past two months that I wouldn't have to write this. On June 29th I was fortunate enough to score a hole-in-one at the Colonial Acres Golf Course in Glenmont.

So, why am I writing?

Well, this hole-in-one (my career second) was very special to me because my playing partner that day was my 10 year old grandson John Michael. I asked him to attest my accomplishment after our round of golf.

He was so happy and proud of his grandfather that day. For weeks he's asked: "Is it in this week?"

The man working that day at the golf course told us he would notify the paper.

I assumed he meant *The Spotlight*, maybe I assumed wrong or he meant the *Times Union* (they didn't acknowledge

it either).

Well, I've told my story and I hope you can satisfy my grandson's weekly question.

By the way my hole-in-one came on the 145 yard 7th hole and I used my eight iron.

Thank you for your consider-

ation of this request.

Lou DeMaria

Delmar

(Ed. Note: Dear John Michael: Your grandfather got a hole-in-one! His letter was the first notice we had. Next time, you send us a note.)

Thanks for the vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank all of the Conservatives in Bethlehem and New Scotland who helped me achieve victory in the Conservative Primary.

I learned a great deal about the election process and the difficulties inherent in the write-in process.

I think a message to the Conservative Party bosses was loudly and clearly delivered and I hope that I can count on the support of all Conservatives in the November general election. Thank you.

Dominick DeCecco
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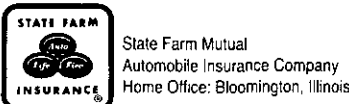
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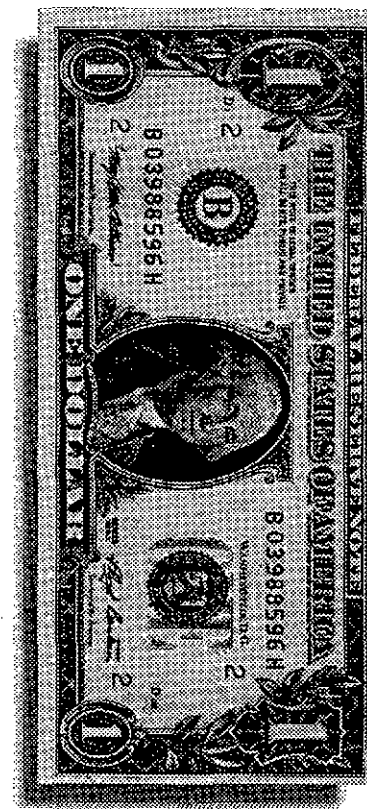
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Matters of Opinion

Matt Clyne called to initiate government changes

Editor, The Spotlight:

In a recent delivery from our mail carrier I received my first piece of this season's political mail. It was from Matt Clyne, a candidate for town supervisor.

I usually do not like these mailings, but this one seemed different. It started with the slogan: "A responsive, capable team dedicated to working with and for the people and the businesses of the town of Bethlehem."

Sheila Fuller recently had a letter published in *The Spotlight*. It concerned letters to the editor written by our fellow town residents. Ms. Fuller accused Bethlehem residents' of unfounded "hysteria" about town affairs that she had not yet decided.

Sheila Fuller and Matt Clyne have vastly differing views. As she stated recently, Ms. Fuller would have us stop writing letters to *The Spotlight* when we become concerned about the affairs of the town, particularly when we are "hysterical." Mr. Clyne state that he wants to work with us. Do we want a town supervisor who is constantly surprising the community with her back-room "decisions," or do we want someone who will

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work with us?

Later on in this piece of political mail, Matt Clyne stated his positions. The first was "assuring that Hudson River water is not used for drinking." Ms. Fuller should get a gold star for wiggling her way into a similar position recently when the community became "hysterical" after she made her "decision" to feed us river water.

Next, Mr. Clyne stated another position; "converting the soon to be abandoned D&H rail line to a bike and recreation path, not another highway."

I have personal experience with this matter. I was one of the first people to learn that Jeff Lipnicky (Mrs. Fuller's town planner) wanted a highway through the middle of our town. This was years ago and under the previous administration, an administration that included Mr. Lipnicky as town planner.

At that time, I happened to be talking to a D&H employee when he let it slip that D&H may consider an abandonment. Not knowing who to call, I called

the county planner's office. An employee of the planner's office told me that Mr. Lipnicky might already be working on a highway plan for the D&H corridor—through town. Soon after, I wrote a letter to *The Spotlight* that was the first of many similar letters from other residents.

I asked that the town consider a hike and bike path, since I feel that a highway through the middle of town is a bad idea. I think it is dangerous already for our children to cross town. To be safe from traffic, we are forced to drive ourselves and our children everywhere. A path with absolutely no new highway anywhere through the middle to town would be a great safe way around town for everyone.

Ms. Fuller surprised the community with her "decision" for a highway through the middle of town. Recently she has publicly backed away from any position after reading the "hysterical" letter in *The Spotlight*. These days, Ms. Fuller call the highway plan an "option" that she would like to keep open. Of course, Ms. Fuller never refers to a nature path as an option that she would like to keep open.

Last, Mr. Clyne stated that he would, promote, not stifle the business community, plan the orderly development of town, not respond piecemeal to events, provide an atmosphere of cour-

tesy and respect, not intimidation.

It sounds as if Mr. Clyne might read *The Spotlight* to enlighten himself, to become aware of the thoughts and feelings of the community. Mr. Clyne says he will include the people. After reading the writing of Ms. Fuller, I am concerned that she is focused on attacking the community for expressing opinions in *The Spotlight*. Ms. Fuller has openly invalidated the concerns of the community.

This is a fact with which Ms. Fuller will always have to live. It is time for a change in town government. There is an opportunity for an open atmosphere.

There is the opportunity to clean up the tax burden of the town of Bethlehem patronage jobs that have built up over successive big spending administrations. There is an opportunity to meet as a community and, with the right leadership, find new ideas to solve the town's traffic and shopping problems.

It is time for the town to define itself. In so doing, the town could set the course for development. Efficient, effective government re-quires the right leadership. Matt Clyne is the right leader, at the right time, to initiate these changes.

Tim Melita

Slingerlands

Scolding resented

Editor, The Spotlight:

An amazing thing happened at a recent Bethlehem town board meeting.

Citizens were soundly scolded by Ms. Fuller for speaking in disagreement with town board decisions on the Hudson River water project and because they had questions about the cost aspect.

Not only those who spoke at that meeting were reprimanded, but those who expressed disagreement in the past were also admonished.

A resident who attempted to ask a question was ignored as she called each board member by name in an attempt to be recognized.

The meeting was adjourned while the board rose and walked past her as she stood on crutches before them. Supervisor Fuller said this dissent would not be tolerated anymore. "There will be no more of this." Spoken like a true autocrat, Ms. Fuller.

Eleanor Shapiro

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Your Opinion Matters

Community partnership Worst water prize goes to Bethlehem

Editor, The Spotlight:

An important fact was omitted in your recent articles reporting the findings of the DWI Alcohol and Drug Abuse Study.

The study recommended community partnerships be formed in the Capital District as a major deterrent to teen alcohol and drug use.

The model for such collaboration is Bethlehem's own Community Partnership, which was initiated by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) and Bethlehem Networks. Since 1993, this community effort has accomplished an enormous amount of awareness and positive activity by both the teens and adults who participate.

The projects include: the Teen Drinking in Bethlehem Video (currently being used by area police forces for education); the Law Sheet stating personal liabilities of using or serving alcohol (duplicated in communities statewide.)

In addition, Middleworks' numerous task forces; Bethlehem Summer Basketball

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League; Friday Night Basketball at the High School; Grand Union Community Awareness Bags; Summer Volunteer Guide; the new Parent to Parent Guide for Middle School Parents; etc.

All of these activities enhance prevention.

We as a community should be proud that together we are facing and working on these problems, and in many instances we are initiating programs that other communities find worthy of replicating

If anyone is interested in joining Prenoveau Community Partnership, call Mona at Networks, 439-7740. The next workshop is Nov. 4 at Thatchers.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Holly Billings
past BOU president
Phyllis Hillinger
BOU president

Editor, The Spotlight:

The consultants for the town of Bethlehem, with full approval from the state, designed an infiltration gallery that maximizes the infiltration of Hudson River water down through septic sludge deposits lying on the bottom of the river. The result will be that the town will own the worst quality drinking water supply in the entire Northeast.

The infiltration gallery or "well" was also designed to maximize the precipitation of iron hydroxide in the nearby sands. The precipitate will clog the sands and the infiltration gallery will fail within two years.

Unlike most communities with large infiltration wells Bethlehem has no guarantee on the very expensive infiltration gallery.

In addition, the state did not require that a performance bond be posted for the experimental water treatment plant. As a result, the town has committed \$28 million over 30 years with no protection against the large financial losses that will occur.

At the town board meeting of June 14, 1995 I cited eight viola-

tions of good engineering practice that occurred in the design and approval phases of this project.

I also recommended that the town hire independent, outside consultants to document the mistakes that were made and that the two major consultants and the state be sued to recover the lost money.

The town now plans to split the water distribution system and make workers drink the inferior quality water.

This is the same type of thinking that led the state Health Department to adopt a policy that workers should be served with the same good quality drinking water that local residents are served.

Too many industries are trying to save money by serving workers with water that just meets minimum state drinking water standards.

On Aug. 31, I wrote to the town explaining I was going to request the Town Board to hire independent consultants.

When the treatment plant is tested in October there should not be a repeat of the misinformation that occurred at the July 13, 1994 meeting where the consultants were supposed to explain the reasons for the \$3.2 million increase.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller informed me that each town board member had read the letter and the list of 19 items of misinformation supplied by the consultants that I sent with my letter.

I made a statement at the September 13, 1995 town board meeting.

No vote was taken because the meeting was adjourned.

William J. Kelleher
Delmar

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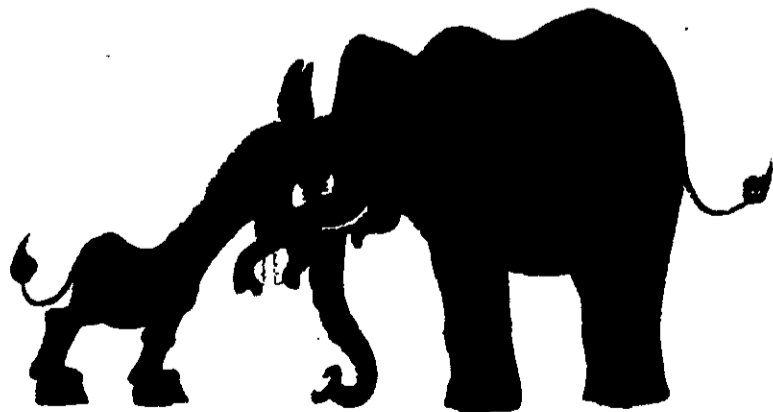
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The most serious dental infections usually begin as toothaches. Decay from the tooth invades the pulp (nerve) of the tooth which becomes infected. This is the pain stage. When the nerve is completely killed in the tooth, the pain stops temporarily but the infection may still be progressing. In an advanced infection, the veins at the base of the

brain may clot, resulting in a cavernous sinus thrombosis — a serious, often fatal medical condition. Today, thanks to advances in dental medicine, almost no one dies from dental infections.

It is wise, however, should you experience a toothache, to seek dental help as soon as possible. It may only be a simple filling that is needed. If you do have an abscess or tooth infection though, early treatment is easier and less costly than waiting until a serious infection develops.

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Matters of Opinion

Clyne called out in Fuller's defense

Editor, The Spotlight:

I recently received a mailing from the Democratic candidate for Bethlehem's town supervisor that can only be described as a sad attempt at legitimizing the Democrats' never-ending gloom and doom scare campaign.

It wrongly implies intimidations and abuse of power by Supervisor Sheila Fuller. Anyone who has met with Mrs. Fuller and engaged in a civil discussion knows that this is not the case. She doesn't cheapen the office of supervisor by making empty promises. She has been accessible and receptive to differing points of view during her tenure, and she realizes that running away from hard choices is not an option.

Perhaps the Democratic candidate should examine his own house. This is the same person who packed the Bethlehem

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Democrat Committee with family members so he could strong arm the selection process that eventually led to his nomination.

Furthermore, Mr. Clyne complains about school taxes in this mailing. The Bethlehem School system is one of the best in the state. In fact, the growth of our school system is due in part to the politics-driven decay of the Albany schools and the migration of families who want a separation of politics and education. I will not argue that Bethlehem's school taxes are cause for concern, but no one should believe that a renter like Mr. Clyne who has never received a Bethlehem school tax bill should co-opt the school system through town hall.

These cheap political attacks

may work in Albany, but not in Bethlehem. The Democrats' "Oppose Everything" agenda can not stand up against the integrity of the Republicans like Mrs. Fuller, Doris Davis and Bob Johnson. I hope that voters will do what they did in 1993 and support Sheila Fuller and the entire GOP slate.

Mark Stuart

New youth court praised

Editor, The Spotlight:

In a recent issue of *The Spotlight*, we were delighted to learn that Bethlehem was to provide a Youth Court Program.

Our granddaughter has participated, since its introduction, as a Shaker High School student, in the Colonie Youth Court.

We are impressed, along with her parents, with her enthusiasm, her attitude and with the exposure to the legal system that has led her to consider a career in this field.

We strongly urge the student body of Bethlehem to take full advantage of this teaching tool and suggest parents, teachers, the business community and neighbors support the leadership of this proposed program.

It is an opportunity to view democracy and self-government at work.

Bob and Hazel Gill

Delmar

Teacher walkout dubbed a disgrace

Editor, The Spotlight:

The "walking" of Voorheesville school teachers because of a lack of contract was a disgrace. Thank goodness most of the teachers did not join the march.

The cause for the unhappiness is understandable, to be offered only 2.35 percent after years of an average annual salary increase of 10.55 percent must be difficult.

If justice prevails, the new contract ought to reduce the coming year's salary by 3 to 5

percent.

Consider what is happening in the market place with the enormous number of people being laid off. Anguish, fear and unhappiness are being felt by so many.

School board president John Cole and the school board, in my opinion, are being extremely generous in their offering.

Any chance of reducing salaries, or at least put increases on hold for a few years?

Ann Mazzara

Voorheesville

State GOP urged to open up primary

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the early spring of 1996 New York state will hold its Republican presidential primary. As matters stand now there will be only one candidate on that ballot—Robert Dole.

This is not the American way.

Because our state republican leaders have unilaterally declared Bob Dole as their candidate, it does not mean that he is our candidate.

I would vote for Dole in a flash if he is our national candidate against Clinton.

I am not trying to undermine his national support.

However, I do feel he deserves to prove his mettle on a state-by-state basis.

By the same token, I believe that Pat Buchanan wants to do the same. I am urging regis-

tered Republicans to support our efforts to place Mr. Buchanan on the Republican primary ballot.

Leo Schoos

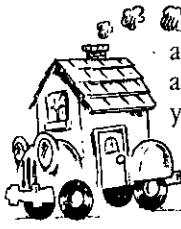
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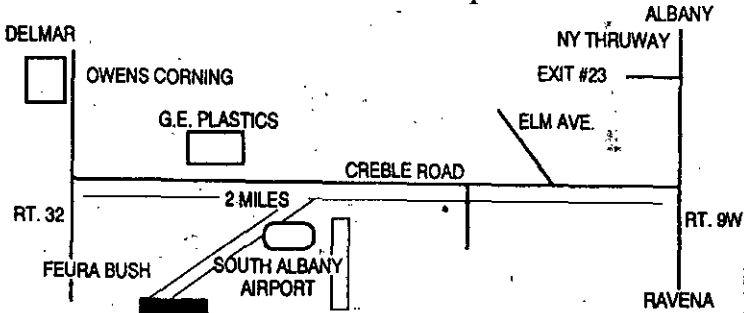
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Mexican trip to take in sites

The New York State Museum is planning a nine-day/eight-night trip to the Mexican city of Oaxaca this fall.

The trip will run from Oct. 28 to Nov. 5.

Highlights of the trip include a trip to Mitla, site of pre-Columbian archaeological ruins attributed to the Mixtec; a visit to the village of Tlacolula, noted for its church founded in the 1500s by Dominican monks; and the Santo Domingo Church, a well-known Baroque church.

Archaeological highlights include visits to the ruins of Monte Alban and Yagul in Oaxaca, featuring the Palace of Patios, Dainzu (believed to be one of the final sites of the Olmec civilization from 600 to 200 B.C.E.), and Lambityeco, where archaeological

excavations are still in progress.

First-class accommodations are planned in the Hostel de la Noria, which is within walking distance of Oaxaca's main square.

For information on fees and how to register, call the museum at 474-5801.

Sibling support group to meet at library

A Sibling Support Group will meet on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 10 a.m. in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The group is for children in grades one through six who have siblings with handicapping conditions.

For information, call Chris Maden at 439-1708.

Whiskers selling Entertainment books

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RCS to kick off magazine fund-raiser

The RCS Middle School annual magazine fund-raising drive kicks off on Friday, Sept. 29.

Many popular publications including "Time," "Newsweek," "Sports Illustrated" and "Cricket" are offered through the drive.

Families or individuals who would like to arrange for a subscription are encouraged to contact a middle school pupil in their neighborhood or to call the school at 756-2155.

The drive is the school's biggest fund-raiser of the year.

Back to school night scheduled at Becker

Parents of children in grades three and four at Becker Elementary School are invited to Back to School Night on Thursday, Sept.

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Parents night set at Coeymans school

Back to school night for parents of children in grades two and three, three and four and grade three and grade four is set for Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

The book fair, sponsored by

the PTO will also be taking place at the school and will continue through Friday, Oct. 6.

Sports group slates Oct. 4 meeting

The RCS Sports Association will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in the senior high school library.

All athletes, RCS alumni and parents are encouraged to attend.

Spanish club plans car wash fund-raiser

Community residents are invited to bring their cars — the dirtier the better — to the Spanish Club's car wash at RCS Senior High School on Friday, Sept. 29.

Blue Circle to open nature trails

Thanks to Blue Circle Cement for developing nature trails on 170 acres of protected wetlands on the company property.

Planned under the guidance of environmental and biological specialists, the trails consist of a one-and-a-half mile and three mile trail, developed by Blue Circle employees and community residents.

The trail was designed to sustain the beauty of the area and protect it for the enjoyment and education of future generations.

The trails are scheduled to be open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 7, following a ceremony and open house at Blue Circle.

The new trails are off Jarvis Road at the end of Deer Mountain Road.

Workshop to focus on family history

Chris Stearns of Family Heritage Media will be at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, on Tuesday, Oct. 10, to discuss collecting and recording family backgrounds through documents and oral history.

RCS library to expand public hours

Beginning next month, the RCS Community Library will expand its hours.

The library will open at 10 a.m. on Monday through Saturday.

The library will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays until 8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until 5 p.m.

Two public workstations at the library offer the multimedia encyclopedia, magazine index and text, word processing and spreadsheets and several games.

Options for dialing out to other resources will be available in the coming months.

During October, there will be a pre-school story hour on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Stories and activities will be geared toward children from age 3 to 5.

Programs last about one-half hour, and parents are asked to attend with their children.

Call the library at 756-2053 to register.


The annual Halloween party will be during the Oct. 28 story hour. There will be a costume parade, stories and refreshments.

RCS getting ready for annual craft fair


The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Parent Teacher Organization has slated its fourth annual craft fair on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School on Route 9W in Ravena.

Spaces for booths are still available at the fair.

For information, call Louise at 756-9880, Diane at 756-9503 or Tammy at 756-7506.



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Olsen's to open Robin's Nest

By Dev Tobin

Olsen's Nursery and Greenhouses was bursting at the seams of its building on Route 85 outside Slingerlands, but rather than add on, Jim Olsen looked next door for more space and a chance to expand the retail side of his business.

"There are always more garden products coming on to the market, a lot of things we would like to get, but haven't had the room," Olsen said.

So Olsen bought the former dance studio next door and spent several months remodeling it. "The front porch was a major project, and there are all new systems inside," he noted.

Olsen and store manager Debra MacFarland are working hard this week so that the new Robin's Nest country store will open for business Saturday.

The name was suggested by four people in a name-the-store contest that drew more than 125 entrants, and Olsen thought it was appropriate because his wife's name is Robin. The lucky winners received gift certificates.

Robin's Nest will offer "unusual,

Ground-breaking set today at Beverwyck

The Beverwyck retirement community at 40 Autumn Drive in Slingerlands will host a ground-breaking ceremony for its phase two expansion today, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m.

Phase two will add 85 new apartments, a guest suite and a multi-purpose auditorium. The new additions, consisting of four wings, are slated to be completed by next fall.

Saving family history to be workshop topic

Chris Stearns of Family Heritage Media will be at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, on Tuesday, Oct. 10, to discuss collecting and recording family backgrounds through documents and oral history.

The discussion, entitled "Recording Today the Memories of Tomorrow," will run from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

For information, contact Marie S. Carlson at 439-9314.



Jim Olsen and store manager Debra MacFarland put the finishing touches on the new addition to the Route 85 business. Dev Tobin

well-made crafts, mostly from local crafters," as well as a full floral service, dried wreaths, artwork and other gifts, Olsen said.

The store will also feature gourmet and specialty foods, such as mustards, jams and sauces, "that you really can't find unless you go up to Vermont," Olsen said.

To help create a home-like atmosphere, the store will sell gourmet coffees and cappuccino, to take out or to sip while browsing, Olsen added.

The new front porch is large enough for entertainment on weekends and craft demonstrations,

Olsen said.

Back at the nursery store, the extra space will come in handy in several ways.

For example, the greenhouse full of house plants is a good growing environment, but does little to show how plants can be used in a home setting, Olsen said.

With more space available, "We will be able to show a house plant in a setting on a table. It will be different from seeing it in a greenhouse," he said.

As usual, Olsen's will be sponsoring haunted hay rides in October, Olsen added.

Pet advocacy group forms

A new animal advocacy group, AnimalLovers of the Capital District, has been formed in response to the continuing need for safe, long-term shelter for unwanted or stray cats and dogs. The group will provide care, housing and adoption of stray, injured, abandoned and unwanted dogs and cats.

The group is currently providing shelter to a limited number of animals through boarding kennels and foster homes and is seeking land to establish a shelter for more animals.

AnimalLovers first public activities will be the Fall Festival of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 1, at Collins Park in Scotia. There will be a blessing of the animals, a cat and dog rabies clinic and pet portraits by a professional photographer.

The festival will be from 2 to 5 p.m. All dogs must be on a leash and all cats in carriers.

For information, call Marlene Maddocks, president, at 283-5252 or Virginia Condon, founder and treasurer, at 383-2184.

Young artists receive Art on Rise show awards

Sixty-three young artists displayed 114 pieces of their work at the library's Art on the Rise show during the 11th annual Library Day celebration.

Feinberg, Samuel McCauley and Bethany Barrowman also received prizes.

Kerry Johnson of Delmar won first place for drawing. Jennifer Feagan, Julie Bredderman and Robert Clayton Albright also received prizes for drawing.

Mandelkern was awarded first prize for a print, and Scott Birdsey received second prize.

More than 700 people attend the event. Complimentary refreshments were provided by Bruegger's, McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, Friendly's, Boston Chicken and Mr. Subb.

Young Artists, an exhibit of works by art students, is on display in the foyer gallery.

The artists are: Dana Affinati, Shauna Catterson, Sarah Durlacher, Emily Kriss, Tyler Kriss, Jessica Schoen, Larysa Switlyk, Christopher Tracy and Michael Tracy.

Lisa Verstandig, program coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, will present a program on "Lyme Disease Awareness" on Monday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

She will discuss the causes, symptoms, treatment and prevention of the disease that was named after the Connecticut village where it was first identified in the 1980s. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

Call the reference desk at 439-9314 to register.

Anna Jane Abaray



Andrew Masino, Bethlehem Central art department supervisor, judged the exhibit and presented awards in seven categories.

The winners will be invited to participate in a month-long showing later in the year.

Todd Mandelkern from Slingerlands won first prize for painting, with Candice Bocala placing second and Jeremy Holden third. Philip Keitel received an honorable mention.

Sarah Parsons of Delmar won first prize in photography, Amy McPheeters was second and Andrea Stupp was third. Erica Stupp, received honorable mention.

In the watercolor division, Erica Hallock of Delmar, won first place. Other winners include Betsy Scivolino, Kimberly Brosnan and Joseph Gutman III.

Chena Backer of Delmar received first place in mixed media. Other winners in the division were Faith Aurora, Burkins-Gimzek and Christie Ray.

For sculpture, Carrie Lyman of Delmar received first place. Ben

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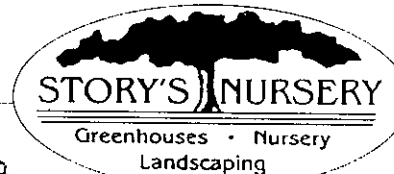
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Group to visit 'Sedgwick Pie'

One of the lesser-known curiosities within an easy drive of the Capital District is the grave of Judge Theodore Sedgwick and his mad wife Pamela.



The judge who had some idiosyncrasies of his own, was a political ally of George Washington and Alexander Hamilton and a former speaker of the House of Representatives.

The judge and his wife were buried at the center of a circle of earth in a cemetery in Stockbridge, Mass. All their descendants are buried around them like slices in a pie.

Friends of the Library member Diane Reilly had organized a Sunday, Oct. 29, day trip to Stockbridge for a visit to the "Sedgwick Pie" burial plot for a slide/lecture and discussion of some of the more interesting family characters, including poets, editors, abolition-

ists and Warhol actress Edie Sedgwick.

Reilly has also planned two slide programs at the library in October as a preview to the trip.

The bus departs from the library at 10 a.m. and will stop for lunch at the Red Lion Inn. There will be free time to explore other attractions of Stockbridge, including the Norman Rockwell Museum and the sculpture museum at Chesterwood. The group will return at 5:30 p.m.

The total cost including a complete lunch of Yankee pot roast, roast turkey or baked scrod is \$30.

A \$10 deposit will be taken with your registration, with the balance due on Oct. 20.

All are invited to join the trip. There is a bus trip registration form in the current Bookworm. Forms are also available at the circulation desk.

When you register, keep in mind that it only costs \$3 to become a member of the Friends of Library. Add the \$3 to the total cost and tell us you're ready to join

now. CD-ROM training will be held tonight, Sept. 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. Adults are encouraged to attend to keep up with the technology your kids are learning in school.

The next training is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 24. Call ahead to be sure space is available.

Fall story hours have resumed the regular schedule on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets will meet Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome, regardless of writing experience.

Life Stories meets this Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, aspiring musicians are invited to participate in the Drum Circle at 7 p.m.

Bring a percussion instrument (drum, rattle, tambourine) and join the music-making. No experience is necessary.

Barbara Vink

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1985, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Bethlehem was due to get a new park-and-ride lot, on Delaware Avenue across from Delaware Plaza, according to Supervisor Robert Hendrick. The lot, with a 90-car capacity, straddles the city of Albany's main water transmission line, and negotiations with the city for its use took more than a year.

- Salvation Army drop boxes in Glenmont and Voorheesville shopping centers were slated to close because they were attracting too much litter. "The litter is just taking away from all the people who are doing something worthwhile," said Salvation Army Major Earl Schaffer.

- The Bethlehem Central School District faced a \$4.45 million estimated price tag for repairs and maintenance of district property, but a number of roofs not on the list were "functioning on borrowed time," according to Robert Ruckterstuhl, head of the citizens advisory committee that studied the issue.

Ravena church lists upcoming events

The Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravena, has announced its schedule for the week of Sept. 28.

On Thursday, Sept. 28, the senior choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. and Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, the church will host a roast beef din-

ner, with take-outs available at 4:30 p.m. and dinner seatings at 5 and 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, Sunday school will begin at 9 a.m. Morning worship will be held at 10:30 p.m., followed by coffee and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. The Grace Ringers will rehearse at 7 p.m.

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Church prepares for Harvest Festival

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville Harvest Festival is set for Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church on Maple Avenue.

The bazaar features a thrift shop, silent auction, entertainment, food and many children's activities.

Take-out lasagna dinners will be available from 4 to 7 p.m.

For information, call the church office at 765-2895.

Parents' night slated at elementary school

Tonight, Sept. 27, is parents' night for grades four, five and six at Voorheesville Elementary School.

The fourth and fifth-grade general meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

The general meeting for grade-six begins at 7 p.m. and includes middle level information.

Open house for second and third-grades is on Thursday, Sept. 28.

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The general meeting for second-grade parents will be at 6:30 p.m.

The third-grade meeting begins at 7:05 p.m.

Historical association's lecture series set

The New Scotland Historical Association's 1995-96 lecture series is entitled Presentation of Local History in Six Media.

The first program of the season, Oral Traditions, featuring Vaughn Ramsey Ward, creator and "Mama Liar" of the Adirondack Liars Club, is set for Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

Ward will share her insights and tales as a North Country story "catcher." She is an expert on the

performance and tale traditions of the Northeastern U.S., Ireland, Scotland and Great Britain.

Ward is also an experienced teacher and writer, and her books will be available for signing after the program.

Other programs include: Historical Fiction, with poet Jay Rogoff on Dec. 5; Historical Narrative, with Voorheesville historian Dennis Sullivan on Feb. 6; Artistic Landscapes, with David Coughtry on March 5; and Historical Drama with Guilderland historian Alice Bagley on May 7.

The program for the annual Arthur Gregg Seminar will be announced at a later date.

All programs are open to the public and free of charge.

Parent conferences set in November

Parent conference dates have been scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3, Thursday, Nov. 9, and Friday, Nov. 17, at the elementary school.

Parents should sign up for conferences on Parents Night.

Dismissal will be at 11:50 a.m. on conference days.

Banking service to begin at elementary school

The school banking program through Cohoes Savings Bank starts on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the elementary school. Banking will be conducted on Tuesdays during the school year.

Enrollment packets will be available on banking days.

Extension to conduct composting programs

Backyard composting demonstrations will be held on Saturdays, Oct. 14 and 21, at noon at the Cooperative Extension's Rice Center on Martin Road.

Topics will cover food and yard waste composting basics, bin construction and the uses of compost.

Pre-registration is required by calling 765-3500.

V'ville school board to hear grant results

The Voorheesville School District has slated a board of education meeting on Monday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Frank Faber and Linda Wolkenbreit will present the activities developed under the 1994-95 School-to-Work Grant awarded by the state Department of Education.

A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. For information, call Faber or Wolkenbreit at 765-3314.

NS Republicans to host candidates reception

The New Scotland Republicans have slated a cocktail reception for their candidates on Friday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 10 p.m.

The reception will be at L'Ecole Encore restaurant at 44 Fuller Road in Albany.

The cost of the event is \$35 per person. For information, call Republican committee member Diane Carroll at 767-3404.

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Sports

Pee Wee Falcons crush Cohoes

The three Bethlehem Pop Warner teams ended up 1-2 for the weekend.

Despite two touchdown runs by **Anthony Livreri**, one a 65-yarder, the Junior PeeWee Condors were nipped 22-20 by East Greenbush when the Blue Devils successfully converted a point after touchdown in the closing minutes.

Josh Goldberg contributed a touchdown and had a long interception return on defense for Bethlehem.

The Condor offensive line was led by **Nick Radko**, while **Pat Traynor** had a key pass reception. Defensively, **Josh Rucinski**

and **Chris Regal** had big games along with **Zach Brandow** and **Jason Gerasia**. The Jr. PeeWees now have a 2-1 record with victories over Saratoga and Troy.

The PeeWee Falcons marched to a 36-0 win over the Cohoes Tigers, bringing their record to 2-1. In the first half the Falcons scored three touchdowns. **Aaron Griffin** scored on a well-executed reverse pattern, quarterback **Mark Bulger** connected with Griffin on a TD pass, and Bulger handed off to **Pat Heenan**, who ran it into the end zone.

Griffin also recovered a fumble by the Tigers, caused by the hard hitting of **Brian Geurtze**. The

scoring was supported by a solid offensive line with strong performances by **Mason Jones**, **Bob O'Brien**, **Sean Myrtle**, **Brendan Hughes** and **Kevin O'Connell**.

The defensive line, anchored by **Matt Sargent**, **Brian Danchetz**, **John Sterrett** and **Nate Pannucci** helped keep the Tigers off the scoreboard.

In the second half, **Tom Frankovic** took over as quarterback and handed off to **Coe Wilson**, **Mason Jones** and **Dan Hazen**, setting up two more touchdowns. **Jeremy Trotta**, **Kevin Manilenko**, **Erich Minnear** and **Brendan Munnely** had an impressive second half on defense, while **Wilson** and **McCardle** scored touchdowns.

On the same afternoon, the Jr. Midgets lost to Ravena 12-8 despite the defensive efforts of **Dennis Clarke**, **Dave Sargent**, **Bobby Hazen**, **Dan Tripp**, **Kyle Kelly**, **Matt Hennessey** and **Andre Perillat**.

The Hawks offense moved well and featured the running of **Tripp**, **Pat Thomas**, **Eric Stegman** and **Zach McDaniels**. **Bob Hazen** called a good game but the offense stalled at the goal line.

Commendable efforts have also been put forth by **Justin Yinne**, **Anthony Bergehele** and **Bryon Phelps**.

V'ville breaks the ice

By Adam Cole

Sean Devine set the pace on the opening kickoff last Saturday as the Blackbirds (1-2-1) went on to beat Taconic Hills, 26-8.

Devine caught the ball on the 15-yard line and scampered 85 yards for a touchdown. The key to the game, however, seemed to come on the next possession for the Blackbirds after Taconic Hills was stymied on offense and forced to punt.

After the Voorheesville offensive drive was extended by a Titan penalty, Devine broke numerous tackles on his way to a 52-yard run, which extended the lead to 12-0.

From this point on, the Blackbirds never looked back. Devine ended up with 116 yards rushing on 16 carries and 201 yards overall. He scored three of the Voorheesville touchdowns on the day.

On defense, the Blackbirds held down the potent running attack of Taconic Hills with **John McGinty**, **Griffin King** and **Art Mosley** making tackles all over the field. McGinty, Mosley and **Mike Robichaud** all had quarterback sacks.

Also, **Brandon Emerick** forced a fumble in the fourth quarter and ran it back 87 yards for a touchdown.

All of the Blackbirds and their coaches seemed excited about their first victory of the year. Head coach **Joe Sapienza** received a Gatorade bath as time expired.

"The Birds are back," McGinty exclaimed after the game. "We put it all together today. Hopefully, we can win the remainder of our games and have a shot at the playoffs."

But the playoffs are a long way off. Right now, the Blackbirds have an important game this Saturday at home against rival Hudson, which was ranked number one among Class C schools in the area before losing to Watervliet two weeks ago.

"We could have three wins right now," McGinty added, "but the team can't afford to look back on those games now. We have to concentrate on Hudson."

The game with Hudson at Buckley Field in Voorheesville starts at 1:30 pm.



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Bethlehem soccer team looks impressive during early going

By Michelle Kagan

The Bethlehem boys soccer team opened its season with five easy wins and one extremely close game, which resulted in a loss.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, BC midfielder **Kevin Russell** led the team to a 2-0 victory against Colonia. BC coach **John Bramley** said the key to the game was BC's ability to keep the ball away from Colonia, which was a result of extensive practicing earlier in the week.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, Bethlehem beat Columbia, 2-1. **Ryan Walker** and **Will Cushing** each scored for the Eagles, and goalkeeper **David Goodfellow**

stopped seven shots.

"Coming back from a 1-0 deficit to win the game was the strong point of the team's performance," said Bramley. "The goal was a defensive mix-up between **Dave Goodfellow** and **Jason Semore**."

"We went into the game thinking we were going to kill Colombia," said Russell. "In the second half, we made a few lineup changes and used more of an offensive strategy from then on."

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, the Eagles beat Niskayuna 5-1. Russell scored twice, while **Kevin Smith**, **Dave Martin** and **Tim Wenger** added single tallies. Goodfellow stopped 10 goals for Bethlehem.

BC put 21 shots on goal against Niskayuna. Bramley was pleased that most of the game was played on the Niskayuna half of the field.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, Bethlehem lost 1-0 to Burnt Hills. "They are one of the best teams in the league," Bramley said.

Cushing, Bethlehem's center midfielder, said the field was mostly dirt, which made it hard to play on.

"We defended well, but just didn't score," said Cushing. The only break in the BC defense was when there was a loose ball deep in BC territory. A scramble in front of the net resulted in the Burnt Hills goal.

BC girls rebound vs. Guilderland

By Jennifer Hahn

The Bethlehem girls tennis team fell to powerful Niskayuna this past week in a match that was closer than the score indicated.

There were two, three-set matches that could have gone either way.

The number two singles player, **Nancy Ann Oberheim**, along with the first doubles team of **Jennie Burroughs** and **Marni Hillinger** both fell just short.

BC's wins came from **Stepha-**

Tennis

nie Katz and **Grace Tsan** (both undefeated in singles play this year) and the doubles team of **Alli Tombros** and **Jennifer Hahn**.

Everyone on the Bethlehem team fought hard and all the players are looking forward to a rematch with Niskayuna in the sectional tournament.

The girls got back on track on Wednesday, Sept. 20, when they

trounced Guilderland, 7-2. **Katz**, **Oberheim**, **Annette Grajny**, **Francesca Bracaglia**, **Carrie Danziger** and **Tsan** all won their singles matches as well as **Hahn** and **Dombros** in doubles.

Due to rain, the team was unable to play its match against powerful Saratoga last week.

Should the Eagles emerge victorious, they stand a good chance of finishing the season as co-champion of the Suburban Council along with Niskayuna.

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RCS falls to LaSalle

By Danielle Hummel

The previously unbeaten Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk football team suffered its first loss of the season to an overpowering squad from LaSalle Institute, 28-15, in a Capital Conference game last Friday.

Coming into the game, star running back **Matt Frese** was averaging 178 yards per game. LaSalle's defensive line held him to just 63 yards on 21 carries. Unfortunately, the defensive line also held the rest of the Indian rushing attack in check as well.

Despite bad weather and muddy field conditions, LaSalle's running back **Carson Johnson** rushed for 185 yards on 30 carries and scored two, first quarter touchdowns. Ravena retaliated with Frese's five-yard touchdown run, which cut LaSalle's lead to 16-6.

In the second quarter, LaSalle added to its lead by scoring two more touchdowns and keeping the Indian offense scoreless. There seemed to be hope for the Indians in the third quarter when LaSalle's punter downed the snap in the end zone.

With much needed fan support, the Indians followed with an offensive drive that led to **B.J. Teriele's** 25-yard touchdown reception from quarterback **Steve Burns**.

Burns was only 5-17 for 52 yards on the night. Ravena drops into a second place tie with LaSalle, with both having identical 3-1 records. Albany Academy remains in first place in the Capital Conference.

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Defense has been top notch for V'ville

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls soccer team kept its streak intact with three wins over Colonial Council opponents this past week.

The girls are now 6-0, 7-1 overall, and are alone in first place.

The Ladybirds began the week on Monday, Sept. 18, when they traveled to Lansingburgh and faced all-Council goalie **Laura Gregor**.

Alison Walter and **Kristen Conley** scored in the first half as Blackbirds prevailed, 2-1. **Angie Berg** had seven saves in net for Voorheesville.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, the team hosted Averill Park. It was a hard-fought game, but the Blackbirds won with goals by Conley and **Julia Guastella**. Berg had eight saves to pick up the shutout.

The girls defeated rival Holy Names on Friday to remain undefeated. **Erika Jackstadt** and **Guastella** scored as the girls rolled to a 2-0 win. Berg had to make only three saves to pick up her fifth shutout of the season.

"This was a very tough week for us," said coach **Jim Hladun**. "We played our best soccer to date

Soccer

and finished the ball when we had to. But a lot of credit goes to our defense. They don't get much recognition, but always play well."

The Blackbirds have a much easier week coming up. They play winless Watervliet on Thursday, then travel to Mechanicville. Half-way through the season, they look to be in command.

Star bowlers

The following people earned bowling honors at Del Lanes during the week of Sept. 17.

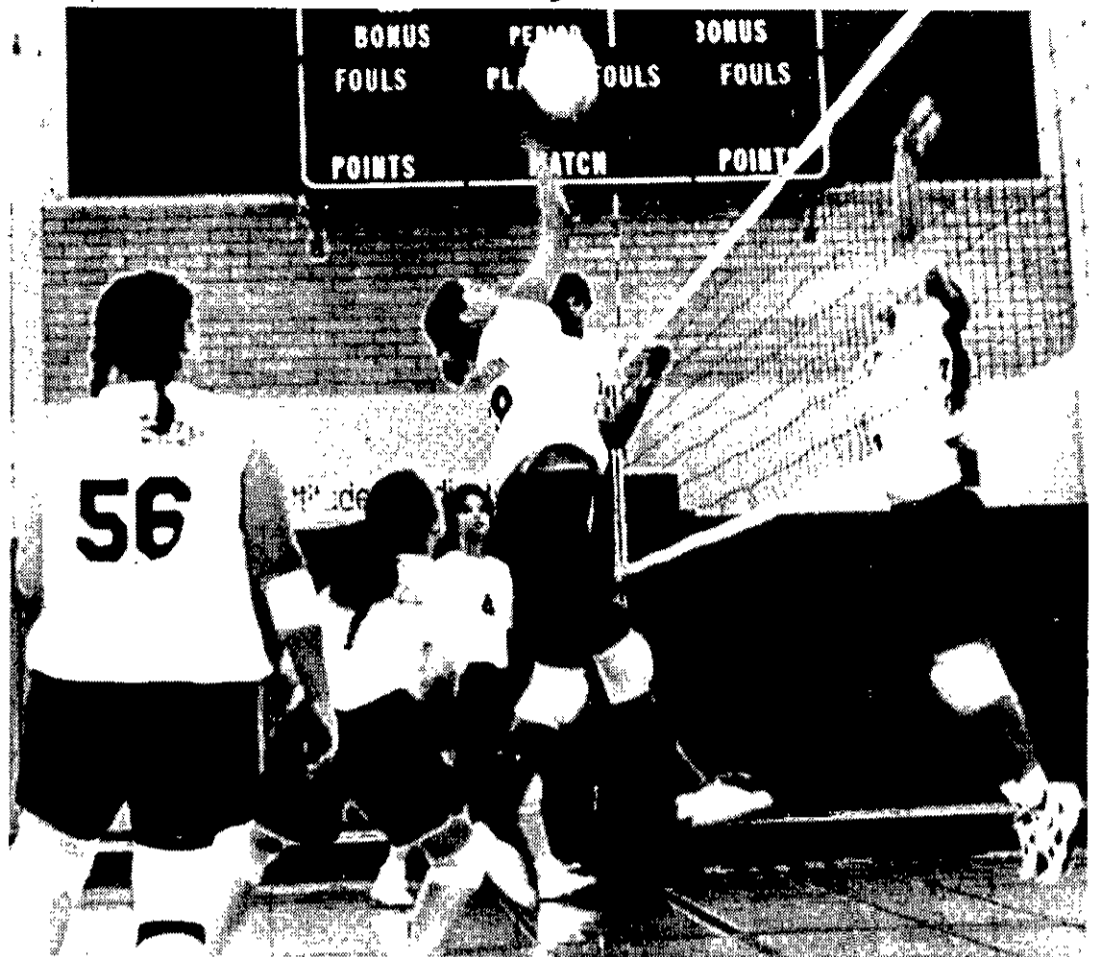
Senior Circuit Men: **Alex Cal-solaro** 235; **Bernie Teriele** 555 triple; and **Bob Eberle** 808 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: **Mary Remmert** 187 and 471 triple.

Men: **Larry Boomhower** 298; **Willie Boughton** 1063 four games; and **Bill VanAlstyne** 745 triple.

Women: **Phyllis Jensen** 237; and **Linda Follett** 236 and 650 triple.

Go ahead, block it!



The Bethlehem girls volleyball team lost a close match to Schalmont last week in a home game at the Bethlehem Central High School. *Bryan Berry*



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Chopper

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said Chuck Newland, a director of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, "it will amount to malfeasance on the part of those who allow it to happen, and it will be the straw that breaks the Republicans' backs in the town of Bethlehem."

Retired from the city of Albany, where he worked as the director of economic development, Newland said he traditionally has had a bias in favor of business development, but in this particular case, the project would overshadow the Slingerlands community and turn it into an "appendage" of the shopping center.

"It would destroy the goodness of what's here and what makes the Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem area attractive," he said.

For the most part, Bethlehem is "highly refreshing" in the sense that it not totally congested with traffic like other suburban areas, but Newland said that will change with the arrival of Price Chopper.

"They're (Price Chopper) trying to capitalize on the traffic coming here, but in the process we're making a big mistake," he said. "If they're allowed to proceed and create another blocked thoroughfare, it will be ruinous for the entire town."

Mark Haskins, president of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, said the group plans to send a mailing about the public hearing to 1,400 Slingerlands area residents.

Coming just a short time before the November election in which three town board seats will

Appeals board to meet

The Town of Bethlehem Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The board will hear the applications of James and Veronica Armbruster of 12 Nathaniel Blvd. in Delmar, Janet Robinson of 45 Elm Ave. East in Selkirk, Fred Giovanetti of 5 Peel St. in Selkirk, and 500 Kenwood Avenue Associates of 500 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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be up for grabs, Haskins said he was certain that a sizable contingent would turn out.

"I think there will be a public outcry," he said. "What we have here is (Price Chopper) exerting pressure on the town board, which is reacting to the pressure for a new supermarket in town. What is being ignored is the recommendation of the LUMAC (Land Use Management Advisory Committee) commission that this parcel not be rezoned until an extension of the Slingerlands Bypass is in place."

The bypass extension is not expected to be in place until 2001. Price Chopper is looking to open its Slingerlands store in 1996.

"Only 30 to 35 percent of those responding to the master plan survey conducted by LUMAC thought that Slingerlands would be a good place" for a supermarket, Haskins said. "There's no question it will change the character of our town. You have to be terribly naive to think that this project will not spawn additional commercial development" in the Slingerlands area.

Not all Slingerlands residents are opposed, however. Elizabeth Arden of North Helderberg Parkway said she doesn't believe the traffic situation on New Scotland Road will deteriorate much be-

cause the "bulk of people stopping there will be looking to pick up a few things on their way home."

Traffic generated during the middle of the day "can be controlled by intersection improvements" that Price Chopper has already proposed making.

"We need another grocery store," she said, "and I'm happy that Price Chopper happens to be the one. They sponsor events and support a lot of civic causes throughout the Capital District."

The "bottom line," Arden added, was that Price Chopper would help broaden the tax base. "We need something else that's big besides Owens-Corning (Fiberglas Corporation)."

Despite the overwhelming sentiment for a new supermarket in town, Councilwoman Doris Davis said she is keeping an open mind on the matter.

"In my door-to-door campaigning, our community has expressed a sincere interest in having a Price Chopper, in general, and at that location in specific," Davis said.

At the same time, Davis added, "One of the things we need to consider in making a decision is the data that we receive from the planning board. That has to be reviewed and weighed carefully."

6 BC seniors named as national semifinalists

Six Bethlehem Central High School seniors were recently named 1996 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

The students are Laura Biggerstaff, David Blabey, Samuel Ginsberg, Josh Kagan, David Malbin and Jason Sundram.

The students scored in the top one-half of one percent of students who took the PSAT nationwide. About 15,000 students across the country were named and may apply for finalist status. Finalists are eligible for one of the 2,000 \$2,000 scholarships.

Budget

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be instituting a 24-hour advanced life support paramedic service throughout the town.

The town work force will remain about the same with 220 full-time employees.

Town Comptroller Judith Kehoe said the \$5.7 million in sales tax that the town expects next year will come in particularly handy since the town suffered a \$500,000 drop in mortgage tax payments in 1995, with no rebound in sight for 1996.

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Heathwaite, MacDonald wed

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The Rev. Dominic Ingemie performed the ceremony at St. James Church in Albany, with the reception following at The Desmond in Colonie.

The matron of honor was Amy Barry, and bridesmaids were Kathleen Arnold and Gorzynski.

The best man was Alex MacDonald, the groom's brother, and ushers were Eric Heathwaite, the bride's brother, Timothy Conway, Jason Conway, Howard

Anderson and Brian Gerhard.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Siena College and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. She is employed as an archivist by the state Archives and Records Administration in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University at Albany and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. He is employed as a legislative analyst by the Civil Service Employees Association in Albany.

After a wedding trip to North Carolina, the couple lives in Glenmont.

Class of '95

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — Lawrence Cohen (master's in business administration) and Timothy Martin (bachelor's in computer science), both of Delmar; Inderpreet Singh Thukral of Glenmont (doctorate in decision science and engineering systems); Joseph Almindo of Selkirk (master's in business administration); and Robert Sarr (bachelor's in computer and system engineering) and John K. Wojewoda Jr. (bachelor's in electrical engineering, magna cum laude), both of Voorheesville.

Dean's List

The following local college students were recently named to the spring semester dean's lists at their respective schools.

Cedarville College — Deborah Woods of Delmar.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — Elizabeth Dunn and Nathan Slingerland, both of Delmar, and Gregory Badger, Monica Burt, Robert Sarr and John K. Wojewoda Jr., all of Voorheesville.



Marjorie Eilertsen and Mark Brown

Eilertsen, Brown to marry

Marjorie Ann Eilertsen, daughter of Sig and Marjorie Eilertsen of Delmar, and Mark Arthur Brown, son of Mary Brown of Miami, Fla., and the late John Brown, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names and Ithaca College. She is employed as director of public infor-

mation in the state Department of State in Albany.

The future groom, a graduate of the University of Miami and the University of Florida Law School, is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

The couple plans a May 18, 1996, wedding.

Traditional church sets celebration of angels

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Austin and Ellen Roberts, above, in 1945, and below, today



Roberts celebrate 50th

Austin and Ellen Roberts of Glenmont celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

The couple was married on July 14, 1945, in St. Ann's Church in Albany.

They were given a party by their sons Michael and Paul at Michael's home in Elm Estates. Many relatives and friends attended, includ-

ing their best man, Austin's brother Howard Roberts, and their maid of honor, Marie Mancyian.

There was also an anniversary Mass in St. John-St. Ann's Church in Albany.

Austin is retired from the former Graves & liquor distributors in Albany, and Ellen is retired from the Glenmont Post Office.

Births

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Aaron Michael Bradt, to Ellen and Clayton Bradt, Feura Bush, July 30.

Girl, Erin Elizabeth Bianca, to Cheri Sterling and Peter Bianca, Selkirk, Aug. 3.

Girl, Sadey Rose Mirabile, to Tammie and Tim Mirabile, Delmar, Aug. 3.

Boy, Zachary Robert Madeo, to Ann and Bob Madeo, Glenmont, Aug. 6.

Girl, Alexandra Leigh Rathjens, to Janet and David Rathjens, Delmar, Aug. 10.

Girl, Lauren Elizabeth Nardacci, to Elizabeth and John Nardacci, Glenmont, Aug. 11.

Girl, Shannon Beverly Killar, to Maureen and Richard Killar, Feura Bush, Aug. 17.

Boy, Keith Colden Martin, to Tina and Daniel Martin, Delmar, Aug. 21.

Boy, Kevin John Rudolph, to Nancy and Ray Rudolph, Glenmont, Aug. 31.

Boy, Brian Patrick Farrell, to Patricia and Donald Farrell, Glenmont, Sept. 1.

Girl, Rachael Bernice Halpert, to Arlene and Jonathan Halpert, Delmar, Sept. 2.

Girl, Skye Beatrice Kaler, to Jennifer and Scott Kaler, Delmar, Sept. 6.

Girl, Michaela Francesca Muth, to Sharon and Michael Muth, Selkirk, Sept. 9.

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Taylor Jennah Norton, to Carley and Scott Norton, Selkirk, Aug. 22.

Girl, Allison Gower Barranca, to Susan and Michael Barranca, Delmar, Aug. 27.

Girl, Elizabeth Emily Grace Wood, to Michelle and Timothy Wood, New Salem, Sept. 3.

Delmar pair join board of Crohn's Foundation

Two Delmar residents were recently named to the board of trustees of the Capital District Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Janet Sisson was named vice president at large and Melissa Riven Mirabile was named secretary.



Renee and Thomas Concolino

LaBounty, Concolino marry

Renee Marie LaBounty, daughter of Philip and Mary LaBounty of Vestal, Broome County, and Thomas Concolino, son of Thomas Concolino of Selkirk and Laura Wander of Glenmont, were married May 27.

Father VanAmburgh performed the ceremony in Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Vestal, with the reception following at the Holiday Inn in Binghamton.

The maid of honor was Amy Adamson, and bridesmaids were Barbara Reed, Roberta Dauphinee and Erica Concolino.

The best man was Daniel Kelly,

and ushers were William Hartman, Dennis Heller and Eric Heller.

The bride, a graduate of SUNY Geneseo and the University at Buffalo, is employed as a mental health therapist by Community Counseling Service in Starkville, Miss.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Buffalo. He is currently in the Ph.D. program at Mississippi State University.

After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple lives in Starkville.

Community Corner

Computer Enthusiasts to meet

The Capital District Computer Enthusiasts will meet tonight, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The meeting will include a help session and a question-and-answer session. The computer group meets the last Wednesday of each month at the library. Annual dues at \$15.

For information, call Lynn Ellsworth at 474-8631.

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Obituaries

Edward Galvin

Edward F. Galvin, 81, of Blessing Road in Slingerlands, died Sunday, Sept. 24, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Lynn, Mass., he had lived in Albany for many years.

Mr. Galvin was a plumbing and heating contractor and owned and operated the former Galvin Plumbing & Heating in Albany for 25 years before retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the New Course at Albany and the 121st Calvary Troop G in Albany.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Katusky Galvin; two daughters, Linda Bishop of Stillwater and Sue Krasher of Rensselaer; a son, Lawrence E. Galvin of Albany; three sisters, Doris Gallant, Frances Urshel and Margie Roemer, all of Guilderland; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 27, at St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements are by the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

M. Walsh-Sanford

Mercedes Walsh-Sanford, age 2 months, of Delmar, died Saturday, Sept. 23, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

She was the daughter of Jaime Lynn Walsh and Shyron Sanford.

Survivors, in addition to her parents, include her maternal grandparents, Joseph and Ella Ruff of Delmar; her paternal grandparents, Harry and Rita Sanford of Albany; and great-grandparents, Lloyd and Jane Pulliam of Albany, and Harry and Joanne Sanford of Colonie.

Services were from the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Children's Hospital NICU, Albany Medical Center Hospital, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208.

Kathryn Lundy

Kathryn F. Lundy, 84, of

Rensselaer and formerly of Slingerlands, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Rosewood Gardens in Esat Greenbush.

Born in Carrollton, Cattaraugus County, she lived in Olean before moving to the Capital District.

Mrs. Lundy was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

She was the widow of George F. Lundy.

Survivors include a daughter, Sondra Schaeffer of Glenmont; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were from St. Mary's Church in Olean.

Burial was in St. Bonaventure Cemetery in Allegany, Cattaraugus County.

Arrangements were by the R. Dennis Casey Funeral Home in Olean.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Leola Boynton

Leola L. Boynton, 57, of Mountain View Avenue in Gloversville, a former Delmar and Voorheesville resident, died Sunday, Sept. 24, at Nathan Littauer Hospital in Gloversville.

Born in Mineville, Essex County, she was a graduate of Mineville High School.

She had lived in Delmar, Voorheesville and Ballston Spa before moving to Gloversville.

She worked as a telephone operator for the former New York Telephone Co. many years ago.

She and her husband had also owned Arterial Lanes in Gloversville.

Survivors include her husband, Herbert W. Boynton; three sons, Ronald H. Boynton of Gloversville, Thomas E. Boynton of Winter Garden, Fla., and Steven J. Boynton of Schenectady; two daughters, Tammy L. Green of Johnstown and Kelly Carroll of Schenectady; a sister, Shirley Allen of Colonie; three brothers, Ronald Carson of Polk City, Fla., James Carson of Crown Point, Essex County, and Lowell Carson of Biddeford, Maine; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Walrath

& Bushouer Funeral Home in Gloversville.

Burial was in Broadalbin Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice, 73 N. Main St., Gloversville 12078.

Dorothy D. Kemp

Dorothy D. Kemp, 82, of Alamogordo, N.M., a former Delmar resident, died Friday, Sept. 22, at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital-Osborne in Scottsdale, Ariz.

She had lived in Delmar for many years and had also lived in Danville, Quebec, and Peachtree City, Ga.

Survivors include a daughter, Marjorie Davis Kemp of Alamogordo; two sons, Richard McDowell of New Albany, Ind., and Robert William of Mission Viejo, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Messinger Mortuary & Chapel in Scottsdale.

Bethlehem church gears up for fall fest

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue will host its annual fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A tent in the church parking lot will hold a variety of activities and sale items, including crafts, plants, a harvest booth, a community gift shop/thrift shop, books, games, a "Pie in the Face" booth, a dunking booth and area vendors' booths.

There will also be hay rides, pony rides, a snack bar and other entertainment.

The festival will center around a western theme, and all are encouraged to come in an "Old West" costume. There will be awards for the most authentic costumes.

A line dancing program is planned for the evening in the church fellowship hall. Beginners are welcome. There will be a small donation requested.

For information, call the church at 767-9953, the parsonage at 767-2281, or Ed and Dolores Arnheiter at 767-3384.

Historical association plans Adirondack trip

The Bethlehem Historical Association is planning a bus trip to the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The bus will leave from the association's museum on Route 144 at 8 a.m. and arrive in Blue Mountain Lake at 10:15 a.m. Lunch will be at the Adirondack Hotel from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The bus will return home at 5:15 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per person. The trip is open to the public.

For information, call Bill LaMed at 767-9057.

Proud volunteers



Prior to marching in the Albany County Fireman's Parade in Coeymans Hollow, Delmar firemen Jerry Day, left, Lt. Michael Fabe and Capt. Greg Gould pose with their 1934 Mack Fire truck.

Doug Persons

Senior registrations slated for flu Immunization Day

Bethlehem Senior Services will begin accepting registrations soon for the annual flu clinic held in Albany.

In-person registrations will commence on Monday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m. in the Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 110. Registrations will be accepted daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., ending Tuesday, Oct. 17.

For those individuals who are Medicare recipients, there will be no fee for the immunization, however, at the time of registration you must bring your Medi-

care card for verification.

On Immunization Day, Wednesday, Oct. 17, the Bethlehem Senior Van will leave the town hall at 2 p.m. Immunizations for Bethlehem seniors will take place from 2:30 to 3 p.m. at the Senior Service Center at 25 Delaware Ave., Albany.

If you are driving to the center on this day, plan to arrive during this time period.

For information, call Bethlehem Senior Services at 439-4955.

Neighborhood reunion set for Saturday

The Delaware-Second Avenues and Whitehall Road Neighborhood Reunion has been slated on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Day's Inn Sidewheeler Restaurant on Route 9W in Glenmont.

State Assemblyman John J. McEneny will be the main speaker at the dinner dance. The gathering will also mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The Manhattans will provide music from the 1940s and '50s. John M. McElroy will exhibit a selection of photographs of Albany from the same decades.

Anyone who lived in southwest Albany during the 1940s and '50s is invited. Ticket donation is \$25. For information, call Howard Alpert at 438-1145.

Storyteller/author to address New Scotland Historical Association

Vaughn Ward, a storyteller, writer, folklore expert, singer and lecturer, will share her unique perspective of history at the next meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m.

The association will meet at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center off Route 85 in New Salem.

Ward is the author of four books, including "I Was on the

Wrong Bear," which focuses on Adirondack stories.

For information, call 765-2396.

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We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.

Irish music trio to play benefit concert at AHN



A By Joshua Kagan
 mix of Irish folk music, bluegrass and American folk will be presented by the trio Hair of the Dog at a benefit concert at the Academy of the Holy Names on Sunday, Oct. 1.

"The great thing about Irish music is it appeals to all age groups," said Michael DeAngelis, a member of the group. "You have little kids getting into it and 80-year-olds identifying with it. That's what endears it to us."

The trio, DeAngelis, John Haggerty and Rick Bedrosian, grew up together in Delmar and began playing music together in sixth grade. All three had played in Irish bands until Hair of the Dog formed several years ago.

"We thought vocally we blended well together and could make it work," DeAngelis said. "We also diversified our musical selection."

DeAngelis estimated that half of the band's music is Irish, a quarter is bluegrass and a quarter is folk.

The concert is part of Holy Names' "Series for the Seasons" and will benefit the school's scholarship fund.

Anne Rento, Holy Names' alumni director, is looking forward to the October show, especially after seeing Hair of the Dog in concert before.

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"My expectation was they would be a good Irish band, but their personalities made it that much greater," she said. "They're great musicians, and the songs they've chosen and their personalities

make it really wonderful."

The band has enjoyed a lot of success in nightclubs and similar venues, but is looking for a different type of show. "We're looking forward to playing at Holy Names because it's a more captive audience," DeAngelis said.

The band released a self-titled album in July that has sold close to 1,000 copies so far. DeAngelis said the band's record company is considering producing more

copies of the album.

"It surprised us," DeAngelis said. "Our audience just keeps growing. It's a lot of fun to do."

At least one band member has broad-

Rick Bedrosian, Mike DeAngelis and John Haggerty of "Hair of the Dog" will appear at Holy Names Sunday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.

ened his horizons outside of the Capital District. Bedrosian will perform in another Irish folk band, The McKrells, which will open at Carnegie Hall Saturday, Sept. 30, for the Furey Brothers, a band from Ireland.

The concert at Holy Names will begin at 7 p.m. in the Campus Arts Center on 1065 New Scotland Road in Albany.

Four other performances are scheduled in the series. "Civil War Ballads and Letters" is slated on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m., jazz pianist Dave McKenna will perform on Friday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m., The Mendelssohn Club will perform on Friday, March 1, at 8 p.m. and "Gardening for Everyone" is planned for Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m.

Admission for each show is \$18. For tickets or information, call Holy Names at 438-6553.

Final summer theater production finishing run at Theater Barn

A bridge production between summer and fall is continuing its run at the Theater Barn in New Lebanon as a reprise of the musical *Tomfoolery* is being presented through Oct. 8.

The company which opened its season in June is presenting the Tom Lehrer music in a revue that was written in the 1950s but still has pertinence in the '90s.

The Columbia County theater on Route 20 first presented this revue 10 years ago, and it's proving popular again as it moves toward its third week of a run. The quartet of performers works with the audience in many of the songs with some of the segments having a harder edge now than when first written by the Harvard satirist in the 1950s.

Lehrer's satire on Klansmen still has relevance, but his view of Mexico is outdated considering the economic strides the south of the border country has made.

Tomfoolery plays Thursdays through Sundays until Oct. 8. Reservations and information available at 794-9073.

New dinner theater mystery due at Delmar Methodist Church

A new audience participation mystery/comedy, *Just Deserts*, will open for two weekends at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar Saturday, Oct. 7.

The Kenwood Avenue church has been the residence of the Riverview Entertainment Productions company for the past three years for two productions a year. The company is now concentrating on presenting mystery theater to give the Delmar dinner theater a niche that will be unique in the area.

Richard Harte, a Delmar actor/director/writer has fashioned a mystery involving a psychic invited to perform at a restaurant but instead encounters a murder which he must solve along with the audience.

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By Martin P. Kelly

Performers in the mystery include Cris Maciaone, Fulvia Hickman, Rich Cross, Carol Jones, William Hickman, Denice Cross and Michael Ryan.

Harte, with almost 40 years of theater background, is also directing this production which will play Saturdays and Sundays for two weekends.

Reservations available for a chicken breast dinner and theater (\$19 total) at 463-3811.

Two stars open Proctor's 1995-96 season October 7

Rosemary Clooney and Hal Linden combine to open the 1995-96 Proctor's Theater season in Schenectady in a benefit gala, Saturday, October 7.

Clooney, a favorite vocalist and movie performer for the past 40 years, will be accompanied by a 15-piece all-women orchestra known as the Diva. It has made a reputation as a jazz-oriented big band.

Linden, best known to television audiences as *Barney Miller*, is actually a well-respected Broadway performer, having won the Tony Award for his performance in the musical, *The Rothschilds*.

His singing performance Oct. 7 will also be augmented by his clarinet playing. The native New Yorker began his musical



Martin P. Kelly

career as a musician in the Sammy Kaye orchestra. He graduated from the big band business to do solo singing and acting.

For her part, Clooney has now branched out into television acting, appearing twice last season on *ER* on which her nephew, George Clooney, appears as one of the young doctors in the NBC series.

Special ticket are available for the pre-show reception and for the after-show gala.

Information is available at 346-6204.

Siena College's theater troupe opens with *The Foreigner*

The 1995-96 Siena College theater series opens Oct. 6 with a production of the late Larry Shue's comedy, *The Foreigner*, as the first of four shows to be presented this season.

The Foreigner plays through Oct. 14 and relates the story of a shy Englishman who travels to Georgia where he finds not talking can create a whole new respect for him.

The comedy will be staged by Terry Rabine, a faculty member who will produce all four shows this season.

They include Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* in November; Marsha Norman's play, *Getting Out*, in February and March; and the Green classic, *The Bacchae of Euripides* in April.

Information is available at 783-2381.

Around Theaters!

Mixed Emotions, comedy at the Lake George Dinner Theater through Oct. 15 (668-5781) ... *Rodgers and Hart: A Celebration*, dinner theater at the Georgian Resort, Lake George, through Oct. 20 (654-6624) ... *Trouble at the Tory Tavern*, dinner theater mystery aboard Capt. J.P. Cruise Line, Tuesday nights through October. (270-1901)

AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 27**

**ALBANY COUNTY
ALZHEIMER'S CLASS**

on latest information on Alzheimer's, Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

CANDIDATES NIGHT
Save the Pine Bush vegetarian lasagna dinner with county executive candidates Michael Breslin and Kenneth Ringer to speak, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett streets, Albany, 6 p.m. Cost, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$2 for children. Information, 462-0891.

TRAVEL AND MEETING PLANNERS' EXPO
presented by Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Empire State Plaza Convention center, Albany, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 434-1217.

BIBLE CLASS
Abba House of Prayer, 647 Western Ave., Albany, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation, \$3. Information, 438-8320.

INFORMATION SESSION
on independent study programs of Empire State College, Northeast Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

FARMERS' MARKET
Holy Cross Church, Western and Brevator avenues, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

FARMERS' MARKET
Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton streets, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL**
sponsored by Capital and Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SQUARE DANCE
Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 28**

ALBANY COUNTY

CENSORSHIP DISCUSSION
part of Banned Book Week, led by Dr. Alan Chartock, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Wolf Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m.

HEAR
Hearing Endeavor for the Albany Region, Albany Medical Hospital, room D-105, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-3771.

ALBANY CITY TROLLEY
tour of Albany with stop at Cherry Hill, begins at Albany Visitors' Center, Broadway and Clinton Avenue, Albany, 2 to 4 p.m. Cost, \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and seniors. Information, 434-5132.

LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM
"Experiencing a Rich Capital Region History," presented by Capital Leadership Association, Albany Marriott, Wolf Road, Albany, 6:30 p.m. Cost, \$35. Information, 434-1217.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP
Office of Dr.'s Jacobs & Lee, 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 783-5556.

FARMERS' MARKET
Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

THE QUEST
a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

FARMERS' MARKET
Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

FARMERS' MARKET
corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIOR CHORALE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SARATOGA COUNTY

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP
Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY
FOR MOTHERS ONLY**
support group for new mothers, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 29**

ALBANY COUNTY

PARSONS/SAGE FALL INSTITUTE
16th annual conference for human services workers, Parsons Child and Family Center and Russell Sage College, Academy Road, Albany, information, 426-2600.

MOTHERS' DROP IN
sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

FARMERS' MARKET
Sacred Heart Church, Walter Street, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ALBANY CITY TROLLEY
tour of Albany, begins at Albany Visitors' Center, Broadway and Clinton Avenue, Albany, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost, \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and seniors. Information, 434-5132.

SENIORS LUNCHE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30**

ALBANY COUNTY

AMERICAN HEART WALK
to benefit American Heart Association, Colonie Town Park, Schermerhorn Road, 8 a.m. Information, 869-1961.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION GALA
black tie gala with Jack Aerncke of NewsCenter 6, Jim Brennan of News 10 and Ed Dague of NewsChannel 13, to benefit Arthritis Foundation, Albany Marriott, Wolf Road, Albany, Cost, \$75. Information, 456-1203.

FALL FESTIVAL
Schuyler Mansion State Historical Site, 32 Catherine St., Albany, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 434-0834.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost, \$40. Information, 438-2365.

ART RACE
race around Albany searching for artistic pieces to benefit Albany Institute of History and Art, begins at Quackenbush Square, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Cost, \$20. Information, 463-4478.

BEER FESTIVAL
third annual Albany International Beer Festival, Knickerbocker Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Cost, \$20.

FARMERS' MARKET
First Congregational church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9 a.m. to noon.

RENSSELAER COUNTY GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Rensselaer County historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, 11 a.m. Cost, \$4. Information, 272-7232.

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1**

ALBANY COUNTY

WALKTOBERFEST
to benefit the American Diabetes Association, Albany City Hall, 9 a.m. Information, 4890-1755.

MEMORY WALK
to remember loved ones who have died of Alzheimers, sponsored by Alzheimer's Association, Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland, Albany, 438-2217.

DANCE PROGRAM
"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

SCOTTISH DANCING
Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

**MONDAY
OCTOBER 2**

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

ALL ABOUT INFANTS
continued Oct. 9, course for new and expectant parents, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$30. Information, 346-9410.

SCOTTISH DANCING
Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 3**

ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET
St. Vincent De Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TRUE FRIENDS
female incest survivors support group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-7800.

SINGLE PARENTS MEETING
sponsored by Parents Without Partners Chapter 380, Colonie Community Center, Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-0870.

BINGO
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

SAMARITANS SUPPORT GROUP
for suicide survivors, 160 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

SENIORS LUNCHE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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Tackle

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said Mary Scanlan, chairwoman of the Bethlehem First task force. "We're concerned that our residents need to be convinced that they should use their purchasing power locally."

Sharon Fenno, owner of the Circles women's shop in the Delaware Plaza, said it would be helpful if the main shopping area in town (Delaware Avenue) had a better ambiance. "Those communities where they have a common theme to their exteriors, where there is attractive landscaping and flowers, seem to be the ones that flourish."

Western Avenue in Guilderland was held up as a good example of how attractive a central shopping area can be, although the estimated price tag for similar landscaping work along Delaware Avenue is astronomical.

Cathy Griffin, of Prudential Manor Home Realtors in Delmar, told the group how frustrated she felt recently when she wanted to purchase all of children's school supplies locally, but couldn't find everything they needed.

"I ended up having to go to Crossgates," she said.

Councilwoman Doris Davis was in attendance and she was asked about the status of the Four Corners, where a vacant parcel (the former site of a Getty gas station) is an eyesore.

Davis replied that the town is still looking to acquire the property for use as a park, but that the

necessary go-ahead had not been received from the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

It would be foolhardy for the town to proceed with plans to purchase the parcel in front of Delmar Convent Express if there is any chance it could be held liable for lingering pollution in the ground due to oil or gas spills, she said.

The phone survey is just one part of what's needed, the task force decided.

Scanlan, whose Slingerlands public relations firm will coordinate task force activities, said special events such as a fall harvest festival, a Halloween celebration and/or a winter carnival could be held on a regular basis to highlight the town's attractions.

"We need a renaissance plan for the business community," said local antiques dealer Charles Breuel, something that is "pedestrian-friendly with landscaping and benches and that cooperation from the town, the schools and the merchants."

The next task force meeting is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Main Square Shoppes.

Bethlehem native earns Army promotion

Gregory M. Winn, son of Dr. L. Gerald and Virginia G. Winn of Delmar, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Army.

Church celebration showcases activities

St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar will host a "Ministry Sunday Celebration" on Saturday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1.

The purpose of the celebration is to inform parishioners of all the services, activities and ministries available at St. Thomas.

Displays will be on tap in the auditorium after all Masses, along with representatives to answer questions.

For information, contact Barbara Kelly at 439-0716.

V'ville fire department to hold poster contest

The Voorheesville Fire Department is sponsoring a poster contest from Oct. 8 through 14.

The contest is open to Voorheesville nursery school and elementary school pupils. Contest rules are available through the schools. Savings bonds and cash prizes will be awarded.

For information, contact Ray McDermott at 459-5002.

Clarksville church to host turkey dinner

The Clarksville Community Church will host its annual turkey dinner on Saturday, Oct. 14. There will be seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The dinner costs \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6 to 12. The meal is free for children ages 5 and under.

K-9

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And even though he didn't get through on that first call, he decided to fax a letter to Iams' home office in Dayton, Ohio, along with a picture of Grando and a list of his accomplishments. "I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for that dog," LaChappelle said. The 9-year-old German shepherd "has been stabbed, thrown down stairs, punched, threatened with a knife, you name it," he noted.

Iams must have been impressed with his resume, since they eventually contacted LaChappelle and told him that "This is the talk of the company," he said.

LaChappelle said the 13-day trip will be all the sweeter since Iams agreed to foot the \$2,000 bill.

"They're going to go for the whole shot. Iams called and said, 'We're going to send you a check for \$2,000,'" he said.

In Germany, Grando will compete in narcotics and tracking events. "It's going to be tremendous, I'm really looking forward to it," LaChappelle said.

During his stay, he said he will present Grando's original trainer, Edgar Kottenbach with a plaque. Grando was bred and raised in Germany and was about 2-years-old when he became the Bethlehem police K-9.

On something of a bittersweet note, LaChappelle said he will also tour German kennels to look for a replacement for his longtime side-

kick.

"Grando's been phenomenal," he said, but it's time for him to retire.

Slingerlands attorney admitted to state bar

David E. Rook of Slingerlands was recently admitted to practice law in New York state.

Rook, who grew up in Elsmere, graduated cum laud from Albany Law School in December. He was recently named counsel for Failsafe, an environmental risk abatement consulting firm. He also serves as a volunteer firefighter with the Slingerlands Fire Department.

He graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1974.

Local architects' firm wins renovation work

James Daly Tobin Architects, a Slingerlands firm specializing in historic preservation, was recently awarded a contract by the state Power Authority.

The firm will restore and renovate the historic structures at the Lansing Manor Complex in Gilboa. The complex consists of 10 structures on eight acres of land near the power authority's Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Power Project.

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