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# **Delmar girl dies** of injuries sustained in accident

By Mel Hyman

Sixteen-year old Lindsey Baron headed into her senior year at Bethlehem Central High School

Struck by a vehicle in Delmar last week, her budding life was cut short.



Baron

"This school and community will be missing a vibrant force," said BCHS Principal Jon Hunter, "She's the kind of person who is irreplace-

Lindsey was "a doer. A person with the type of positive energy that touched everyone," Hunter said. She was one of those types of kids who had a lot of friends, but who also cut across a lot of different socials ACCIDENT/page 18

# BC kids beam up to Columbia

By Dev Tobin

One week after the end of school, most kids were enjoying a beautiful early summer day last Wednesday.

But a dozen Bethlehem Central students spenttheir morning gathered around a table full of radio and video equipment in the second floor of the high school media center for a unique chance to talk live to Kevin Kregel, pilot of the space shuttle Columbia and a native of Long Island.

The contact via ham radio was arranged by David Jones and other members of the Albany Amateur Radio Association, including Geoff Phillips, a June BCHS graduate and ham radio enthusiast.

For about 10 minutes as the shuttle passed over the U.S., students asked short questions, followed by the obligatory "Over," on subjects ranging from the effects of microgravity to what shuttle crew members do if there is a medical emergency (asked by Phillips).

For example, Elaine Oldendorf from the middle school asked whether the effects of pollution on Earth are visible from

Kregel replied that there is "a definite haze over big cities" which shuttle crew members photograph with infrared cam-





Students wait in line for contact to be made (left). David Jones talks with pilot Kevin Kregel.

Phillips said he heard about the program (Shuttle Amateur Radio Exchange) from a ham radio friend in Massachusetts two years ago, and has been working to link BC with a shuttle ever since.

BC science supervisor Bruce Tulloch said he was "glad it worked this time," recalling another contact session in March that was canceled when the shuttle had to

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# Car wash owners at odds on prospects for industry

By Mel Hyman

Dennis O'Shaughnessy has been in the car wash business for a good number of years - 23 years in Glenmont and five in Delmar.

If the Hoffman car wash chain is allowed to convert the former restaurant at 55 Delaware Ave. into its first such facility

The car wash

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business is down

Dennis O'Shaughnessy

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ning on spending \$800,000 over there. I have a lot less of a monthly nut than Hoffman's does, and you can only cut the pie into so many pieces."

Before Hoffman's becomes a reality in Delmar, however, it will have to obtain approval from the zoning board of appeals, which has scheduled a public hear-

> ing on the project for Wednesday, July 10.

"I just came back from a national car wash convention in Vegas, O'Shaughnessy said. "The car wash business is down everywhere. We're all trying to come up with new ways of making money like incorporating Jiffy Lubes, convenient marts and express



Tom Hoffman in Bethlehem, O'Shaughnessy is con-

It would "close down for sure," he said. "There just isn't enough business to go around. I look at things realistically, and I see that he (owner Tom Hoffman) is plan-. .

vinced it will mean curtains for his Delmar



detailing services."

Business was much better in the '70s and '80s, O'Shaughnessy said. "Over the past several years, the leasing of cars has gone way up, except that some people aren't taking care of these vehicles the

□ ODDS/page 18

# **Water talks still stalled**

The snagged negotiations between Albany and Bethlehem over a long-term contract for the purchase of water have developed another knot.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller finally received a formal response to her offer to buy a minimum amount of water from the city as a backup supply during

the warm weather months, and she's not a happy camper.

In a recent letter to Fuller, Albany Water Board Chairman Anthony Ferraro dismissed the town's contract offer of March 1, saying "The new schedule of minimum annual water purchases failed to offer Albany any meaningful inducement to enter

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Helping the Rey. Arthur Toole break ground on an addition to St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville are Elizabeth Guiderkoe, left, Jacquelyn Ransbury, Jessica Ransbury, Jillian Blair, Nicole Angermeier, Julie Lenseth, Jamie Glath, Emily Smith, James Angermeier, Diana Lenseth and Jessica Baugh.

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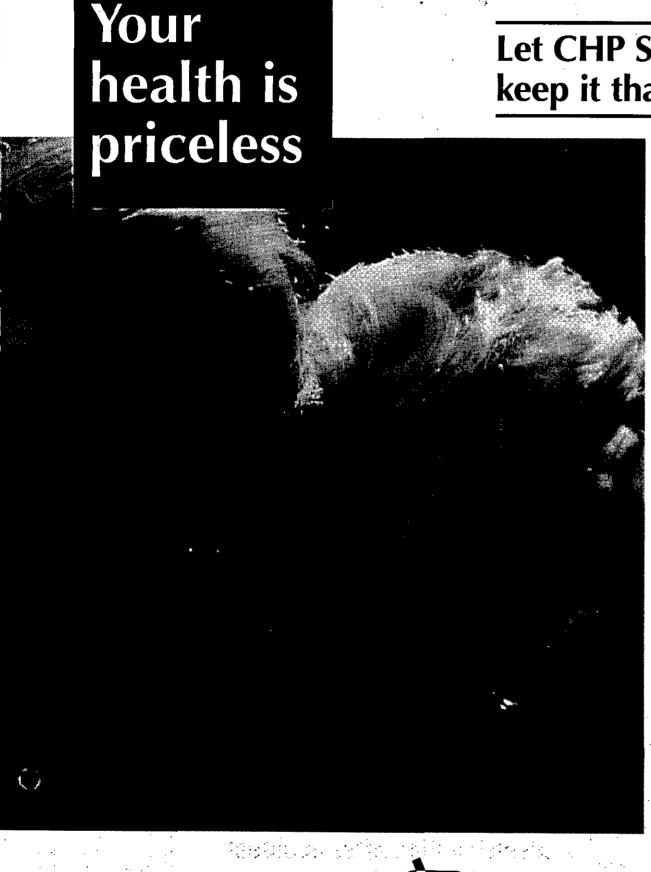
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# Water district slates second petition drive

Orchard Park area system needs more money

By Dev Tobin

Supporters of the Northeast Water District are out gathering a second round of petitions in an attempt to get the system built in this construction season.

Given conflicting legal opinions on whether certain preliminary expenses could be charged to the district, the New Scotland Water Advisory Committee recommended last week the re-petition for a district costing \$980,000, up from the \$847,701 already approved by the state comptroller.

The water district will serve about 115 homes in the Orchard Park-Forest Drive-Maple Road area, where many private wells have been contaminated with iron, methane and salt. More than 70 percent of residents had signed the first petition.

An alternative plan, having the town board certify to the comptroller that about \$200,000 in preliminary expenses not paid for by district residents were never intended to be part of the district's overall costs, and therefore the district need not seek another approval from the comptroller, was rejected as likely to involve a permissive referendum that would delay the district for at least 75 days.

District residents said they would conduct a lightning-fast campaign to gather enough petition signatures in support of building the district at the higher figure, hoping to secure comptroller's approval in less than 75 days

To pay for the higher-cost district, the payback period for construction bonds will have to be stretched beyond 20 years.

The district's 11th-hour problems began several weeks ago

when with construction set to begin, an informal audit turned up a \$117,000 bookkeeping error by Supervisor Herb Reilly and about \$80,000 in additional construction, legal, land acquisition and engineering costs.

The bookkeeping error involved the district's seed money account (\$150,000 from the adjacent Larned mining operation and \$77,000 in state legislative member items, plus interest) that was used to pay for drilling test wells and preliminary engineering work on the district.

The money was spent, but not recorded as such in the district's books. The money was also not recorded as paying for district expenses in the first application to the comptroller. "There's not a penny missing," Reilly said.

Not counting more than. \$240,000 spent to date in preliminary engineering and well development costs, the cost to complete the district is now \$734,994, according to an analysis by Councilman Scott Houghtaling.

The district's general contractor has agreed to a change order worth about \$90,000, and stretching the payback time from 20 to 25 years (assuming a 6 percent long-term tax-free bond rate) will maintain the annual charge of \$474 per unit already approved by the comptroller in the first application, Houghtaling said.

He added that the \$474 annual charge would decline as other customers hook up to the district. As designed, the district could supply at most 150 residences.

The residents plan to present the petitions at Tuesday's town board meeting, and the board will then forward them to the comptroller.

# Bid awarded for new ballfields

By Mel Hyman

Construction of five new playing fields on 15 acres in Elm Avenue Park is scheduled to start this week.

The Bethlehem town board last week awarded the construction contract for the new ballfields to Bucknell Construction Corp. of Latham. Bucknell, which recently completed a playing field complex for the town of Colonie, was the

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The town board has already authorized \$280,000 in a bond anticipation note to pay for the project. The board authorized an additional \$7,000 last week to come from the recreation capital reserve account.

Completion of the project is expected by Sept. 15, although Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dave Austin was cautious about how soon the complex could be used.

"I don't know if these fields will be playable next year or not. It depends on how the turf comes up this fall," Austin said.

The new sports complex will include two regulation baseball fields primarily for use by Bethlehem Babe Ruth, one intermediate-sized field primarily for use by Tri-Village Little League and two softball fields primarily for use by Bethlehem Tomboys.

A total of about 190 parking spaces will be created, along with an access road from the Delmar Bypass Extension.

Construction of two new soccer fields, along with the expansion of two existing fields at Elm Avenue Park, will take place at a future time.

Good Sam breaks ground



Leon Borman, president of Good Samaritan Homes (second from left), joins with Good Sam residents Alfred Borghela, Alice Stephens and Marjorie Shannon to officially break ground Friday for the new adult home on the Good Samaritan Rockefeller Road campus.

Elaine McLain

# **Bethlehem plans summer road repairs**

By Mel Hyman

Don't be too put out by the traffic delays from all the ongoing road work in Bethlehem this summer, because once completed, it will mean smoother, more uneventful drives to and from wherever you're going.

Topping the list of local highway reconstruction projects is resurfacing Kenwood Avenue between Delaware and Elsmere avenues, according to town Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph. The entire resurfacing program for this year is expected to cost about \$160,000.

Other roadways scheduled for resurfacing or reconstruction this summer include:

- Cottage Lane from Route 9W to Maple Avenue.
- Wexford Road from Elm Avenue to Tierney Drive.
- Evelyn Drive from Delaware Avenue to a dead end.
- Olympian Drive from Krumkill Road to Beverwyck Lane.
  - Lyons Avenue from Marlboro

Road to Partridge Road.

- Wilshire Drive from Lyons Avenue to Partridge Road.
- Partridge Road from Darroch Road to Murray Avenue.
- Asprion Road from Route 9W to a dead end.
- Quincy Road from Wemple Road to Commonwealth Drive.
- Bryn Mawr Drive from Wemple Road to a dead end.
- Salem Road from Bain Drive to Hampton Street.

The highway department will resurface the following roads with funds from the state Consolidated Highway Improvement Program.

- Murray Avenue from Feura Bush Road to Maryea Lane.
- Clapper Road from River Road to the railroad tracks.
- Lasher Road from Route 9W to Bridge Street.
- Groesbeck Place from Delaware Avenue to a dead end.
- Fernbank Avenue East from Elsmere Avenue to a dead end.

On Sagendorph's tentative list for this summer — time, weather and finances permitting — is re-

# Pedestrian dies after accident

A Delmar girl died at Albany Medical Center Hospital Tuesday morning from injuries suffered after being struck by a vehicle last week while walking on Roweland Avenue.

Lindsey Baron, 16, of 27 Tamarack Drive, was hit from behind by a 1994 Jeep driven by Charles Z. Feldman, 18, of 133 Westchester Drive, police said. She was walking in the roadway alongside her two sisters in the same direction as traffic, according to Bethlehem Police Detective John Cox.

The accident occurred near the intersection of Roweland and Pinedale avenues. The driver reported that he did not see the pedestrians in the roadway, po-

lice said.

Cox said police received the accident call at about 8:10 p.m. Thursday, June 27. "It was a tough time of night" for seeing clearly, he noted, because the sun was starting to set and sky was quite overcast.

No charges have been filed against the driver, and the police investigation is continuing. Right now, "there is no indication of any negligence or reckless conduct," said Police Chief Richard LaChappelle.

Baron was treated at the scene by members of the Albany County paramedic team and transported to the hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad. constructing and repaving Wemple Road between Feura Bush Road and Beacon Road.

The highway department recently completed rebuilding the intersection of Beaver Dam Road and Maple Avenue in Selkirk, Sagendorph said.

Highway workers are currently paving roads in the Jordan Boulevard, Pheasant Lane and Woodstream Drive areas.

In addition, town highway workers are continuing to correct drainage problems caused by winter floods and heavy spring rains. Using \$84,954 in federal disaster aid, culvert replacements have been completed on Clapper Road, Beaver Dam Road, Weisheit Road, Rupert Road and Smultz Road. Crews are in the process of installing pipe and repairing shoulders on Bender Lane near Route 9W in Glenmont.

### Postal changes

In order to expedite deliveries and simplify work procedures at post offices, the U.S. Postal Service has required classification changes for mailing newspapers and other periodicals.

The Spotlight has installed a new computer program to comply with the new regulations. In doing so, we have transferred some 45,000 addresses from our old system to the new one.

We expect that our readers in Albany County should receive their papers regularly on Wednesday under the new system.

As with any major change, there may be some errors. If you have any problem in receiving delivery of your *Spotlight*, please call us at 439-4949.

# Residents decry teen-age rowdiness. Clarksville parents peeved

By Dev Tobin

The quiet enjoyment of summer in Salem Hills, Voorheesville's largest subdivision, is a scarce commodity, according to representatives of the Salem Hills Park Association who attended last week's village board meeting.

Peg Blackmer, president of the homeowners' association, complained about rowdy teen-age parties and junk cars in driveways chronic problems for which effective solutions are hard to come by, according to village trustees.

"Last year, there was a party almost every night in Coventry Court," said Blackmer, noting that this year's outdoor teen party season is already in full swing.

"Someone just stole a trampoline and vandalized it," she said.

Blackmer said that the county highway department will provide two signs saying that the Salem Hills parks are closed at dusk, but recognized that enforcement will remain difficult.

Trustee Daniel Reh, a Salem Hills resident, said he has seen "young people out at night in droves," adding, "We've been going through this since I moved

Reh noted that modern street lighting in other parts of the village has seemed to make a difference.

Trustee Kevin Garrity, a Salem Hills resident and former Park Association president, said the village's ability to prevent afterdark teen gatherings from disrupting residential neighborhoods is limited since it has no curfew law and no police department.

Acknowledging the long-standing and recurrent nature of the problem, Garrity said: "The cycles are getting longer and more severe. People are afraid to fight back, but we'll need a community effort, maybe a Neighborhood

Watch, to solve these problems."

Blackmer noted that Salem Hills used to have a Neighborhood Watch, but it "died down" from lack of interest about 10 years

Blackmer's complaint about two derelict vehicles at 48 Severson Hill Road, an apparently abandoned house, was not unfamiliar to village officials.

Village Attorney Don Meacham said that the property's owner is in Florida and has not responded ito letters about the zoning violation. Undervillage zoning law, only one unregistered vehicle is allowed outside on a residential property.

Meacham said he would contact area communities to see if they have had success in similar

Blackmer said that there are several instances in Salem Hills of single unregistered cars remaining outside for extended periods.

Where there is only one unregistered vehicle outside, village Codes Enforcement Officer Gerald Gordinier said that, as long as the glass is intact and the tires

are inflated, there is no violation.

Blackmer was able to report some good news - the aboveground cable television boxes left behind when the system was upgraded last year have finally all been removed from Salem Hills.

In other business:

- The board approved having Meacham relinquish his responsibility as attorney to the zoning board of appeals. Mayor Edward Clark said that Meacham's workload as village attorney and attorney to the planning commission had increased dramatically in recent years. The board will accept resumes for the post, and decide on a replacement at its July
- Clark reported that discussions with the Voorheesville Central School District regarding moving its bus garage to the village public works department site have come to a halt. "It's up to them to move on it; a lot of details still need to be discussed," he said.
- The board accepted Ridgeview Drive as a village street.

# at large class numbers

By Dev Tobin

An 11th-hour change in class configuration at Clarksville Elementary School brought a score of concerned parents to the Bethlehem Central school board's recent meeting.

The parents were upset that class sizes for fourth and fifth-graders at Clarksville will be 27 next year, substantially more than the 23 or 24 envisioned during consideration of the BC school budget for 1996-97.

"Large classes mean less time for individual students," said parent Susan Martin. "Clarksville is working to catch up to other schools in test scores, and we cannot afford a year of just getting

Martin added that "the new configuration did not go through the shared decision-making pro-

Parent Ken Hamm noted that Clarksville will have the largest fourth and fifth-grade classes in the district, while the school on average has "demonstrable problems in writing and math skills as shown on standardized test scores.

The parents asked the board to devote "additional resources" to Clarksville to lower the fourth and fifth-grade class sizes.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis replied that the class configuration was revised by the school's faculty "to maintain and enhance the quality of the educational program."

Loomis said that the board allocates the total numbers of teachers per school at budget time, and the decision on how to deploy the teachers is made at the school

"Numbers like 27 at the fourth

and fifth-grade levels are reasonable for BC," he said, adding that the class sizes would not rise above

Loomis said that Clarksville will will have generally smaller class sizes at the first, second and thirdgrade levels relative to the district's other four elementary schools.

Clarksville Principal Joseph Schaefer said the teachers felt the new configuration, which eliminated several two-grade-level classes, would offer more opportunities for collaboration.

Schaefer added that he would work part-time with the fourth and fifth-graders on math, which he taught before becoming a principal, and that Kathy Bartley, elementary language arts coordinator, would devote some additional time to these classes at Clarksville.

'I'd like to spend more time getting back to my roots as a teacher, and it wouldn't detract from my administrative duties" at the smallest BC elementary school, Schaefer said.

Loomis urged the parents to "take a couple of steps back and support these fourth and fifthgrade teachers. I predict a very successful year for the fourth and fifth-grades at Clarksville. We will deliver.'

Board member Dr. Stuart Lyman noted saihe was directly affected by the plan as a parent of a fifth-grader at Clarksville.

He said he was "disappointed" by the class sizes but "can't come down on the side of providing more

Other parents were also clearly disappointed by the board decision not to add staff at Clarksville, but board member Dennis Stevens encouraged them to remember Loomis' commitment, "We will deliver."

being added each week.

\* In the Delaware Plaza adjacent to Woolworth's.

# Town board to mull stop sign proposals

The Bethlehem Town Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Drive at the intersection of Salem the town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

# **Zoning board meets** two evenings in July

The Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals will hold meetings on Wednesdays, July 10 and 24. Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in

For information, call 439-4955.

At that time, the board will consider adding a stop sign on Dover Road, and on Sheffield Drive at the intersection of Hampton Street in

At 7:45 p.m., the board will address the construction of additional intersections on Kenwood Avenue.

Disabled persons requiring assistance to attend the meeting should call David Austin in advance at 439-4131.

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# Pataki Vetoes Paycheck Mandate

—Headline, June 27

Almost everyone knows the story of the fellow who always pleads – he's "between dividend checks.'

That's the spirit of the veto by Governor Pataki on the advice

of his comfy legislative advisers in killing a bill that would ensure on-time paychecks for State workers. Let 'em eat bagels (day-old), is the message. They

were horrified by "technical defects" in the legislation. Besides,

the constitution would be violated by paying people without a specific appropriation not yet voted, we are reminded. The Public Employees Federation is dead right in declaring there's something wrong if the State suffers no penalty for paying

employees tardily. There's no fun in waiting for your paycheck. Here's a solution: creating enough of a penalty that surely would make the State think twice about late pay - and would

steer clear of the constitutional prohibition.

For every work-period an employee is on the job without rightful compensation, his or her pay rate goes to time-and-a-half. Yes, the paycheck would still be tardy, but wouldn't that be a little

Another deterrent: Make it illegal for any legislator to stage a fund-raiser during a payless period. Sauce for the gander!

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# **Open letter of thanks**

The following is an open letter of thanks from Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Leslie Loomis to Delmar resident Holly Billings, who is moving to Rhode Island.

Dear Holly

When I arrived in town to begin as superintendent at BC, you were one of the first members of the community to welcome me, with a gift of homemade jam. Now that you are about to leave our community, I want to thank you for the gifts that you have shared with all of us.

We are so much better for your being here! Through starting Bethlehem Opportunities

Unlimited, through initiating the Community Partnership, and through directing the Bethlehem Networks Project, you have helped to unite the town, the schools, the churches and the chamber in serving our youth.

Your generosity, wisdom and love have been boundless. Somehow, you have found a place in your pursuits for each of us. And in the programs you led, you created a place for every child and adolescent who needed one.

With your whole heart, you have given to our community. Now, as you leave, we are a closer community because of you. On behalf of our children and all of us, thank you, Holly.

# Delmar man stops bike thief

A stroke of good luck last Friday helped an Alden Court man recover his \$2,300 bicycle and Bethlehem police capture two Albany men who allegedly scoured a Delmar neighborhood looking for expensive bikes to steal.

Scott W. Dugan, 26, of 184 Quail St., and George T. Burg, 19, of 113 Central Ave., were both charged with second-degree burglary and grand larceny in connection with stolen bikes from Alden Court and Harrison Avenue, police said.

The owner of the bike from Alden Court, which was stolen late Thursday or early Friday, was working in Albany on Friday afternoon when he spotted someone riding his \$2,300 Trek mountain bicycle near the corner of Lark Street and Central Avenue.

The Delmar man then apprehended the alleged thief and held him until Albany police arrived and made an arrest, according to Beth-

#### **Correction**

On the Johns Hopkins University's recent Center for Talented Youth Talent Search, Kathryn M. Himmelfarb of Delmar earned the top score in New York State and one of the top five scores in the country on the verbal portion of the exam.

lehem Police Officer Vince Rinaldi. Dugan later implicated Burg in the heists, who was later arrested at his residence.

"They (the suspects) told us they checked out about 50 garages" looking for expensive bicycles to steal, Rinaldi said. "If (the victim) hadn't spotted his bike in Albany, they probably would have disappeared forever."

Both bikes were recovered and the suspects were taken back to Bethlehem and arraigned before Town Justice Peter Bishko who sent them to the Albany County jail to await a preliminary hearing.

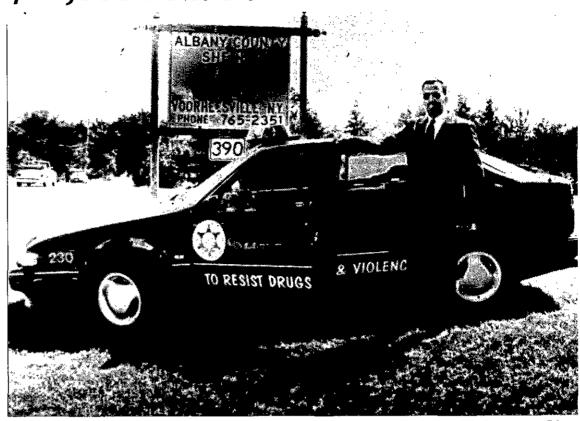
#### Area dancer to share stage with NYC Ballet

Lindsey Johnson, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of 19 Bittersweet Lane in Slingerlands, was recently chosen to perform in the New York City Ballet production of "Vienna Waltzes."

Johnson was chosen from a field of 180 auditioning performers.

Tickets for the New York City Ballet are available through the SPAC Box Office, SPAC Phone Charge at 587-3330, all Ticketmaster locations and Ticketmaster Phone Charge at 476-1000.

# \$40,000 donation



New Salem Saab donated this \$40,000 1996 Saab 9000CS to the Albany County Sheriff's Department DARE Program. Captain Scott D. Giroux stands by the car, which will be assigned to Deputy Sheriff Amy Carman. Carman administers the DARE program at Voorheesville and Berne-Knox-Westerlo elementary schools. Sheriff James Campbell said, "It is with deep gratitude and appreciation that I accept the vehicle. This fine example of community involvement will greatly assist my department for many years to come."

### Bethlehem library plans "Art On The Rise" youth art show

Young artists are invited to submit their work in the Bethlehem Public Library's art show entitled: "Art On The Rise: Art by the Youth of Bethlehem."

The deadline for applications is Sept. 9. The show will take place in the library's community room on Sunday, Sept. 15.

School-aged children residing

# Civil War history buffs to meet at library

The Capital District Civil War Round Table will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Jeffrey R. Hummel, a professor at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, will give a lecture entitled, "Why the North Should Have Seceded from the South." in Bethlehem can submit up to two works in any of the following categories: oil or acrylic painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, watercolor, printmaking or mixed media.

The winners from each category will be invited to display their work in a month-long group show at the library.

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# Tragedy strikes

Just last Thursday morning, The Spotlight editorial board met to discuss topics for editorials for this week's paper. One of the topics was safety on the roadways, a

subject we routinely cover, both at the beginning and the end of the Editorials school year.

Last Thursday evening, our worst fears came true. A 16-year-old Delmar girl was struck by a car in an accident on Roweland Avenue. Lindsey Baron, who would have entered her senior year at BCHS in September, died Tuesday at Albany Medical Center Hospital. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and many friends.

This time of year is particularly hazardous for pedestrians. Now that school is out and the weather beckons us outdoors, there is a greater likelihood of pedestrians, inline skaters and bicyclists falling victim to an accident.

Drivers should be alert, since there are more kids using the roads for recreation at this time of year, more joggers and more bicyclists. Observing the speed limit is one way to help to avoid an accident, along with the realization that it only takes a split second for an accident to happen, and that kids sometimes dart out into traffic without thinking of the consequences.

As BCHS Principal Jon Hunter said, "We must be doubly and triply cautious" when we are driving.

Pedestrians, inline skaters and cyclists also need to use caution and follow the rules of the road. Helmets for both cyclists and skaters help save lives and serious injury, and light colors and reflective gear should be worn in the evening, when it becomes more difficult for drivers to see.

Play it safe; there's too much at stake not to.

# New 'Declaration' needed

As we observe July 4 and the 220th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we are facing many of the same problems which brought about one of the most important documents in history.

Yet, as we heap praise on the men who wrote this great document, our current representatives seem to be losing sight of the reasons it was written. The colonists protested high tariffs, taxation without representation, and severe mandates from distant governments.

It's no stretch to look at New York state's actions these. past six months to realize that the spirit and actions taken by the men who signed the Declaration of Independence have been forgotten.

Here we are at the point of America's most important holiday and New York state has not been able to settle on a budget as special interests battle each other while too many others seek to maintain the status quo.

Quite candidly, the first Congress in the spring and early summer of 1776 squabbled also while George Washington kept sending messages from the battlefield urging positive action for the sake of the country and the men he commanded. But, they did act!

Now, another George, Pataki by name, is attempting to get cooperation from New York state legislators to agree on a budget while cutting away some of the taxes which afflict New Yorkers.

As one glaring example, workers' compensation has grown to be a monster that taxes employers unfairly without any additional help for employees. Fraud and incompetence has crept into the administration of this insurance program while the previous state government took large amounts of money from the workers' compensation reserve to balance the state's books in past years.

We urge Gov. Pataki to remain firm and we urge all legislators to remember that New York 's biggest need is to attract new businesses to our state. This can only be done by making New York attractive by reducing state spending, taxes and regulations.

We need a renewed dedication by men and women of will and courage to free us from this bureaucratic tyranny.

# Change state's bizarre election laws

The writer is legislative director of the New York Public Interest Research Group and a resident of Del-

It's election year again, time to re-examine the political culture that

has made New York state a national disgrace - this time, in the justbarely-contested Republican primary and how we as citizens can work to reform the system.

The details are shocking.

New York accounts for more than half of the election litigation in the country. Sen. Bob Dole's opponents are only the latest victims of an outrageous set of hurdles and obstacles to reaching the vot-

New York's bizarre election laws are legendary.

For example, candidates have been thrown off the ballot for delivering their petitions an hour early or for using the wrong type of paper clip to bind them.

Challengers who do make it to the ballot usually face well-financed incumbents. The number of campaign fund-raisers held by state legislators in Albany has risen dramatically in the last year.

This year, lawmakers averaged three fund-raisers for every day they were in session.

Under state law, individual contributors can, and frequently do, give up to \$37,500 to statewide candidates. State party committees can accept a staggering \$69,900.

And even these sky-high limits. well beyond the means of the vast majority of New Yorkers, can be circumvented. One party leader recently sent a mailing to potential contributors showing them how they could write campaign checks over \$100,000 - as long as they contributed to the party's "housekeeping account," where there are no limits.

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Arecent NYPIRG report, Capital Investments, found that more than 80 percent of campaign contributions came from political action committees, businesses, labor and wealthy individuals.

If you ever wondered why lawmakers seem to be keenly interested in the concerns of special interests like political action committees, businesses, labor and wealthy individuals, this report should help fill in the gaps.

Albany's fat cats are more than willing to fill lawmakers' campaign war chests - as long as lawmakers stay "sensitive" to their needs.

Enforcement of campaign contribution limits is non-existent. The reason? Since campaign contribution data are not computerized in New York (as they are in 39 other states), the state Board of Elections has no meaningful way to track contributions.

Contributors and their benefactors know this, so many just ignore the legal limits.

This rigged system has taken its toll — New York's percentage of registered voters is the fourthlowest in the country. Other states have made the most of the federal "Motor Voter" law, which allows citizens to register to vote when applying for government services like driver's licenses or Medicaid.

Registration rates have doubled elsewhere, but not in New York.

In 1995, New York registered just 11 percent of those applying for public assistance, while Missouri registered 31 percent.

The severity of the problem is obvious, so what are the prospects for reform? While many are skeptical that incumbents will change a system that maintains them in office, there are signs of hope.

After Republican leaders received a barrage of criticism for using the state's ballot access laws to lock out Dole's primary opponents, Gov. George Pataki introduced legislation to eliminate that keep candidates off New York

Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and Sen. Michael Hoblock have introduced legislation (a version of which has already passed the Democratic-controlled Assembly) that will computerize campaign contribution records collected by the state Board of Elections.

Whether such bills become law is. of course, another matter. If such efforts fail, voters will have a rare opportunity to reform government on their own through a Constitutional Convention.

Every 20 years, New Yorkers vote on whether to hold a convention — a constitutional free-for-all which would offer the prospect of fundamental election law change.

The next vote will be in November 1997, and lawmakers comfortable with the present system should beware.

Finally, a diverse coalition has come together to press for substantive election law reform. Traditional good-government groups like Common Cause, the League of Women Voters and NYPIRG have been joined by Ross Perot's United We Stand America in support of a "Five-point Program to End Politics as Usual."

The plan reforms ballot access laws, limits campaign contributions from special interests, bans. lobbyists from giving gifts and campaign contributions to lawmakers, toughens ethics laws and makes it easier for citizens to run for delegates to the Constitutional Convention. Elected officials who don't want to alienate independent voters should support this

If you're fed up with New York's political system, it's time to contact the Albany powers-thatbe, who tend to be more "sensitive" to citizens' concerns in election years.

Computer-savvy readers can get more details or call up bills in the Legislature's database at gopher.senate.state.ny.us.Or call NYPIRG at 436-0876.

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# Your Opinion Matters

# Senior parents pleased as punch with grad party

Editor, The Spotlight:

The parents who organized this year's Bethlehem Central High School graduation celebration spent six long months of planning, meetings, begging, getting good news and bad news, receiving no checks and then having windfalls and coping with broken promises and delightful surprises.

Everything came together in the end. Like always, the class parents and the community came through with financial support and warm bodies so that all of the arrangements got made, the prizes were purchased with enough left over to pay the bills. By 3 p.m. on graduation day, the last streamer was hung, every detail double-checked and everything was finally ready.

The junior class parents, dressed in '50s attire ran the games and served the food, and chaperoned the party. All of the hard work paid off, as was evident in the looks on the faces of the graduates as they came into the party, but walked into the '50s.

It is wonderful to live in a community that demonstrates how much it cares about our youth by such generous support, where the parents truly love their children as they must to provide them with such a gala affair to keep them safe on such a special night in their lives, and where the young adults

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recognize the love that their families and community have for them and choose to attend this party and spend their graduation night having a great time celebrating soberly with their friends.

All of the graduates who attended the party were polite, considerate, friendly and courteous. Every parent can be proud of the fine young adults they have raised.

On behalf of all of the parents who worked so hard to make this party happen: "To the Class of '96 — You guys are great! We love you and wish you all the best!"

Patsy Bellizzi

Delmar

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# Thanks to all who helped with party

Editor, the Spotlight:

As treasurer of the Bethlehem Central High School graduation celebration, I would like to personally thank all the seniors and parents and all the businesses who generously donated to our great party.

Thanks also to the volunteers who helped us on the prize committee. A special thanks to Patsy Bellizzi and Claire Sellitti who made this party a success.

Arlene Roth

Delmar

### Another great year

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to congratulate the New Scotland community for another successful New Scotland Kiwanis Club baseball season. There were 300 children in T-ball, minor and major leagues and 90 parent coaches. Between the participants, local businesses and club members, the 41st season was a very big success, even with all the rain.

Thanks to Smitty's Pizza Run and the Voorheesville Stewart's Shop for their donations of food for the season-end picnic.

Dick Ramsey

-New Scotland Kiwanis

# Dem stands up for chair

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a longtime Democratic committeeperson in the town of New Scotland, I feel I must respond to the letter Joseph Cotazino sent to town Democrats.

He suggests that the current leadership of the party is "out of touch" with the voters and has failed to assemble a "representative group" of committee people.

What Mr. Cotazino neglected to mention is that three years ago, Michael Burns, town Democratic chairman, asked him to serve as a committeeman, not once but twice. Mr. Cotazino refused.

Also, in a letter, Mr. Cotazino congratulated Mr. Burns on the great work he has done as Democratic chairman. Mr. Cotazino was right; Mr. Burns has done a tremendous job.

Ask anyone in the community who has gone to Mike Burns for help when they've lost a job, or lost a parent or run into hard luck. Without any fanfare or any benefit to himself, Mike has helped more people than anyone I know, regardless of political affiliation.

Mr. Cotazino also complains that the party leadership erred when it decided to "dump" Supervisor Herb Reilly. Again, Mr. Cotazino misrepresents the facts.

More than 150 people attended last year's Democratic caucus. All enrolled Democrats who cared

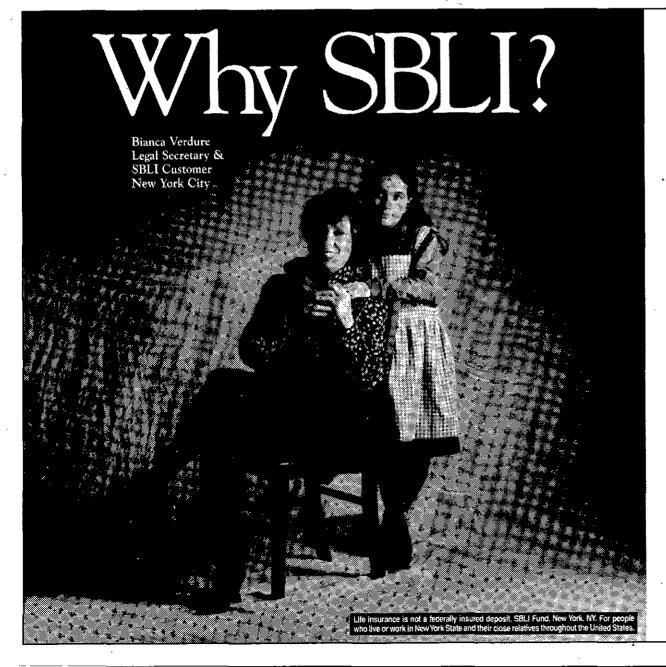
enough to show up decided by secret ballot that they no longer wanted Mr. Reilly to represent them. Perhaps that's because he tried to dictate who his running mates would be. Or maybe people just wanted a change. What matters is that the caucus was open, publicized, well-attended and fairly run. In my opinion, criticism of the caucus is absurd.

Equally absurd is Mr. Cotazino's claim that Supervisor Reilly provides good "fiscal management." I live in Orchard Park, and Mr. Reilly's recent \$117,000 "goof" (which I now understand is closer to \$200,000) is apparently going to cost us one of two things: a lot more money or the water district. Also, I understand there may already be cost overruns on the town hall addition.

My grandfather Ken Tice got me involved in local politics at an early age. I know now, more than ever, the New Scotland Democratic Committee is comprised of people from every part of town and every walk of life. Their work is strictly volunteer and takes dedication and a commitment of time and effort. The committee people perform an important public function and should be thanked rather than criticized. Should they really be replaced by the likes of Joe Cotazino?

Kim Karis

New Scotland



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## **Matters of Opinion**

# Mom, apple pie & Bethlehem

Editor, The Spotlight:

Late Monday evening, my mother arrived from "the real" upstate New York, Ogdensburg, to participate in my installation as president of Delmar Rotary Club.

On Tuesday, we toured around the area, saw the sights and enjoyed a wonderful day. At lunch, Mom wanted to order apple pie, but I told her she could have it with dinner as I thought it was one of the selections for dessert.

For dinner, we had the pleasure of joining my fellow Rotarians and dined at the Capitol House on Route 9W in Glenmont. If you have not sampled the menu there, may I suggest you make a point of visiting them soon. The meal, service, and atmosphere were delightful.

After dinner and during the Rotary installation and awards presentation, dessert was served. Unfortunately, apple pie was not one of the choices. My mother didn't complain, but I could see the disappointment in her eyes.

The next morning mom and sister No. 4 (there are 12 of us in all) packed up the car and headed

home, a long and tiresome fourhour drive, without any apple pie. Feeling like I failed "The Greatest Mother on Earth," I racked my brain for a solution to the dilemma.

As I was driving to Windflower Florist in Delaware Plaza to orderballoons for Good Samaritan's groundbreaking, I passed The Kandy Korner on Delaware Avenue. The light bulb came on, (in the shape of an apple pie), so I turned around and pulled into the parking lot of the Kandy Korner. I rushed into the Kandy Korner and immediately smelled the fresh baked apple pie, which I bought.

I looked at all the other fine pastries and delicious looking chocolates and asked if I could have one of the cake boxes to send the pie overnight to my Mom.

None of the cake boxes was suitable but, my friend at Kandy Korner reminded about one of the services Mail Boxes Etc. provides. They will ship anything anywhere and pack it for you.

I loaded the apple pie into my Blazer and drove through the construction to Mail Boxes Etc. Upon entering with my prize possession, I shared with Steve and everyone in the store my need to ship the pie overnight to Mom.

From now on, I'll shop Bethle-

Melody D. Burns

(Burns is chairwoman of a Bethlehem First task force).

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# **Exchange student host** sings program praises

Editor, The Spotlight:

With the beginning of summer, few of us are giving much thought to September and the beginning of the new school year.

But there are a large group of young people who can only think about that first day of school, as it will be one of the most challenging and eventful times in their young lives.

These young people are for-eign exchange students. Kids from Sweden, Germany, Brazil, Thailand, Russia and a host of other countries are going to be spending this summer dreaming about the coming school year, and their opportunity to live it as a "typical American" as part of an American host family. But for all too many,this will remain only a dream because of a lack of American host families.

The numerous organizations that sponsor student exchange programs are all experiencing a common problem — a severe lack of American hosts.

This is truly sad, for without a

host family, many of these bright, wonderful kids will not have the opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Over the past seven years, it has been my pleasure and joy to have hosted eight "sons-on-loan" from Europe and Mexico. These have been some of the happiest times of my life, and I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of my third German "son" this August.

No matter what group or organization sponsors the students, the guidelines are all very much the same. The students speak and understand English, and they all come with their own spending money and are all fully insured.

The host family is responsible for supplying meals and a place to sleep.

It doesn't matter if you're single or married, have children or don't, or what your age is, if you have the room, both in your home and in your heart, you can host a foreign exchange student this school year.

If you are interested, contact your high school guidance office and see if there is an organization that they have worked with, then give that organization a call. Or feel free to contact me at 756-9098, and I'll be glad to tell you everything I know about hosting, and give you information about an organization that might meet your family's specific needs.

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# Sagendorph deserves credit for saving road

Editor, The Spotlight:

As most Bethlehem residents are aware, construction of the new Route 443 bridge over the Normanskill, as well as demolition of the previous Route 443 bridge, created an inconvenience at times to us all. However, on a daily basis the greatest effect was on residents of the historic hamlet of Normansville.

A home was demolished, a detour road was built and constant construction traffic and dirt and debris generated from this bridge project, all took their toll.

But during construction and demolition of the bridges, there was also another concern -- preserving the remaining footage of the "yellow brick road."

"Old Delaware Avenue" known as the "yellow brick road," one of only 10 such roads still in existence in the United States.

The yellow bricks remain in the original roadbed, many damaged and crushed because of the daily travel of heavy construction equipment, but still very much intact.

Although the roadbed has been damaged and will need to be repaired and the bricks reset, the historical significance to our community as well as to the town of Bethlehem is irreplaceable.

## Letters

I would like to express my appreciation to Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph for his assistance in helping to retain the originality of the "yellow brick road," by deterring the bridge contractor from paving over this part of history.

I would also like to thank Dennis Smith and Chris Roe of the state Department of Transportation and Bill Schultz of Schultz Construction for their recognition of the importance of preserving the "yellow brick

With the completion of the Route 443 bridge project, it is now time to consider funding to restore the "yellow brick road" to its original state.

For those residents unfamiliar with the "yellow brick road," each time you pass through the Four Corners in Delmar, you can see a small section on the pedestrian island. These are the original bricks dating back to the early

Darlene M. Tompkins-Bell Delmar

# Plans ignore plaza eyesore

Editor, the Spotlight:

I am writing to invite all Bethlehem residents to view our "beautiful," new shopping plaza at the corner of Feura Bush Road and Route 9W in Glenmont.

Enjoy the "green space" that is full of weeds and untrimmed foliage.

Pay particular emphasis to the fire hydrant near McDonald's with the aged rag draped across it.

See the king-sized pothole as you enter from 9W.

If you go to CVS to buy a postcard to celebrate the occasion, take the "death walk.".

Take a chance dodging the traffic crossing the street where all the cars are parked in the No Parking area on the corner by the Post Office and the TV rental store.

To its credit, McDonald's is the best maintained in the plaza.

I am sure that the developer's "artist rendering" excluded these features — a point to remember as we see plans for new plazas.

Glenmont

Bob Zick

# **Highway sign origins** stump letter writer

Editor, The Spotlight:

I like to see the signs along our highways where one or another civic or fraternal group shows who cleans up a specific stretch

However, I haven't been able to find the answer to the stretch of New Scotland Road from the Tollgate and two miles westward that is dedicated to or by "Jonathan Piedmont's Little Piece of Heaven?

For me and for others who may be stumped by these signs, could you please find out and tell us?

Don Foley

Delmar

Editor's Note: According to Rob Selover of the state Department of Transportation, "Anybody can adopt a section of highway." Usually, organized groups or businesses take part in the Adopt-A-Highway program, although individuals can as well. In this case, a private individual adopted a stretch of Route 85 and wanted the phrase "Jonathan Piedmont's Little Piece of Heaven" written on the sign.

# Path deserves clean sweep

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Delmar Bypass, with its wide shoulders and gentle hills, could provide one of the finest segments of bike path in the Capital District.

Unfortunately, loose gravel and chunks of broken pavement have accumulated for years and made that segment quite hazardous.

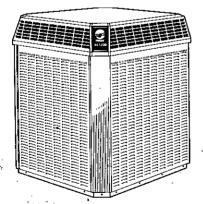
In a recent call to the state Department of Transportation, I learned that there is a "broom" vehicle that could be used to sweep the shoulders. Because of cutbacks and higher priority work, however, it appears very uncertain that the broom will be used.

Spotlight readers who would like to have the area cleaned up can call Peter Charland at DOT at 765-2841.

Stan Reich

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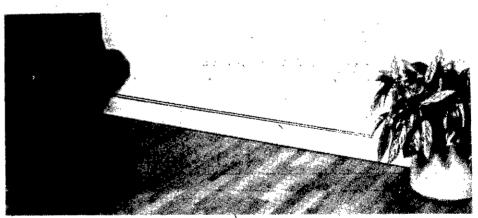
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#### Athletics & physical education

 May L. Polikoff Memorial Scholarship: Dana Romanoff

#### **Business education**

- Bethlehem Business Women's Club Award: Elizabeth Hendron
- Helderberg Business Women's Club: Jessica Barnes
- · Larry Prater Memorial Scholarship: Allyson Mulhern

#### **English & communications**

- Comedies Award: Hally Gutman and Sarah Rosenthal
- Eagle's Eye Award for Scholastic Journalism: Joshua Kagan
  - Expository Writing Award for

Literary Writing: Bethani English Course: Laura Biggerstaff, Berrings, David Blabey, Carrie Brown, Joseph Dangelo, Shauna Dowd, Marci Finkel, John Kuta, Christopher Leonardo, Salvatore Rappoccio, Douglas Rice, Scott Rider, Ashley Roberts, Parise Sellitti, Abigail Smith, Lauren Staff, Nicholas Turner and Matthew

- Expository Writing Award for Technical Writing: Brad Einhorn, Andrew Reed, Brian Rice and Sara Stiglmeier
- Outstanding Achievement in Creative Writing: Douglas Rice and **Brian Schwartz**
- Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking: Alexandra Bishko, Christopher DiMuria, Adrianna Denkers, Peter Dorgan, Brian Govanlu, John Kuta, Scott Rider, Sean Ryan, Abigail Smith, Lauren Staff, Nicholas Turner, Adam Waite and Matt Welsh
- Outstanding Achievement in Writing in Advanced Placement,

David Blabey, Samuel Ginsberg, Joshua Kagan, David Malbin and Tessy Nedy

- Survey of Shakespeare Award: Brad Einhorn, Amanda Genovese and Brian Schwartz
- Theater Arts Award: David Lefkowich and Denise Herm

#### Foreign languages

- BCHS Award for Excellence in French: Kelley Banagan
- BCHS Award for Excellence in Spanish: Shari Bogen
- BCHS Award for Outstanding Achievement in French: Jaime Boomhower
- · BCHS Award for Outstanding Achievement in Spanish: Lisa Engelstein
- American Classical League/ National Junior Classical League Awards: Gold medals — Bethani Berrings, Candice Bocala, Staci Limniatis and Wes Miaw; Silver

medals — Carrie Danziger, Michael DeLucco, Maggie Erlich, Sharon Fellows, Beth Lee Herbert, Mark Katz, Meredith McNeil. Ryan Peterson, Jaclyn Secora and Hema Visweswariah.

#### Good citizenship, scholarship & community spirit

- Lynn Apicelli Memorial Scholarship: Shauna Dowd
- BCTA Scholarship Awards: Bethani Berrings, Elizabeth Hendron, Lisa Morris and Matthew Simmons
- Bethlehem Republican Club Citizenship Award: Will Cushing
- Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter 1598 AARP: Kerry O'Neal and Laura Del Vecchio
- Clarkson Leadership Award: Amir Rasowsky
- Dartmouth College Book Award: Benjamin Samelson-Jones
- James Furlong, Class of 1980, Dollars for Scholars Award: Rene Gabino
- Anne Gibson Elbow Memorial Award: Sarah Fogelman
- Jennifer Grierson Memorial Scholarship: William Leary
- Harvard Book Award: Corey Whiting
- Andrew Jukins 'Memorial Award: Sarah Kennedy
- Karner Psychological Association/Eugene Debs Award: Bethani Berrings
- Key Club Citizenship Award: Abby Smith
- Lt. Henry Klein Memorial Award (Tawasentha Chapter DAR): David Malbin
- School Systems Federal Credit Union Community Service Award: Gillian Via
- · Senior Service Award: Matthew Simons
- Smith College Book Award: Heather Mann

- Student Senate Leadership Prize: Shauna Dowd and Christopher Wenger
- Student Senate Scholarship Prize: Joshua Kagan and Kathryn Sherwin
- Weilesley College Book Award: Mita Gupta
- Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award: Hally Gutman
- Williams College Book Award: Jeremy Muhlich

#### **Industrial arts**, home economics & BOCES

- · BCHS Excellence in Child and Family Learning: Nicole Roth
- BCHS Excellence in Culinary Arts: Aran Mooney
- BCHS Excellence in Technology Education: Shaun Wagner and Sean Ryan
- T.J. Smith Memorial Scholarship: Sean Ryan and Charles Sullivan

#### **Mathematics & science**

- Bausch & Lomb Science Award: Annette Grajny
- Bernard Evans Harvith Environmental Awareness Scholarship: Matthew Goldberg
- Mathematics Department/ Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Award: Joshua Kagan and Jacqueline Baselice
- RPI Award: Nancy Ann Oberheim
- Floyd J. Walter Memorial/ Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Science Award: Nathaniel Sajdak

#### **Performing arts**

- Louis Armstrong Jazz Award (BMA): Adam Waite
- Bethlehelm Music Association (BMA) Award: Kimberly Harvey
- Director's Award for Band (BMA): Kimberly Harvey



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- Patrick S. Gilmore Band 'Award (BMA): Debra Kerness
- Woody Herman Jazz Award (BMA): William Leary
- National School Choral Award (BMA): Anna Groper and Adam Sharron
- National School Orchestra Award (BMA): Jason Sundram
- "Semper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence (U.S. Marine Youth Foundation): William Leary
- John Philip Sousa Band Award (BMA): William Leary

#### **Social studies**

- Herman Brown Award: Chris
- DAR American History Award/Tawasentha Chapter: David Blabey
- Gordon Molyneux Award: Kathryn Sherwin
- Social Studies Department

Seniors — Chris Bannigan, Jacqueline Baselice, Elizabeth Bassotti, Bethani Berrings, David Blabey, John Czajka, Will Cushing, Arthur Dicker, Charlie Feldman, Chris Leonardo, Susan Manella, Jaime Martin, Douglas Rice, Jeremy Rosen, Terrence Tripp, Muhammad Umar, Christopher Wenger and Stephen Wieland;

Juniors—Candice Bocala, Carrie Danziger, Jennifer Dawson, Gennifer Gould, Sarah Hotaling, Quinn Kosoc, Katey Link, Melissa Leibman, Julie Morrison, Jamie Paine, Robert Reinfurt, Donald Richter, Joelle Rosenkrantz, Joseph Rossi, Sarah Searle-Schrader, Robin Van Alstyne, Linda Van Dyke and Corey Whiting;

Sophomores — Shannon Bennett, David Brannock, Michael Coker, Laura Dicker, Paul Esmond, Lynette Farley, Melanie Finkel, Adam Greenberg, Nazeur Jalal, Sarah MacDowell, Ashley Mettauer, Timothy Moshier, Mariette Postava-Davignon, Emma Samelson-Jones, Michael Smith, Erica St. Lucia and Brett Vincent;

Freshmen - Elizabeth Andersen, Heather Axford, Jessica Berlow, Rachel Carbewy, Erin Conley, Sarah Farley, Joshua

Fewentino, Elizabeth Fox-Solomon, Joseph Gerstenzang. Alexis Grant, Kris Grajny, Lucas Gray, Joshua Gyer, Jeff Kaplan, Freeman Klopott, Scheherazade Lacy, Caryn Leonardo, Leslie MacKrell, Tracy Messina, James O'Keefe, Ember Pickands, Lily Rabinoff-Goldman, Colleen Tripp, Vanessa Wilcox- Suarez and Allison Zucker

- Society of the Mayflower Descendants Award: Candice **Bocala and Corey Whiting**
- Xerox Award Winner: Sarah Kennedy

#### **Sponsored scholarships** & awards

- · Alfred University Scholarship: David M. Silbergleit
- · Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning: Brian
- (Wallace H. Erlichman Memorial Novick Scholarship Awards): Bethani Bewings and Sean Ryan
- Bethlehem Women's Garden Club: Elizabeth Rymski
- Clarksville PTA Senior Award: Amy Nicols
- Delmar Progress Club Scholarship Award: Bethani Berrings
- Elsmere PTA Senior Award: Janice Sievert
- Glenmont PTA Senior Award: Nathaniel Saidak
- Charles A. Gunner/BCCO Scholarship: Brandon Macomber-
- Hamagrael PTA Senior Award: Debra Kerness and Joshua
- · Key Bank "Dedicated Neighbor" Award: Clarissa D'Ambrosio
- · NYS Attorney General's Of-
- NYS Federation of Women Awards: First prize - Jeremy Holden, Andrew Masino, Christian Teresi, Jill Foster and Elizabeth Knoll; Second prize — John Crookes, Christopher DiMuria and Brad Fitzgerald
- · Cathleen M. Quinn Memorial Award: Elizabeth Bassotti
  - Karen Elizabeth Sievert Me-

morial Award: \$1,000 — Bethani Berrings, Alison Brown, Lisa Mowis and Thomas Feller; \$750 -Kelly Gerber, Tara Holligan and Melissa Scoons; \$500 — Cara Hogan and Elizabeth Norton; \$300 -Sean Berry, Rebekah Connolly, Amy Dowse, Elizabeth Hendron, Kimberly Lenhardt, Aran Mooney, Andrew O'Brien, Elizabeth Rymski and Gretchen Sodergren

- Slingerlands PTA Senior Award: Alexandra Bishko
- Tandy Outstanding Student Award: Joshua Kagan
- Tandy Scholarships: Laura Biggerstaff, David Blabey, Dana Cole, Joshua Kagan, Tessy Nedy and Salvatore Rappoccio
- J.O. Wells Foundation: Tina Mowell
- · Richard C. Wiley Memorial Scholarship: Scott Isaacs and Ethan Novick
- William Wiley Memorial • Bethlehem Lions Club Award Award: Scott Isaacs and Ethan

#### **Visual arts**

- Bethlehem Art Association Awards: Advanced Art Awards -Emma Copley, Shari Bogen and Candice Bocalla; Printmaking Award — Jill Foster; Art Supervisor's Award — Chena Backer, Sarah Haskins, Jeremy Holden and Adam Ostroff; Advertising Design Award — Melissa Dominelli; Painting and Drawing Award — Erica St. Lucia; Illustration Award — Winnie Corrigan and Erin Sellnow; Sculpture Award -Chris DiMuria and Lucy Dunne; Ceramics Award — Jennifer Adriance and Carrie Brown
- Al Young Memorial Photography Awards: Advanced Photography - Elizabeth Waniewski; Photography — Kelly Signorelli

# Voorheesville graduate becomes Eagle Scout

David Joseph Stapf, 18, of Voorheesville was recently recognized as an Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor conducted by Troop 73.

Stapf's Eagle Project was the organization of a non-food drive for the Voorheesville pantry at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville. Stapf collected products not covered by food stamps, but required for every-day living, such as paper goods, laundry detergents and personal products.

Stapf joined the scouting program in first grade as a Cub Scout with Pack 73. He became a member of Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 in fifth-grade.

Stapf was successful throughout his scouting career. In addition to earning 24 badges, Stapf was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the national scouting honor society, in 1993. In August of that year, he attended the Boy Scout National Jamboree. The troop awarded him the Scouting Spirit Award in June 1993. Stapf worked as a counselor in training at Rotary Scout Reservation in 1993. Stapf rose from junior assistant scoutmaster in 1995 to his present position of assistant scoutmaster.

In addition to his work with the Boy Scouts, Stapf has been active in school activities. Stapf was a member of the varsity wrestling team, which he co-captained in his senior year, in grades 9, 10 and 12. He was the Colonial Council 250pound 1996 champion, came in first at the 1996 Schoharie Wrestling Tournament in the 250 pound category, and was a Section II quali-

David Stapf

fier in the past year.

Stapf was class president and president of the community service organization Key Club during his junior and senior years of high school, participated in an exchange program in Mexico, completed the Cornell Cooperative Extension Government Intern Program with the Albany County Legislature, and played baritone saxophone in the school's Wind Ensemble and bass guitar in the stage band.

Stapf is a currently a lifeguard at Colonie Country Club and is a certified Red Cross water safety instructor.

In June, Stapf graduated from Clayton A. Bouton High School with numerous honors. He will attend Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall and intends to study film arts.

#### Workshop to delve ponds and streams

A pond and stream ecology workshop hosted by the Audubon Society of New York will take place on Saturday, July 13, at 10 a.m. at the Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary at 46 Rarick Road in Selkirk.

All ages are invited. Groups are encouraged to attend.

For information, call 767-9051.

### fice 1996 Triple C Award: Scott Town library planning summer storytimes

The Bethlehem Public Library's youth services staff will provide "outreach" storytimes from July 8 though Aug. 15.

Storytimes for preschoolers will be held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the Slingerlands Elementary School.

Storytimes for school-aged children are: Mondays at 11 a.m. at

Clarksville Elementary School; Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at Glenmont Elementary School; Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at Hamagrael Elementary School; Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. at Slingerlands Elementary School; and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Park.

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# Watch for summer concert programs

For a weekly columnist, "R & R" stands for "Research and Recharge." To that end, your "window on the library" is offering an àbbreviated column this month, highlighting each week's Evenings on the Green concert and



giving a rundown of the coming week's Youth Services programs. (Great Books is the only adult program that continues through the summer. Other adult programming resumes in September).

In addition, a few suggestions for chaise-lounge reading will, we hope, keep you coming to the li-

The library's 30th annual Evenings on the Green concert series begins next Wednesday, July 10, with Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade. Showtime is 7:30 pm. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. All programs will be held indoors in the event of rain.

Admission is free, as always. Lighting, amplification and recording equipment necessitate supervising your children's whereabouts and activities during these concerts, in the interest of their safety and as a courtesy to the performers and the rest of the

Joyce Laiosa of Youth Services hosts a new weekly program on TV-31. The Bookshelf (Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.) includes storytelling and ideas for books, crafts, collections and projects. Laiosa also plans occasional interviews with youth services staff to discuss new or "hot" books.

Also in the lineup next week

- Monday, July 8, at 7 p.m. Storytelling Workshop
- Tuesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. **Books Before Bed**
- Wednesday, July 10, at 4 p.m. Craft Club
- Thursday, July 11, at 7 p.m. "The Hero in Yourself" with Anna Epstein Kravis
- Friday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. Children's Writers' Workshop; 2 p.m. Game Club
- Saturday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m. Toddler Stars and Stripes

Call 439-9314 for details and to register.

#### **Books to curl up with**

Book reviews this month have been gleaned from past issues of

School class of 1976 will hold its

20-year reunion the weekend of

to be located by the planning com-

mittee: Joshua Adams, David Ader,

George Alexiou, Scott William

Baker, Scott Michael Baker, Judy

Baker, Edward Beers, Bruce

Blodgett, Carl Bodian, Kathleen

Bogardus, Mary Bove, Sarah

Bragaw, Gregory Bristow, Curtis

The following people have yet

July 26.

Pageturners, an in-house Reference Department publication. Here are a couple to start you off:

"A Pale View of Hills" by Kazuo Ishiguro is a delicate and disturbing tale of the psychic damage of war. Present and past, cruelty and kindness, annihilation and survival are painted with a watercolor brush that blurs forms and outlines. This small novel will not leave you very soon.

"To School Through the Fields" by Alice Taylor is a lyrical memoir of childhood in mid-20th century rural Ireland. The first of a series, it is a warm and vivid reminder of why thousands visit the Emerald Isle every year.

#### **Closed for the Fourth**

Reminders: The library will be closed on Thursday, July 4, and open on July 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The regular July board meeting has been moved to Thursday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Clark, Sam Clayton, Kathy Cooke,

Thomas Cowling, Robert Cronk,

Arthur Curran, Garth Dollard,

Dana Dutil, Susan Eliot, Pete Ellis,

John Flansburg and Brian Flynn.

Gannon, Donald Gaudette, Jeanne

Geel, Mark Groblewski, Celeste

Groesbeck, Julie Hartheimer,

Christine Hasen, Kelly Higgins,

John Higgins, Laurie Holder, Mark

Jones, Kim Jubrey, Karen Junco,

Also, Margo Friedman, Stephen

**Bethlehem Central Class of 1976 seeking schoolmates** 

The Bethlehem Central High Burnside, Wayne Cady, Peter

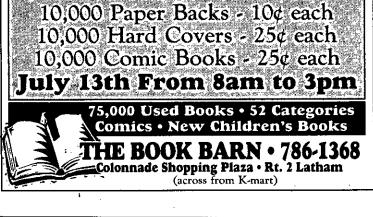
Louise Grieco

#### St. Thomas School lists recent graduates

St. Thomas the Apostle School recently held its 37th graduation. The address to graduates was given by Gail Leonardo Sundling, who won the first "Enterprising Women of the Capital Region'

Graduates were: Amanda Marie Ahlemeyer, Joseph James Brady IV, Kelly Anne Cheeseman, Daniel Joseph Cocozza, Brian Thomas Cook, Joel S. Coye, Scott Maurice Dawson, John Thomas Deer, Jessica Marie De Flumer, Conor George Hawkins, Rebecca Noemi Hoghe, Jaime Stefant Hoose, Allison Marie Kuta, Nicholas Gregory Lawler, Brian Patrick Lichorowiec, Ellen Kathleen Lowrey, Elizabeth Anne Malinowski, Casey Douglass Morton, Bridget Terese Murray, Lauren Elizabeth Murray, Laura Ann Salhoff, Owen Michael Smith and Emily Frances Waniewski.

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Also, Jan Odhner, Allison Laurie Palmer, Enrique Pantoja, Christopher Parr, Bruce Peters, Craig Platel, Lynne Quickenton, Richard Robertson, Julie Robinson, Diane Rosinski, David Rourke, Kathleen Russo, Aileen Sarsfield, Paul Schachne, Barbara Segerstrom, Lucinda Shepard, Altha Shufelt, Laurie Sirotkinm Jeffrey Slingerland, Sandra Smart, Ralph Stockholm, Cynthia Stoll, Dan Sutherland, Sharon Sutliff, Jean Szulgit, Marie Tunny, Marc Ugol, Nancy Utterback, Patricia Vaillancourt, Debbie Van Ryn, John Welch, Stephen Wend, Susan Wilkinson and Jean Zator.

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# Heldeberg gearing up for 1st summer session

The Heldeberg Workshop's first session begins on Monday, July 8.

On the first day of each session, children should wear name tags and meet their teachers in front of the pole building. They should bring a non-breakable container of water or juice and a small snack. A raincoat is required on rainy days. Children must wear long pants.

Parents are required to call the workshop at 765-2777 after 8:30 a.m. if their child is going to be late

Evening programs for families are scheduled throughout the summer. On Wednesday, July 10, join magician Jim Snack for a funfilled evening of magic. The program starts at 6:45 p.m.

For information about openings in the sessions call the business office at 463-3994.

#### St. Matthew's starts summer Mass schedule

Beginning this weekend, July 6 and 7, St. Matthew's Church will switch to its summer Mass schedule. Masses will be at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Tom Ruane, Bob Vollaro and Tom Blair were recently elected to three-year terms on the parish council.

Ground was broken last Saturday for a new parish center addition. Construction is set to begin in early July. Special thanks go to members of the parish and community for their support.

#### Horseshoe event slated

Join your neighbors on Sunday, July 7, for an afternoon of horseshoes sponsored by American Legion Post 1493 on the village green behind village hall. Play starts at 1 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee for each two-person team. Bring your own horseshoes. Prizes will be awarded.

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Cheese and crackers will be served throughout the afternoon. A covered dish supper is planned for 5:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

For information, call 765-4712 after 2 p.m.

#### Seniors to hear speaker

Karla Flegel of the New York State Nurses Association will discuss the importance of diet in controlling cholesterol at a meeting of the New Scotland Senior Citizens on Wednesday, July 10, at 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center.

The group is planning its annual summer picnic for Wednesday, July 24, at noon at the community center. Food will be provided, but people need to bring their own place setting. All the senior citizens in the community are invited to attend.

#### **Board sets meeting date**

The next regular meeting of the New Scotland town board is Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

#### **Kudos to tennis players**

Congratulations to high school varsity tennis players Trinell Russel and Justin Carrier who were named to the 1996 Adirondack Region's Empire State Games tennis squad. Both athletes will be competing in Buffalo next

Trinell, a freshman and Colonial Council champ, was selected as the number one singles player.

Sophomore Carrier will team up with another area player to form the number one doubles team on the boys' tennis squad.

The Bethlehem Public Library will hold a children's writing workshop beginning Friday, July 5. It is open to children entering grades three and up.

The workshop will meet on six consecutive Fridays, July 5 through Aug. 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Children will write, illustrate and bind their own books, which will remain in the library for one year. Local authors will appear in the program.

Registration is limited, and must be done in person. Participants must commit themselves to at least four of the six sessions. Adult volunteers are also needed.

For information, call 439-9314.

#### Wildflower course slated at Five Rivers

A wildflower identification course will take place at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar on Monday, July 8, at 7

Peterson's "Field Guide to Wildflowers" will be the identification book used. Hand lenses will also

Participants should dress for the outdoors. There is a \$3 materi-

Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 475-0291.

#### **Book group to talk** about 'The Tempest'

The Bethlehem Public Library Adult Great Books Discussion Group will meet at the library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Wednesday, July 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Shakespeare's The Tempest will be discussed.

Reserve copies of the text are available at the library. For information, call 439-9314.

# Workshop offers kids Kids can read to w

"Read to Win," the library's summer reading club, starts Monday, July 8, for grades-four through six. Native American games such as "bones," "lacrosse" and "split ears" will be conducted by friends from the Iroquois Museum.

#### **Voorheesville Public Library**

On Tuesday, children in kindergarten through grade-one will be treated to a kickoff concert with 'Happy to Be Me" recording artist Anna Epstein-Kravis. At Wednesday's meeting second-andthird-graders will hear "Stories and Songs from Us to Everywhere" with one of the library's favorite concert givers Cathy Winter.

All sessions are from 2 to 3 p.m. Sign up beforehand or on the day the club meets.

Preschoolers can hear Peter Taormino on the banjo and guitar at "Read to Me" club on Monday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the opening special event concert.

Reading club T-shirts, featur-

ing the Reading Rat, are on sale for \$7.50 in a variety of colors and sizes for children and adults.

Nanette Bub of Hennessey Road in Voorheesville was the grand prize winner of the Friends' Take a Chance on June" raffle. Marilyn Farrell won a \$50 gift certificate to SuperValu and Mike and Ann Naylor won dinner at Smith's

Sincere thanks to all the contributors who came through so generously on behalf of the library. Contributors include: Mangia, Culinary Caper, Pisano's Pizza, Toll Gate, Elegant Touch, attorney Don Meacham, Jaycee's Pizza, Renaissance Gallery, Good Sports Screen Printing, Indian Ladder Farms, My Place & Co., Voorheesville Wine & Liquor, Mary Ann Morrison, Andy's Front Hall, Teresa's Cake Shoppe, Christine's Restaurant, American Legion Post 1493 and Frank Jablonowski. A complete list of winners and contributors is posted in the library.

The library will be closed Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day.

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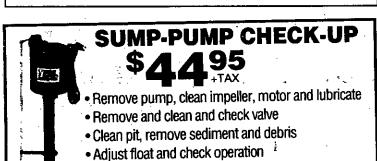
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# **Grady's Tree Service captures** TVLL title in Majors Division

championship of the Tri-Village Little League's Majors Division last week, scoring an impressive 6-1 victory over Cooley Motors Inc.

The Gradymen clinched the division title by posting a 14-9 decision over Village Deli, while Cooley lost its final contest in a real nail-biter, 7-6, to Conway, LaVelle and Finn.

Grady's finished with 12 wins and two losses, while Cooley's ended the season at 11-4.

The season's final week saw the championship up for grabs when Grady's lost an 11-10 squeaker to Klersy Builders on Wednesday (June 26), and Cooley Motors trioumphed over Horticulture Unlimited.

"We were completely out of our normal game rhythm on Wednesday," said Grady's manager Jim Williams, adding that "things were so chaotic for us that we were making mistakes we had not been making all season.

"I was concerned that the kids would carry those distractions and all that frustration into our last two

But that did not turn out to be the case. "Our kids were really pumped for the (Friday) game, William said. "Their mental frame of mind was great."

In the bottom of the first, the Gradymen opened up a 4-0 lead when Kenny Porter reached base on an error, Ryan Williams walked and both runners came

#### Little League

home on passed balls.

Shortstop Tom Frankovicthen drove a single to left center, opening the way for Mike Nuttall to smash a home run over the right field fence, scoring Frankovic ahead of him.

Cooley Motors got on the scoreboard in the fourth inning when Brendan Hughes slapped a liner down the right side of the infield that was bobbied long enough for him to reach safely.

Cooley pitcher Mark Bulger then punched a liner through a defender's legs, and Hughes scored when the ball was overthrown at home plate.

Grady's responded in the bottom half of the inning with two more runs to give them a commanding lead.

Ryan Hogan and Sam Brody reached on walks, and Hogan scored when a liner hit by Williams was bobbled. Brody scored on a single to right center by Frankovic. That closed out the day's scoring.

Williams rang up 10 strikeouts for Grady's and limited Cooley batters to one hit.

Besides the hitting of Frankovic and Nuttall, excellent performances were turned in for Grady's by Josh Marks, Chris Bub, Nick Shimkin, Robert Ambros and and Carol Smith 173. James Traylor.

Cooley. Teammates Aaron Griffin, Justin Winnie, Dan Seaburg, Jerry Saliba, Jared Costner and Dan Hazen backed him up with strong defensive play.

Manager Pete Bulger was without the help of some key players for the game.

Peter Cooley, Doug DeMarco and Nate Pannucci were away, and Eric Zimmer was unable to play because of an injury sustained earlier in the season.

Jim Williams

#### Star bowlers

The following people earned bowling honors during league play at Del Lanes in Delmar the week of June 24:

Juniors: Danielle Garfinkle 77; John VanTassel 139; Sean Brown 182; and Stacey Swim

Casino Doubles: Roger Moak 236 and 624 triple; Joe Mirable 221; and Jen Anetzberger 175.

B.O.C. Gas: John McDonald 222 and 835 triple; and Kevin Cookingham 244 and 922 four

Adults: Bob Lynk 257 and 630 triple; Chuck Radick 256 and 645 triple; and Sheree Pittz 223.

Juniors: Zak Radick 235 and 626 triple; Steve Schmitt 263; and Kevin Pittz 147.

Seniors: Gerhard Schalz 177;

# TVLL All-Stars swing into action Saturday

Fourteen players will represent Tri-Village Little League in the District 13 All-Star fournament, which begins on Saturday, July 6, at Hudson Valley Little League field in Ravena.

The players are John Andrews, Parker Brown, Mark Bulger, Tom Frankovic, Brian Geurtze, Aaron Griffin, lan Grovenger, Pat Heenan, Steve Hoghe, Michael Hoghe, Steve Maltzman, Jim Morrill, Paul Olsen and Ryan Wil-

The team will be managed by Pete Bulger. Jim Williams and Mitch Griffin will serve as coaches.

This is a strong, athletic team with a lot of speed," Bulger said. "We're hoping we can continue the success we had last year." when most of these kids captured the crown in the 11-year-old All-Star tournament."

Eight of the players are returning veterans from last year's team. Six other players were chosen following a lengthy tryout session involving players who were nominated as All-Stars by

The selection process also included input from the 10 managers in the Majors Division, who were asked to vote for those they considered to be the top 10 players in the league.

The inclusion of manager input and tryouts was intended to open up the process, according to Mark Brody, the Tri-Village Little League's player activity committee chairman.

The first game for the TVLL will be against Pine Bush-American Little League at 4 p.m. Saturday in Ravena. District 13 is comprised of two Colonie teams, three Albany teams, two Guilder land teams and teams from Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Hudson Valley in Ravena and Tri-Village in Bethlehem.

# Bandits rebound, place second

After taking championship honors at the Bethlehem Bee-Line Tournament, the Bethlehem Bandits Under-10 soccer team tested themselves against stronger competition at Bethlehem's Other Tournament.

It was tough going for the Bandits at the outset, as they lost their first two games to Valley and Lakehill and managed only a tie with the Bethlehem Tigers.

The Bandits then began their stunning turnaround. In a rematch with the Tigers, the Bandits registered a 3-1 win.

They scored shutout wins over Valley and Lakehill, with excellent goalkeeping coming from Jeffrey Dolder.

Elon Backer led the Bandits' scoring attack with five goals on the day. Karyn Cioppa and Chris **Dudek** each added single goals.

Strong play by Cecilia Corrigan and Justin Puccio keyed the defense. Chris Lee, Vanessa Patry, Ryan Virgil and Pat Doyle also made significant contributions

Dudek, Doyle and Virgil shared the goalkeeping duties.

The Bandits end their season playing in the Clifton Park Tournament later this month. The Bandits will compete against strong regional and international teams in the Under-10 Division.

#### Mallery is honored

Jennifer Mallery of Delmar was recently named to the State University of New York Athletic Conference All-Academic Team for the spring semester.

Mallery, a May graduate of SUNY-Potsdam, was a member of Potsdam's swimming and diving

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# **Shredded Eagles aim** for playoff berth

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem Shredded Eagles have finally broke out of their season-long doldrums and jumped back into the race for a spot in the Eastern New York Connie Mack Tournament.

Their recent, four-game winning streak upped their record to 8-6, putting them in sole possession of the sixth and final tournament berth.

The streak began Wednesday at Twin Town where Bethlehem prevailed in a 10-9 slugfest. The Eagles' offense was paced by Jeff McQuide's home run and three RBIs, Beaker O'Connell's three hits, and a grand slam homer by Scott Isaacs. Nathaniel Sajdak notched the win for Bethlehem.

Twin Town visited Bethlehem the following day for the conclusion of the home-and-home series, but their luck did not improve, as they lost to the Eagles again, 5-2.

Graig Garver and Todd Everleth supplied the needed offense, each knocking in two runs.

On Friday, the Eagles played host to Hoosic Valley, and once again the offense remained hot, as BC gained a 14-7 victory. Chris DiMuria was a one-man wrecking crew at the plate with a home run, double, two singles and five

Everleth, who had three hits, and McQuide, who smashed a tworun triple, also contributed offensively.

On Sunday, the Eagles pummeled Albany, 19-3. Sajdak pitched a four-hitter, striking out four. Brian Davies loomed large offensively, slugging a home run, a single and collecting five RBIs. McQuide and Isaacs each had three hits to help the cause.

Coach Neil Isaacs said he liked the team's chance for a playoff berth. "We are now in a good position to start the second half of the season. As long as we keep hitting the ball, we'll keep pace with the Colonies, the Lathams and the South Troys. It's all just a matter of confidence, and right now we have

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# Windmill delivery



Jenna Grant of the Bethlehem Tomboys prepares to deliver a pitch during a recent softball tournament held in Colonie.

# **Mantle team** captures 1st

By Scott Isaacs

Bethlehem reasserted itself as a power in the Eastern New York Mickey Mantle League last weekend by running its record to 11-1 and capturing first place

The Blue Eagles started out by taking on Cohoes Saturday. Matt Elfeldt's complete-game pitching performance, which included nine strikeouts, paced Bethlehem to an 11-1 victory. Geoff Hunter keyed the offense with a double, a single and four RBIs, while Dan Conway had three singles and three RBIs.

The following day, Bethlehem rose to the occasion and defeated a strong South Troy team. Bethlehem's Pat Hughes turned in a stunning performance on the mound and at the plate.

Besides taming the Trojan batters, he smashed a two-run double to help propel Bethlehem to a 4-2 victory. Hughes struck out four in his complete-game effort. The win catapulted Bethlehem into the league's top spot.

Coach Jesse Braverman is pleased with his team's play of late. "We had a big weekend by taking out Cohoes and South Troy, two of the more competitive teams in our league," he said. "It was very hard to get to first place, and it will be even harder to stay there."

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# Grads clean up at celebration

Bethlehem Central High School graduates of the class of 1996 had a blast at the seventh annual Graduation Celebration, the all night drug and alcohol free graduation party given by the parents of the seniors to safely celebrate this milestone in their lives.

This year, the high school was transformed into scenes from the movie *Grease*.

There was music by disc jockey Todd Moffrey from Memories, and three bands, Diatribe, Sea the Sound and Shaft also played. Carnival games, and other games were in the cafeteria, and a three-sided climbing wall, rented from Albany Indoor RockGym for the night, was in the gym. There was plenty of food, all donated from local establishments and merchants.

This year more than 200 individuals — professionals, underclass parents, grandparents and neighbors; businesses; and

religious, fraternal, and civic groups from our community donated cash, food and merchandise or gift certificates. Additionally, Green's Appliances, Steiner's Sports and Nobody Beats the Wiz provided significant price discounts which allowed us to purchase more major prizes. Many of the games were borrowed from local firehouses, or built for the party. Capital District Physicians' Health Plan generously supplied many of the decorations, and arranged for the purchase of the traditional senior class souvenir T-shirt favor.

The door prizes were a combination of donated and purchased gift certificates for merchandise, food or services.

The Chinese auction prizes were divided between prizes of specific appeal, like a tent and sleeping bag, a bucket of art supplies, computer programs, and a

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three-foot tall Elmo; and prizes with more general appeal like coffee makers, cordless phones, inline skates, a coupon for limousine service and Fossil Watches.

The grand prizes were both cash and merchandise and all of the guests who were still in attendance at the party at dawn were eligible to win.

Grand prize winners were:

Wheeled duffel bag: Bethani Berrings

Cube refrigerators: Yana Tapechina and Emily McGrath

Microwave oven: Katie Flynn Swiss Army watches: Jamie Martin and Sam Ginsberg

Stereo: Joe D'Angelo and Meg Combes

Mountain bike: Janice Siewert TV: Carrie Brown, Alicia Roney, Chena Backer and Peter Flannigan

Discmans: Jim Spinner and Ken Halvorson

Boom box: Matt Zalen and Matt Simons

Automatic camera: Joe Bush and Todd Everleth

Word processor: Andy O'Brien Gift certificates to the Wiz: Susy Manella and Josh Naylor

Gift certificate to Crossgates Mall: Mike O'Connell

Cash Prizes — \$1000 to Molly Conway

\$500 to Ayana Bakari \$100 from DARE to John Kuta

Other cash prizes went to: Mandy Rotter, Pete Dorgan, Anna Groper, Rebecca Dorn, Denise Herm, Craig Mosmen, Rachel Degnan, Cara Hogan, Marcy Finkle, Megan Flemming, Kristin Follette, Gretchen Sodergren, Frank Havelik, Beth Norton, Tina Fernandez, Kelly Ringler, Adriaan Denkers, Mohammed Umar, Gayle Chafetz and Aleta Robison.

# Garden plots available for would-be tillers

The Ravena-Coeymans Community Gardens invites you to try your hand at gardening this summer.

Plots are available for those without sufficient land to grow vegetables. Plants, seeds and other gardening supplies are provided.

There is no charge, but a donation is requested.

The project is a result of a joint effort by St. Patrick's Church, Cornell Cooperative Extension, CHOICES, Community Gardens and Albany County Legislator Peter Clouse.

Contact Tom Dolan at 756-8650 for information.

# RCS pupil publishes work in "Highlights"

Stephanie Slingerlands, a seventh-grader at RCS Middle School, will have an article about heroes published in "Highlights for Children"

"Highlights" has a circulation of nearly three million.

Slingerlands wrote about her mother, who is a member of Ravena Rescue Squad. Her article will appear in this month's issue.

She is the daughter of Sherle and Shawn Slingerlands.

#### Library offers traveling service

Thanks to generous support from Conrail, RCS Community Library is providing a traveling library and story hour this summer. The traveling library visits five sites each week.

# Annual derby reports good catch Sunday

Great weather for fishing made the annual R.C. Sportsmen's Club

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and Ravena Fish & Game Association's Fishing Derby a big success on Sunday. All kids who participated — whether they caught a fish or not — won a prize. Everyone came home with a great

# Pond and stream workshop set at Hollyhock sanctuary

The Audubon Society of New York will host a Pond and Stream Ecology Workshop at its Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary in Selkirk. The workshop is set for Saturday, July 13, beginning at 10 a.m.

For information, call John Santacrose at 767-9051.

# Vacation Bible school slated in Glenmont

The Glenmont Community Church vacation Bible school will take place from July 29 to Aug. 2.

Sessions are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont.

For registration and information, call Kim Winston at 439-1609.

# New Salem firefighters get new pumper truck

The New Salem Fire Department recently purchased a new 4,000 gallon pumper/tanker. A dedication ceremony is planned during the department's 50th anniversary celebration in October.

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### **Lindsey Baron**

Lindsey Baron, 16, of 27 Tamarack Drive, Delmar, died Tuesday, July 2, at Albany Medical Center Hospital of injuries she sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Albany, she was a senior at Bethlehem Central High School. She was a member of the Key Club, the junior varsity soccer team, the travel soccer team, the lacrosse team and was a past president of the Ski Club at BCHS.

Survivors include her parents, Amnon and Susan Baron; two sisters, Hillary and Danielle Baron; her paternal grandmother, Ruth Baron of Israel; and her maternal grandmother, Lillian Davidson of Florida.

Services will be today at Temple Israel on New Scotland Avenue in Albany at 1 p.m. Interment will be in Temple Israel Cemetery on Western Avenue, Guilderland.

A period of mourning will be observed at the Baron residence on Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday and Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Arrangements are by the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, Room A119, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

#### Rose Williams .-

Rose Contento Williams, 88, of Selkirk died Wednesday, June 26, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. Williams was a chief clerk for Western Union in the 1920s. During World War II, she worked for the state Department of Social Services. She had also been a secretary and bookkeeper for the Bethlehem Water District.

She was a former member of Delmar Presbyterian Church and a member of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk.

She was the widow of Alfred B. Williams.

Survivors include a son, Ronald J. Williams of Selkirk; and three brothers, the Rev. Paul Contento of Lancaster, Pa., William Contento of Mesa, Ariz., and Edward Contento of Lake Worth, Fla.

Services were from First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

### Margaret Bushek

Margaret McTague Bushek, 81, of East Greenbush, a former Delmar resident, died Wednesday, June 26, at Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Born in Albany, she lived in Delmar for more than 20 years, before moving to East Greenbush.

Mrs. Bushek was a clerk for the Albany County Department of

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Taxation and Finance.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary C. Sager of Nassau; a sister, Dorothea Quackenbush of Greenville; a brother, Joseph McTague of Guilderland; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Frederick Funeral Homein Albany and St. Mary's Church in Nassau.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Rensselaer County, 8 N. Lake Ave., Troy 12180.

#### James Figel Sr.

James Figel Sr., 82, of Westerlo, a Delmar native, died Monday, June 24, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Delmar, he lived in Rensselaer for many years before moving to Westerlo.

Mr. Figel was a machinist and the owner of Figel Knitting Mills in Albany for many years. He also worked for General Electric in Schenectady, retiring in 1977.

He was a member of the Van Rensselaer Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Anna Figel; two sons, James H. Figel of East Berne and Jerald J. Figel of Westerlo; a daughter, Delores A. Durfee of East Berne; two brothers, Edward Figel of Delmar and Kenneth Figel of Rensselaer; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were from the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Burial was in Westerlo Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Westerlo Rescue Squad, Westerlo 12193.

### Gladys Johnson Moak

Gladys Johnson Moak, 79, of Delmar, died Friday, June 28, at her daughter's home in Vermont.

Survivors include her husband, Roger J. Moak; a daughter, Diane Ward of Essex Junction, Vt.; a son, Robert Corning Johnson of Norton Hill; a sister, Eleanor Moak; six grandchildren; and nine greatgrandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Hurley Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Hurley Dutch Reformed Church, Hurley 12443.

#### Blanche C. Cronk

Blanche C. Cronk, 89, of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, died Tuesday, June 18, at St. Peter's Hospice at Memorial Hospital.

Born in Manorkill, she was raised and educated in Stamford schools. She lived in Delmar for many years.

Mrs. Cronk worked for the state Education Department, retiring in 1971

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly A. Rasco of Huntington,

Pa.; a sister, Anne Hotaling of Little Falls; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

# Workshop to teach storytelling methods

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will hold a storytelling workshop for children entering grades six and up on four consecutive Monday evenings this summer.

Meetings will be held July 8 to 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to choose and remember a story, work with props and do voice exercises.

The final session will feature storytelling performances for family and friends.

To register, call 439-9314.

# St. Stephen's holding vacation Bible school

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar will hold a vacation Bible school Monday through Friday, July 22 through 26, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Registration will continue through July 12.

Sign-up cost for youngsters in grades kindergarten through six is \$10. There is a \$25 maximum fee per family.

For information, contact Pat Lutzy at 439-1544 or Kym Bowman at 439-5658.

#### Youngsters can win 'stinky sneaker' award

The children's program "Stinky Stories, Smelly Songs" will be presented at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Thursday, July 18, at 2 p.m.

A contest for the "stinkiest sneakers" will be judged by members of the community and library staff. Contestants must fill out an application before the contest and wear their stinky sneakers to the event.

For information, call library youth services at 439-9314.

# Stenciling lessons on tap at town library

Children can learn stenciling techniques at the first meeting of the craft club at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Wednesday, July 10, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Participants should bring items they would like to stencil, such as note cards, T-shirts or tote bags. Library staff will provide other materials.

The club will meet on four consecutive Wednesdays through July 31. For information, call 439-9314.

# **Bethlehem Recycling Corner**

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Since 1991, the town of Bethlehem has diverted more than 155 tons of household batteries from the waste stream. The purpose of this program was to safely remove heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury from the waste stream. These batteries represent a small portion of all metals found in the household

As time has progressed, mercury has been greatly reduced or eliminated from most alkaline batteries (the most widely utilized type). The threat of contamination to land, air and water has been significantly reduced.

Most battery manufacturers are using a green tree, leaf or stripe on the battery to show environmental awareness. Some companies, such as Duracell, state these facts on the package, not on the battery.

Alkaline batteries with the "environmentally friendly" signs, should no longer be placed in the

household battery collection boxes located around town. Please throw these "green" batteries in the regular trash.

Acceptable batteries for collection include old or leaking alkaline, small watch, hearing aid and calculator batteries, nicad rechargeable batteries and lithium.

Radio Shack participates in a collection program for Ni-Cad (nickel-cadmium rechargeable) batteries. All Radio Shack stores participate in the rechargeable battery collection program.

Transwestern telephone books will be arriving in the next couple of weeks. From July 1 through Aug. 15, a recycling bin will be located at town hall and Rupert Road Transfer Station for all telephone directories and multiple listing books.

Price Chopper will also be accepting old phone books from July 8 through Aug. 12.

# Siena offers summer courses

Siena College, located at 515 Loudon Road in Loudonville, is offering a series of one-week courses for teens ages 12 to 15 from July 22 to Aug. 16. The courses, taught by local teachers, run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and include lunch.

"Civil War — Battles and Leaders" will focus on Civil War history and will include a field trip to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

"American Street Opera — Workshop in Creative Writing" will explore the writing of fiction.

The basics of cuisine will be explored in "Food for Thought."

"Popular Media in Art — From the Pencil to the Video" will let teens create an animated short film.

Two courses are available the week of July 29 to Aug. 2. "Ameri-

can Street Opera — Celebration of American Poetry" will allow teens to write poems and create an oral history with jazz accompaniment. The basics of theater are explored in "Introduction to Acting."

Two courses are available the week of Aug. 5 through 9. The cultures of Spain and Mexico are explored in "Exploring Spanish Culture." A field trip to study area buildings and the construction of projects that will benefit the community are part of "Architecture — Building a Community."

Three courses are available during the last week of the program, Aug. 12 through 16. "Aero Science" will explore the principles of flight and culminate in the construction of gliders and rockets. Basic acting techniques are addressed in "Introduction to Acting." "Imaginate" is an art class.

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### Columbia

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land early.

He said talking live with a shuttle crew member is the kind of vivid experience that shows how science and technology work together and may inspire children to pursue scientific or technical careers.

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Kuta and Chad Davies from the high school; Oldendorf, Andrew Swiatowicz and T.J. McNally from the middle school; Sari Lipnick from Slingerlands Elementary School; Jackie Sleasman from Hamagrael Elementary School; Kathleen McCarthy from Glenmont Elementary School; Leonard White from Elsmere Elementary School; and Matthew Harter from Clarksville Elementary School.

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# **Accident**

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groups and cliques at the school. She was well-liked by a lot of different people.'

When Lindsey put her mind to something, she formulated her own standards, Hunter added, which were very high.

She was a member of several organizations at the high school including the Key Club, the Ski Club and the BOCES Buddies group, which provided tutoring to kids with disabilities.

She was also a snowboarding instructor at Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vt. and was a member of the junior varsity girls soccer team.

'She was a wonderful kid, full of life and energy," said Barri Pivar of Delmar. "I've known her since she was 2."

"Whenever she did something, she did it to the fullest," recalled her friend Joelle Rosenkrantz of Delmar. "Like when she took up snowboarding, her whole life was snowboarding. She was more than just a friend to me. We'd spend whole weekends together. We always talked about how lucky we were to have had the relationship

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. today at Temple Israel in Albany. (See obituary, Page 17, accident Page 3).

#### **Stenciling lessons** on tap at town library

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#### **Five Rivers walkers** to look for butterflies

Aguided walk will be conducted today, July 3, and again on Saturday, July 6, at 10 a.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The outdoor program will feature butterflies and moths in their natural habitats

Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

# Unionville carnival to aid fire company

The Unionville Country Carnival will take place on July 12, 13, 19 and 20 at the Unionville Firehouse at 1240 Delaware Turnpike in Unionville.

The carnival, which will feature games, dance lessons, chicken barbecue dinners, activities and a will benefit the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company.

Jack Horton will offer dance lessons during two one-hour sessions each Friday. The first session begins at 5 p.m. and the second at 6 p.m. The cost of attending one session is \$2.

The chicken barbecue dinner will take place on July 13 and 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. Take-out is avail-

#### Family bedtime stories being held at library

Families can bring their children to "Books Before Bed," a program featuring stories, songs and fingerplays on five consecutive Tuesdays, July 9 to Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Weather permitting, story sessions will take place outside. Small children may wear pajamas.

For information, call 439-9314.

# **Odds**

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way they would if they owned them. They let them get dirty because they don't own them.'

Hoffman, who has a contract of sale for 55 Delaware., doesn't necessarily agree that the car wash business is on the decline. "Business is down in '96, but that's mainly due to the weather and all of the wet weekends we've had," Hoffman said. "In 1995, we had the best year we've ever had, and I've been in the car wash business for 31 years."

Hoffman did not take exception with O'Shaughnessy's view that things could become difficult for the Delmar Car Wash should a new facility locate just down the road.

But "That's the free enterprise system," he said. "I don't go into business to put anyone else out of business. But with the site that they have (hidden from view from Delaware Avenue), there's no doubt it's going to be a very competitive situation."

A former president of the International Car Wash Association and founder of the New York State Car Wash Association, Hoffman said that around the country the car wash business is "on the upswing, especially as people tend to keep their vehicles longer and try to maintain them.'

At the same time, he said that the Capital District has an inordinate number of car washes compared to similar-sized markets.

"If I wasn't bullish on this business, I wouldn't be breaking ground on a new facility in Halfmoon, nor would I be looking at Delmar," Hoffman said.

#### Vogel to head up realtors association

Fritz Vogel of Voorheesville has been nominated president-elect of the CRS Chapter of the New York State Association of Realtors.

Vogel served as secretary for the 1995-1996 term, and is currently president of the local chap-

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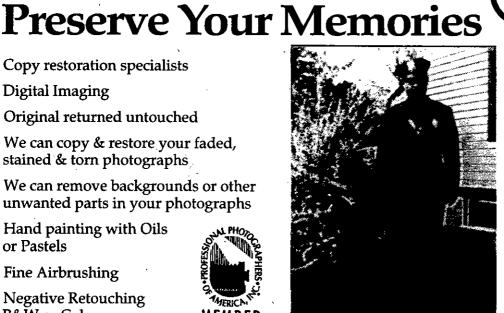
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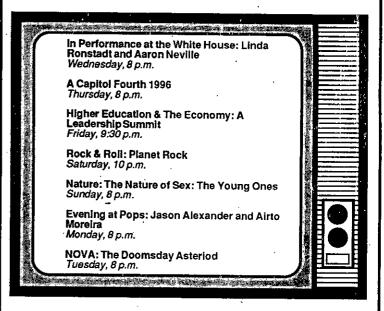


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# Bradley, Buono engaged

Kellie Ann Bradley, daughter in Guilderland. of Gloria Bradley and the late Fred Bradley of Selkirk, and Michael Paul Buono, son of Paul and Barbara Buono of Scotia, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. She isemployed as a scanning coordinator for Grand Union

The future groom is a graduate of Scotia-Glenville High school and Schenectady County Community College in Schenectady. He works as a produce clerk for Grand Union and as a mail sorter for United Parcel Service

The couple plans a May 10 wedding.

# Schenkel, Alesandrini to wed

Kenneth and Joan Schenkel of Delmar, and Michael Alesandrini, son of Tom and Rita Alesandrini of Niskayuna, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

Kathy Schenkel, daughter of and Radford College. She is employed by the Olney Child Center in Olney, Md.

> The future groom, a graduate of Niskayuna High School, is employed as a manager at a car dealership in Annapolis, Md.

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

Boston College — Katie Tobin of Delmar.

Colgate University - Alexander Teeter of Delmar.

Hamilton College — Sarah Cook of Delmar.

Ithaca College — Elizabeth Karam of Delmar.

SUNY Fredonia -Robert Jordan of Delmar and Leanna Curley

SUNY Oswego - Joshua White of Voorheesville.

University of New Hampshire Jill Ferraro of Delmar.

# **High school interns honored**

Arecognition reception honorhigh schools and county legislators involved in the 1995-1996 held at the Albany County court Staph of Voorheesville. house on June 10.

Ten students from Bethlehem ing high school students, their and Voorheesville were honored: parents, representatives from area Alvaro Alarcon, Greg Kaladjian and Richard Shaye of Bethlehem, and Lon Bullinger, Kevin Burns, Jesse Cornell Cooperative Extension Clement, Erin Conklin, Sean Government Intern Program was Devine, Sean Manning and David

### **BCHS** musician shares top music award

William Leary, a 1996 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, was one of two first-place winners in the Semper Fidelis Music Scholarship awards. Leary, along with Christopher Vatalaro of Shaker High School, was awarded \$500.

The award is presented annu-

ally to a local graduating senior with superior musical abilities.

The Semper Fidelis Music Scholarship is a judged competition between all high schools in Albany County, and is sponsored by the Albany Marine Corps League.

#### Albany Academy girls named to honor rolls

Forty-four upper school students at the Albany Academy for Girls were named to the third trimester honor rolls for the 1995-96 academic year.

Area honors students include: Jane Valentino of Delmar; Doryen Bubeck of Selkirk; Sara Strope of Glenmont; Lauren Englisbe of Delmar; and Lynne Hutter of

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Delmar.

Case Western Reserve University - Mark Schoenenberger (bachelor's in aerospace engineering, magna cum laude), and Erica Roos (juris doctor), both of Delmar.

Indiana University - Christopher Burns, formerly of Slingerlands (doctorate in molecular bi-

Northwestern University — Rebecca Leonard of Delmar (bachelor's in theater).

SUNY Cobleskill — Amy Russell of Delmar (associate's in liberal arts).

SUNY Geneseo — Jennifer Fisk (bachelor's in biology), Shane Cunningham (bachelor's in management), Karen Kerness (bachelor's in sociology, summa cum laude), Michael Koroluk (bachelor's in psychology), and Alison Ragome (bachelor's in speech and hearing handicapped education, *cum laude*), all of Del-

University at Albany — Timothy Pittz of Delmar (bachelor's in English, with high honors).

University at Buffalo - David Drexler of Delmar (bachelor's in environmental studies).

University of Rhode Island -Amy De Gaetano (bachelor's in environmental science), Chelsea Donovan (bachelor's in zoology), David Inkpen (bachelor's in political science), and Kelly Many (bachelor's in elementary education), all of Delmar.

University of Vermont -Karyn Yaffee of Delmar (bachelor's in English and political science, Phi Beta Kappa).

Williams College — Erin Sullivan of Voorheesville (bachelor's in English and history), and Samantha Jones of Slingerlands (bachelor's in political science).

#### **Albany Medical Center**

Boy, Matthew Joseph Bevilacqua, to Lisa and John Bevilacqua, Slingerlands, May 29.

Boy, Conor Adrian McDonald, to Caroline and Michael McDonald, Delmar, June 5.

Boy, Zachary Cole Martin, to Amy and John Martin, Voorheesville, June 5.

#### **Bellevue Hospital**

Boy, Bryan Steven Rapp, to Cynthia and Christopher Rapp, Slingerlands, June 15.

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Tracy and Daniel Gonzalez

# O'Donnell, Gonzalez marry

of Arthur and Tricia O'Donnell of Delmar, and Daniel H. Gonzalez, son of Alberto and Catherine Gonzalez of Albany, were married

The Rev. James Daley performed the ceremony in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with the reception following at the Omni Hotel in Al-

The maid of honor was Kristen Mills, and bridesmaids were Amy Nacinovich, Kelly Ryan, Catherine Capobianco and Kristi Stalo.

The best man was James Mar- Clifton Park.

Tracy A. O'Donnell, daughter tel, and ushers were Jeffrey Gozzalez, brother of the groom, Michael O'Donnell, brother of the brice, Darryl Romano and John Wh marsh.

> The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and The College of Saint Rose. She is the art director for Upstate New Yore Guide in Clifton Park.

> The groom is a graduate of Sier a College. He is a comptroller for Excelsior Credit Union in Colo-

> After a wedding trip to the Carbbean, the couple lives in

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hem will take place on Thursday, July 4, at Bethlehem Town Park.

For the price of regular pool admission, families can participate in a horseshoe tournament at 1 p.m. and see Cranberry the Clown and the Teresa Burns Trio at 1:30 p.m.

A chicken barbecue will take p ace at noon. Free watermelon will be served in the afternoon. For information, call 439-4131.

f control 4th of July

By Joshua Kagan

uch of downtown Albany will turn into a crowded pedestrian mall tomorrow as the city celebrates Independence Day with its annual Fabulous Fourth Street Festival.

State Street between South Swan and Eagle streets will be closed to traffic. Cars will be replaced by arts and crafts activities, plenty of vendors and a variety of music and entertainment. Thousands are expected to converge on the Empire State Plaza and surrounding area for the street festival. which will be capped off by the annual fireworks show.

"If we have good weather, we should be able to hit 35,000," said Bob Hinckley, public information officer for the state Office of General Services, which is organizing the event. "We have entertainment for all sorts of tastes. It's probably the best fireworks show in upstate New York."

The fireworks display will be the 20th sponsored by Price Chopper. This year, Price Chopper will add a new twist to its presentation a laser show.

"If we included everyone who parks along roads in the area to see the fireworks, the number of people involved would be double



Local group the Out of Control Rhythm & Blues Band, top, will open for The Association at Thursday's Fabulous Fourth Street Festival in downtown Albany.

what we have here," Hinckley said.

Price Chopper will also present the headlining musical act of the day, The Association, which will play at 8 p.m., followed by the fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

The Association, known for number-one hits such as "Never My Love," "Windy," and "Cherish," has sold more than 30 million records. Its albums have gone gold six times and platinum once.

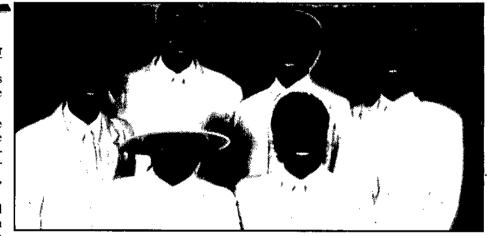
The Out of Control Rhythm & Blues Band, a local group, will open for The Association at 7 p.m. The band will introduce music from its recently-released CD at the concert.

Both evening shows and the fireworks and laser displays are presented by Price Chopper.

"Since the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976, Price Chopper has been proud to be able to have thousands of people join us for entertainment and fireworks, as we celebrate our nation's independence," said Neil Golub, president of the supermarket chain.

In the afternoon, musical highlights will include Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Leon Redbone, The Lustre Kings, Mother Judge and the Urban Holiness Society, The Cole Broderick Quartet, The Don Lewis Band, Yukon and The West Point Jazz Knights.

Besides offering "all sorts of food,"



Hinckley said the afternoon street festival will feature a variety of activities, primarily arts and crafts, for children.

The day's activities are sponsored by

OGS, Price Chopper, CSEA, Molson Beer & Ale, Miller Beer, Rose & Kiernan, PYX-106 and Country 107.7 FM WGNA.

The festival is free and will begin at 2 p.m.

#### Playwright's clone of earlier success more like sitcom at Lake George

Playwright James Sherman wrote a little comedy four years

ago called Beau Jest built around a Jewish girl who hired an actor to pretend to be her beau who was also a doctor and

This was to placate her parents because her real fiance was not Jewish and not a doctor.

The clever conceit of mistaken iden-tity played out with swift abandon worked at the Lake George Dinner Theater in 1993 so when Sherman cloned his earlier success with the "cute" title of Jest A

Second, it was immediately scheduled by the resort village's theater for a run this summer.

Again, Sherman uses mistaken identity but enlarges on the confusion by having a character dress in drag to be the girlfriend of the brother who joined in his sister's mick on her regrens in the original play. The middle of the property of the property is insuring itself of additional popularity.

With the addition of David Carpenter, Beditz to the cast of Agnes, Washington Agnes, Washington Park, the company is insuring itself of additional popularity, volunteers as "volunteers as parents in the original play. The problem is that the brother is gay but he hasn't the nerve to bring his friend, who turns out to be a doctor and clergyman, home to meet the family and dealing with slight comedies. Sherman's sitcom-like play gets some mileage of the convoluted plot.

Beditz who was a standout performer at the Mac-Haydra the Mac-Hay

Martin P. Kelly

comic values in the play. Particularly good is Joe Sampson who creates the worst-looking woman seen on stage in recent memory. The fact that the rest of the characters accept this 



Don Champlin is also an old pro who knows how to make little seem like more. He has a "take" that adds smiles to

The comedy is aided by an excellent meal with choice of

Jest a Second runs through October 12 at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. Reservations available at 668-5781

Troy actor joins Hello, Dolly!

company at Park Playhouse.

With the addition of David Carpenter Beditz to the cast of

Jackson.

A large company opened this production this past Tuesday night and continues until mid-August

ight and continues until mid-August.

While most of the 2,500 seats are free, there are reserved.

Regional premiere of musical opens at Theater Barn July 4

Once Upon An Island, a show which caused great excitement in New York three years ago, is now being presented at the Theater Barn in New Lebanon, starting July 4.

With a Caribbean background of love between plantation owner, and a peasant, the musical caused great excitement with its exciting music and great dance numbers.

Producer Joan Phelps has recruited an African-American cast to do this musical which will be given its regional premiere with this presentation.

The 11 cast members have been rehearsing for the past two weeks after first meeting in New York City where they were recruited. The production plays through July 14. Tickets and information are available at 794-8989.

Proctors Theater names Latham woman

#### **AROUND THEATERS!**

John and Jen, at the Adirondack Theatre Festival, Lake George thru July, 7 (798-7479) ... A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to the Forum at Mac-Haydn Theater in Chatham thru July 7 (292-9292) .... Witness for the Prosecution at Dorset Playhouse, Dorset Vt. thru July 13 (802/867-5777).

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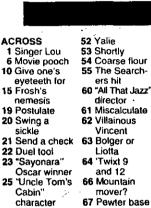
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#### **ALBANY COUNTY**

#### **FARMERS' MARKET**

St. Vincent De Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, 11 a.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.

#### BINGO

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

#### **SENIORS LUNCHES**

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information,

#### CAPITAL TO ASTMASTERS CLUB

for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Anthony's Park Plaza Restaurant, 27 Elk St. Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 489-0936.

#### CIVIL AIR PATROL

Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869

#### RECOVERY, INC.

and \$2 for children. For information, call 783-1435.

Concert at the Barn

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

Pianist Findlay Cockrell will open the Concerts at the Barn Series at Pruyn House on Old

Niskayuna Road in Newtonville on Wednesday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults

#### **SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

#### "MORE ABOUT BREASTFEEDING"

discussion of breastfeeding, preregistration required, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 10 a.m. to noon. Information, 346-9400.

#### MS SELF-HELP GROUP

Multiple Scierosis Self-Help Group of Schenectady County, Sunnyview Hospital, Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, 9:30 a.m. Information, 427-0421.

#### RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595

#### SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP

group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. information, 346-5569.

WEDNESDAY JULY



#### **ALBANY COUNTY**

#### **FARMERS' MARKET**

Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information,

#### **EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE** INFORMATION SESSION

open to adults interested in the college's graduate programs, Room 114, 7 Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 587-2100,

#### FARMERS' MARKET

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

#### FARMERS' MARKET

Stratton V.A. Medical Center Day Treatment Center, Myrtle Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 462-3311, extension

#### SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.

#### RENSSELAER COUNTY

#### EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT **GROUP MEETING**

Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

#### **SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

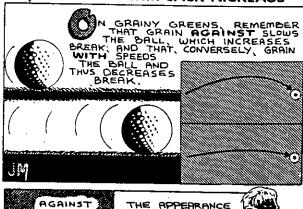
#### **BREASTFEEDING PREPARATION**

certified lactation consultant to speak, fathers encouraged to attend, pre-registration required, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 346-9400.

#### **RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**

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

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# ALENDA

WEDNESDAY IMFA

#### **BETHLEHEM**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955

#### BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Popiar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES** Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503

#### WELCOMEWAGON

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233** Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-

#### **BETHLEHEM BUSINESS** WOMEN'S CLUB

Swiss Fondue restaurant, 1903 New Scotland Road, 6 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

#### **GUIDED WALK TO MULL BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS**

dress for the outdoors, Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

#### **TESTIMONY MEETING** First Church of Christ, Scientist,

555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512

#### **SOLID ROCK CHURCH** evening prayer and Bible study, 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### **VOORHEESVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109

#### AA MEETING

First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

#### AL-ANON MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 479-6469.

#### MOUNTAINVIEWEVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

#### **FAITH TEMPLE**

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

Thursday JOFA



#### BETHLEHEM

#### **FAMILY DAY**

Elm Avenue Town Park, Elm Avenue, Delmar, chicken barbeque at noon, horseshoe tournament at 1 p.m., Cranberry the Clown and Teresa Burns Trio at 1:30 p.m. Regular pool. admissions fees. Information

#### 439-4131. AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church. 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779

FRIDAY JOFA



#### AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

#### **CHABAD CENTER**

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

#### FARMERS' MARKET

corner of Route 32 and Elm Avenue. Delmar, 3 to 6 p.m. Information, 439-0396

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### YOUTH GROUP

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410,

SATURDAY JOFA



#### **BETHLEHEM**

#### AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779

SUNDAY ገመ୮ል



#### **BETHLEHEM**

#### UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN **FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** Sunday school and worship

service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road Information, 438-7740.

#### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, **SCIENTIST**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512

#### BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

#### **NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY** CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., 10 RockefellerRoad Information, 439-7864

#### ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 to 9:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265

#### SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 439-0358.

#### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH worship service and church

school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road Information, 439-1766

#### SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953

#### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN', CHURCH

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m.; fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m.; adult education, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

#### DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Eismere Ave. Information, 439-440

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH** worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929

# CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE

APOSTLE Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place Information, 439-4951

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. dally, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont Information, 462-2016.

#### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF **BETHLEHEM**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, youth group, 6:30 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

#### **GLENMONT COMMUNITY** CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710

#### **SOLID ROCK CHURCH** worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood

#### Ave.Information, 439-9976. **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH** 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., worship service at 9:30 a.m., nursery care, coffee/fellowship

#### **MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**

Information, 439-4328

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W. Glenmont, Information, 426-4510.

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant,

Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

#### ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN

CATHOLIC CHURCH Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

#### **JERUSALEM REFORMED** CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

#### **NEW SALEM REFORMED** CHURCH

adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior choir or chime chair practice, 9 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., recorder group practice, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

#### **ONESQUETHAW REFORMED** CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

#### UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship. Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN **NEW SCOTLAND**

worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem.

#### Information, 765-4410. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

worship services, 9:30 p.m., church school and nursery care. 10 a.m.; children schoir, 11:15 a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

#### MOUNTAINVIEWEVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH?

Bible hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship service; 10:30 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m.; nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

#### **CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY** CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m. followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Information, 768-

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem, Information, 765-2870.

MONDAY IMIA



#### **BETHLEHEM**

#### INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.

Information, 439-0057 **DELMARKIWANIS** 

#### Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560. WILDFLOWERIDENTIFICATION

COURSE Peterson's Field Guide to the Wildflowers will be used, hand lenses useful, pre-registration required, dress for the outdoors, Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Cost, \$3, Information, 475-0291

#### SUNSHINE SENIORS

covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W. Information, 439-71-79

#### DELMAR COMMUNITY **ORCHESTRA**

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

#### AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779

#### **NEW SCOTLAND**

#### **VOORHEESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD**

large group instruction room, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Route 85A, Information, 765-STORY HOUR

#### Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m.

Information, 765-2791.

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#### BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM FIRST TASK FORCE meeting for committee chairpersons only, Chamber of Commerce, Main Square, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-

#### INDOOR PIŠTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057 TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

#### THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH

First United Methodist Church.

428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6

sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Women's Organization, at the church on Willowbrook Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

#### BINGO at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

YOUTHEMPLOYMENTSERVICES Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

#### CAPITAL DISTRICT CIVIL WAR **ROUNDTABLE**

Information, 439-0503

Golden Gate University Professor Jeffrey R. Hummel to present lecture entitled: , ? Why the North Should Have Secceeded From the South, "Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar 7:30 p.m. ->

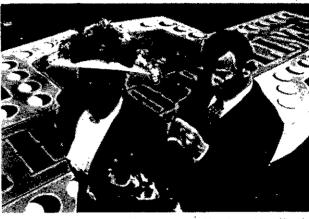
#### DELMARROTARY Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

A.W. BECKER PTA Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

#### SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

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#### FLISMERE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

#### **NEW SCOTLAND TOWN BOARD**

Informátion, 765-2791.

town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889. NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m.

#### STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

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#### BETHLEHEM

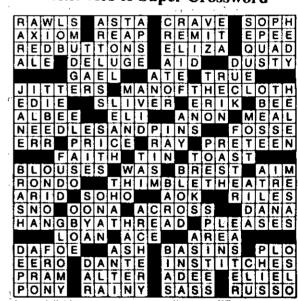
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS town hall, 445 Delaware Ave 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955. .

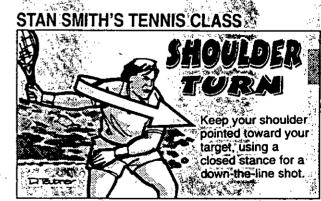
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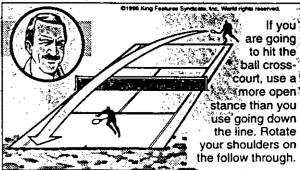
7;30 p.m. Information, 439-4955. BETHLEHEM TO ASTMASTERS First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7:30 p.m.

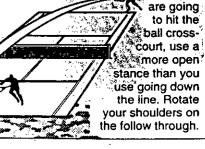
Information, 439-0871.

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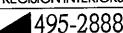
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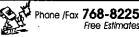
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2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the ecretary of State on June 10,

3. The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has

been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 361 Helderberg Trail, East Berne, New York 12059.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to provide facili-ties for equine boarding, breeding and training. (July 2, 1996)

#### **ARTICLES ORGANIZATION** OF

COLUMBIA FLATBUSH GROUP, L.L.C. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the limited liability company law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is Columbia Flatbush Group,

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may organized under

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of

State is designated as the agent of the Company whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 52 Corporate Circle, P.O. Box 12783, Albany, New York

FIFTH; The Company is to be managed by one or more mem-

#### LEGAL NOTICE

SIXTH: The Company shall have the power to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to

indemnify pursuant thereto. INWITNESSTHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 21st day of June 1996. s/Thomas G. Mazzotta

8 Marry Anne Drive Clifton Park, New York 12065 (July 2, 1996)

#### **ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION**

OF BBL, L.L.C. Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that: FIRST: The name of the Com-

pany is BBL, L.L.C.
SECOND: The purpose of the
Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited
liability companies may be organized under the LLCL

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

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State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York

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day of May, 1996.

Kenneth B. Segel, Sole Orga-1 Oak Ridge

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Menands, New York 12204 (July 2, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the
Board of Appeals of the Town of
Bethlehem, Albany County, New
York will Re-open'a public hearing
on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, at
7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445
Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New
York to take action on application York to take action on application of Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses, 569 Elm Avenue, Selkirk New York 12158 for Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-11 and 128-12 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to permit a Day-Care Center and ad-dition in a residential zone at pre-mises Elm Avenue and Wildwood Lane, Selkirk, New York 12158. Michael C. Hodom

Chairman Board of Appeals

(July 2, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Sanwa Business Credit Corporation Hoffman Car Wash, 55 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for a Special Exception under Article VI. Permitted Uses, Section 128-17, CC Retail Commercial District, C (4), of the Code of the Town a mechanical car wash and Jiffy Lube at premises 55 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Michael C. Hodom

Chairman Board of Appeals

(July 2, 1996)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on July 10, 1996 at 7:45 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 12 of 1996, amend-ing Vehicle and Traffic, Chapter 119, Article VI, Schedule 119-32, Through Streets to add additional intersections to Kenwood Avenue through street designation, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem. All parties in interest and citizens will have an

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

opportunity to be heard at the said meeting.

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By Order of the Town Board Town of Bethlehem Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC

Dated: June 12, 1996 (July 2, 1996)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on July 10, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 11 of 1996, amending Vehicle and Traffic, Chapter 119, Article VII, Schedule 119-33, Stop Intersections to add stop sign on Dover Drive at intersection of Salem Road and Sheffield Drive at intersection of Hampton Street, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said meeting

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By Order of the Town Board Town of Bethlehem Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC Town Clerk

Dated: June 12, 1996 (July 2, 1996)

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the

#### LEGAL NOTICE

26th day of Juné 1996, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as fol-

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to construct additional playing fields at Elm Avenue Park, and WHEREAS, the Town

Board has previously approved the issuance of a bond issue in the amount of \$280,000 for the purpose of constructing additional playing fields at Elm Avenue Park,

WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, partial funds are also in the Recreation Capital Reserve Account for the construction

of additional pleying fields, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to construct playing fields at Elm Avenue Park; and,

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve monies to partially fund this oject up to a maximum amount of \$7,000; and.

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account the funds necessary up to \$7,000 in said reserve fund and, BE IT FURTHER RE-

SOLVED, this resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

The motion to adopt the

resolution was made by Councilman Putney, was second by Councilman Lenhardt and duty adopted by the following vote: AYES: Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Lenhardt,

Mr. Putney, Mr. Johnson NOES: None ABSENT: Mrs. Davis

**DATED: June 26, 1996** By Order of the Town Board Town of Bethlehem Kathleen Newkirk Town Clerk

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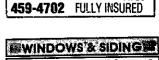
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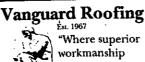
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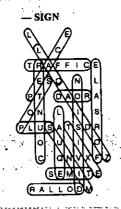
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# Water

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into a long-term agreement. Should there be some flexibility in Bethlehem's minimum purchase parameters, I ask that you call me to set up a meeting in which we might discuss out position and, perhaps, move forward."

At the same time, Ferraro said the city would continue to charge Bethlehem \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons, which is the same rate that the city charges its large users.

Prior to this year, Bethlehem was charged \$1.66 per 1,000 gallons of Albany water, which flows from the city-owned Alcove reservoir in Coeymans.

Fuller said the higher rate is not an issue yet, since up to this point the town has only needed to purchase what amounts to a drop in the bucket.

For the months of April and June, the town was charged only \$35.80 for the amount of water purchased. Over the same period in 1995, the town paid \$185,994 to the city.

The huge savings is attributed to the town's new \$13.9 million water system, which is derived from an aquifer underneath the Hudson River. Prior to the new system going on line last December, Bethlehem was using water from the town-owned Vly Creek reservoir in New Scotland to supply its industrial sector off Route

"We have more of the Vly Creek water available now (for public consumption) because we don't have to use our reservoir water to supply industry," Fuller said. Public concern over the purity of the new system prompted the town board in 1994 to restrict its use to industry.

"I'm not that concerned with the higher rate right now until we reach the point where we have to buy an appreciable amount," Fuller said. "But I would still prefer having a long-term contract in place, and that the political games end."

The crucial period for the town will come during the next three months when public consumption normally increases dramatically as a result of people watering lawns and filling swimming pools.

In his letter to the town, Ferraro pointed to the letter in the April 24 edition of *The Spotlight* in which Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings spelled out his his reasons for opposing Fuller's offer — mainly that the payment schedule being proposed was too small in light of the other requests being made for city water from neighboring municipalities.

"I don't believe they're negotiating in good faith," Fuller added. "Where's the give-and-take here? They're continuing to hold the town hostage just like they did six years ago when they put us on notice that they would be canceling our contract."

# Local archaeologist named in Who's Who

Michael Kunz, a Bethlehem Central High School graduate, is included in the Marquis Golden Anniversary Edition of *Who's Who in America* for 1996.

Kunz is noted for his archaeological work.

Local author tutors fourth-graders

By Katherine McCarthy

Before school ended, Elsmere fourth-graders had a chance to turn their creative sides loose with local author Karen Beil.

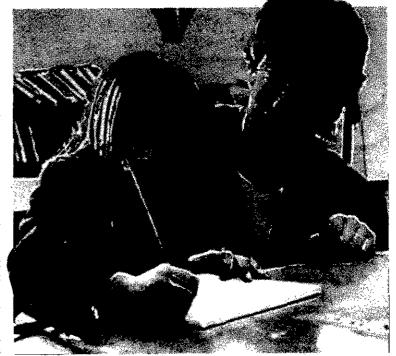
The pupils in Sandy Withers' class were enthused as Beil guided them gently through the steps of writing a story in a workshop at the school.

The workshop, "Which Came First," is designed to help children begin building stories of their own, starting with the step-by-step creation of a character. To create that character, Beil urged the children to think about what might be in their characters' pockets that would divulge something about their personality. "Finish these sentences," Beil suggested, "What I hate most and what I wish for."

The children then turned to a fresh page in their new notebooks to begin their own stories, starting off with their character and his or her own problem.

Withers said that having an author in the classroom makes a difference. "We do some sort of writing each week," she said. "I chose this particular workshop because it broadens the kids' point of view, and gives them a starting point."

Asked to share their story beginnings, there was none of the modesty adults might exhibit as the fourth-graders eagerly raised their hands, then stood to present characters whose problems were related to, among other things, kickball, monsters or loneliness.



Fourth-grade student Elizabeth Galacchi works on her writing with local author Karen Beilat Elsmere Elementary School. Karherine McCarthy

The children enjoyed the writing experience. "I liked it," Danny Donovan said. "It's fun to think up ideas and write stories. We're not just writing because we have to" Melissa Buckley "liked the way she told the steps, it made it easier."

Beil, whose next book is scheduled for publication in spring of '98, said she always takes away something that makes her a better writer. "Once I was working with some second-graders in Connecticut," she said, "and one wrote about a hamster, that he 'was as young as a seed' That's a line any adult would be proud to write." Beil said

she especially tries to find the child who doesn't like to read or write and spark some enthusiasm in him or her.

Beil began conducting workshops five years ago. In addition to school workshops, she provides in-service workshops for teachers and an evening family workshop.

In addition to "Grandma and Me," Beil is the author of "Fire In Their Eyes." She has also written "A Cake All for Me," to be published as part of the Smart Start Math Book series for children in preschool through grade-two.



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