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Businesswoman appeals for home operation

By Michael Hallisey

Entrepreneur Carole Riley attempted to show the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals that a home office with seven employees would not change the atmosphere of a Slingerlands neighborhood which already has 13 businesses within 500 feet of her New Scotland Road home.



Approximately 30 residents attended last week's public hearing inside the newly finished town hall auditorium.

Peter Pryor, Riley's attorney and a former Delmar School parent, was encouraged by the change.

"This is the first time I have been here in 30 years, when I enrolled my children in the Delmar School," Pryor said. "Since then, I see things have changed. And that is good, because that tells me we are not anchored down to the past."

It is a developing trend for women today to manage their businesses with fax machines and

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Police suspect foul play in fire

By Michael Hallisey

The fire that gutted one store and caused extensive damage to three others in an Elsmere strip mall was deliberately set, according to Bethlehem police Lt. Fred Holligan.

Police investigators said the fire started early Thursday morning in the rear of Mail Boxes Etc., a packaging and shipping business,

Other related fire stories

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and caused heavy smoke and water damage to Pizza Hut, Cyber Haus, Knuffles Children's Center and the state Dormitory Authority offices, across from Delaware Plaza.

More than half of the 270 Dormitory Authority employees either had the day off or worked from offices in Albany Thursday, said Dormitory Authority spokeswoman Claudia Hutton. By Friday, all were back in the Elsmere office.

Investigators from the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the county District Attorney's office are looking into how the fire quickly spread, said Holligan.

A dog from the state Office of Fire Prevention was called onto the scene to detect substances that could have been



Cleanup begins immediately for businesses damaged in Thursday's fire.

Paul Deyss

used to light or spread the fire. Officials would not say if anything was found.

The Elsmere Fire Department received an automatic fire alarm at 12:43 a.m. from the Dormitory Authority office, two stores away from where the fire started.

Carole Riley, owner of the neighboring Pizza Hut delivery store, said her employees would have left an hour before at around 11:45 p.m.

Police are also investigating whether

the blaze is connected to the vandalism of Mail Boxes Etc. owner Richard Schaefer's car the night of the fire. Holligan said Schaefer reportedly discovered a broken sun roof when he left his store shortly

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CMI explains plans to neighbors

By Michael Hallisey

Approximately 45 residents attended a two-and-a-half hour information session on a proposed senior housing facility for what is now a vacant 6.7-acre lot next door to Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue.

CMI Senior Housing & Healthcare held the public meeting at First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue Monday, to inform residents on its proposed 107-unit facility.

The meeting hall was buzzing with questions about drainage and traffic.

CMI plans to build an assistive-living facility, as opposed to a nursing home, for the frail elderly, said company president Steven Insoft.

"Our goal is to offer a dignified residential alternative for the frail elderly," he said.

Insoft said the typical client

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NiMo plans major rehab in Glenmont

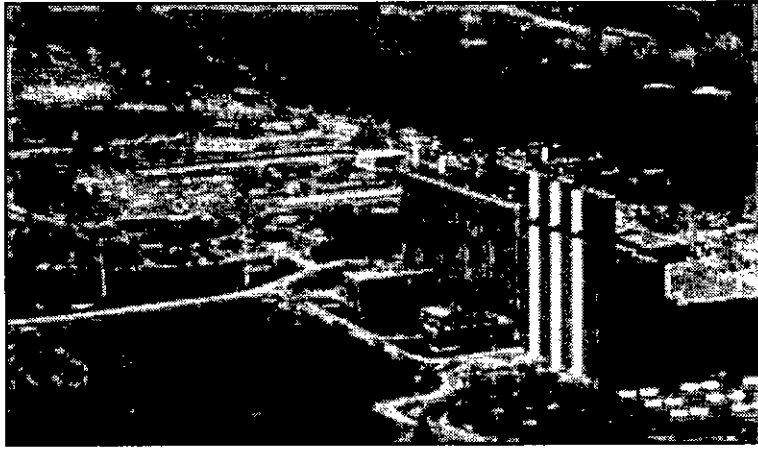
By Dev Tobin

Besides prophets of doom and computer dating problems, the millennium will bring a new look and smell to the Capital District's major electricity generating facility.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. has announced plans to turn its Albany Steam Station, in operation since 1952 in the town of Bethlehem adjacent to the Hudson River, just over the city line, into the Bethlehem Energy Center.

The new facility will have three natural-gas-fueled combined-cycle turbines in place of the four 40-plus-years-old turbines now there.

The new turbines, with heat recovery steam generators, will produce up to 729 megawatts, a substantial increase from the 400-megawatt-maximum possible with the current equipment.



The Glenmont electrical generating plant will look like this by 2001.

The plant's four 337-foot-high smokestacks will also be removed, to be replaced by three shorter stacks next to the building.

"This project will reduce air emissions while nearly doubling the plant's capacity and significantly improving its efficiency,"

said Thomas Baron, NiMo's vice president of fossil and hydro generation.

"The Albany Steam Station needs 21st-century technology to compete in the 21st-century marketplace," Baron added, noting that under new state regulations, NiMo will have to sell generating facilities like the one in Glenmont.

While the turbines are original, the fuel to power them has changed twice, from coal to oil in 1970 and then to the current combination of oil and natural gas in 1981.

"We're taking a facility that can't compete, and getting the permitting process started so it can be competitive," said NiMo spokesman Nicholas Lyman.

The state permitting process will take

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Police nab suspect for Mctheft at eatery

A McDonald's restaurant night manager was arrested Saturday night after he allegedly stole night receipts he was responsible for depositing into the bank, said Bethlehem Police Lt. Fred Holligan.

Edward Gladney, 25, of 4 Leonard St. in Albany, was arrested from a cab while on his way home from work Saturday night.

Police say Gladney, an employee of McDonald's for eight years, had been under investigation for the past four weeks after it was discovered that night receipts were not being deposited.

Gladney is suspected of taking approximately \$10,000 over the past several weeks, said Holligan.

"I don't know how he thought he could get away with it," said Holligan. "Someone is bound to miss that money."

Gladney was charged with fourth-degree felony grand larceny.

Gladney is in Albany County jail without bail and is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court Tuesday, Oct. 21, Holligan said.

Library looks to fill trustee position

By Michael Hallisey

After serving three years of a five-year term, Roger Beck has resigned his position on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees to move with his family to Connecticut.



Beck

The board will appoint a new trustee on an interim basis until the next election in May, said board president Susan Birkhead.

"We will certainly miss him," she said. "He was an energetic and committed board member. He took a specific interest in library technology as we move into the 21st century."

For the past several years, the

library has increased computer access for its patrons. Magazine and newspaper articles can now be researched through CD-ROM collections.

The library already is working on switching from a computer network system with Albany Public Library to the Upper Hudson Library Access Network, said library director Nancy Pieri.

And in the near future, patrons will be able to access the Internet through the library. The Internet might also play a role in allowing town residents to see which books the library has in stock through their own personal computer at home.

"Roger has a master's in library science, which gave him in-depth sight into library issues," said Birkhead. "We hope he will work for a library board in Connecticut."

Birkhead said the board will appoint someone to take over Beck's term on an interim basis, and will expect the new trustee to run for election next May. If elected, he or she will serve on the board until July 2000, when Beck's term ends.

"The board is looking for community experience and work experience that would be a valuable contribution to the board," said Birkhead.

People interested in serving as a trustee should contact Pieri at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Corrections

The following are corrections to the Community Services Guide published last week.

- The Delmar Fire Department chief is David Scoons; the North Bethlehem Fire Department chief is Paul Miller; the Delmar Rescue Squad chief is Timothy Mirabile; the Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 chief is William Borger; and the Selkirk Fire Co. No. 3 chief is Jeff Stangel.

- County Legislator David Young's address is 11 Palmer Ave., Delmar.

- The contact person for Bethlehem Pop Warner is Mitch Griffin at 439-5671.

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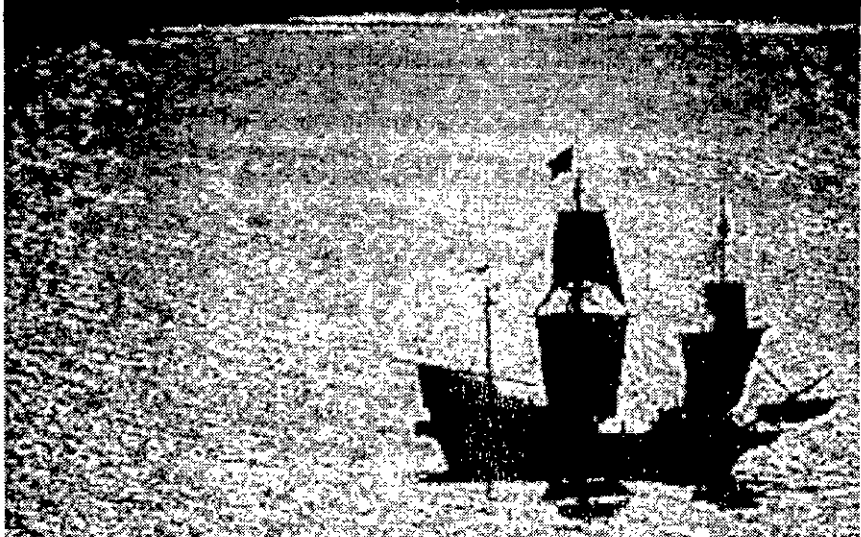
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Town budget holds line, for now

By Michael Hallisey

The 1998 budget Town Comptroller Judith Kehoe will present to the board tonight (Wednesday, Sept. 24) might be good news for town residents, as it shows no increase in local taxes, but it warns the town must do something about decreasing assessments on commercial properties.

Though Kehoe was still receiving fiscal plans last week from individual town departments, the tax levy for the upcoming year is estimated at \$7,167,832.



Kehoe

In the general fund alone, residents will pay 42 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, the same rate residents have paid for the past three years.

The town is expected to make a few changes to help bring in more revenue. For example, planning board fees are expected to change for the first time in two years.

Kehoe stated in a draft of her budget message, which narrates line item issues for town residents to better understand where their money goes, the planning board and planning department "render significant services" without receiving reasonable compensation. An additional \$20,000 is expected to be brought into the town from the new fee structure.

A proposal to charge insurance companies for calls to county Ad-

vanced Life Support paramedics is expected to generate approximately \$25,000 annually. The calls are covered by most insurance plans.

"Taking in account how often it is used, this is not expected to raise anyone's insurance rates," said Kehoe.

Under the plan, uninsured patients who will use the emergency unit will not be charged.

In a related matter, the town expects to save \$76,000 next year through the town of New Scotland's participation in Advanced Life Support, now in its second year of paramedic service. This year, the town expects to save \$25,000.

The town also expects to receive \$18,750 from the Bethlehem Central School District for providing it with school resource officers.

Overall, town expenditures are to reach \$21,666,597, with revenue projected at \$13,482,105.

Another \$1,016,660 will be taken from the town's fund balance to offset costs.

Though the immediate news appears good for the local taxpayer, Kehoe said the town most look at the assessment of local commercial properties. Property assessments for commercial business has steadily gone down over the past four years, from approxi-

mately \$788 million in 1994 to approximately \$708 million this year.

"Although, we have not had an exodus of businesses, existing businesses, particularly railroads or utilities, are facing market pressures from deregulation, which has the potential to significantly reduce their assessed values," she stated in her draft budget message.

For example, the town had lost \$28 million in assessed value last year on the Conrail Selkirk Yards.

"We have to keep looking forward to further expand commercial business," said Kehoe. "It's been important for years, but if we don't do something, the tax burden would have to be absorbed somewhere else."

The town must also prepare for repeal of the sales tax on clothing.

The county Legislature has already abolished the 1 percent tax on home heating fuel earlier this year. The move will not take effect until next March, but it will reduce

town revenue by about \$100,000 in 1999.

The money lost from the heating fuel tax should be offset by the county legislature's decision to extend the 8 percent sales tax through November 1999, but once clothing is no longer falls under county sales tax, revenue for the town may be again reduced.

We have to keep looking forward to further expand commercial business.

Judith Kehoe

WELCome



Nancy VanNosdall, a teacher at the new Early Learning Center for Bethlehem Central kindergarteners, welcomes Rebecca Stanton to her new school during last week's picnic.

Katherine McCarthy

Normanside golf outing next on chamber agenda

By Michael Hallisey

The cool, crisp weather of the weekend should serve to whet the appetite of those anticipating Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's 11th annual golf outing at Normanside Country Club, on Monday, Oct. 6.

For the third consecutive year, Glenmont resident and News-Channel 13 anchor Benita Zahn will act as mistress of ceremonies for the show.

"She's got a magnetic personality," said chamber president Marty DeLaney. "She has a sense of humor that is self-deprecating and light hearted that makes people feel at home."

This year marks a milestone for the chamber, which is celebrating its 40th birthday.

Along with continuing to gather information on the chamber's past, DeLaney said she is actively surveying local merchants and residents on how the chamber can better serve the community.

"We're trying to get the pulse of the community," said DeLaney, who is in her 12th year as chamber president. "How can we get more involved?"

One way was the start of a new hotline phone number this July, where people were encouraged to call and leave suggestions or talk about problems plaguing area business.

"I think things are really good economically right now," said DeLaney. "And I think we are on the threshold of making things better. I think there's a lot we can do. I can say I think things are good now, but there is also no-

where to go but up."

As chamber president, DeLaney said she has become a cheerleader for Bethlehem. (Coincidentally, she was a cheerleader during her years at the Junior College of Albany.)

"A chamber really should do that seven days a week," said DeLaney. "I encourage people to move here all the time."

And when area nonprofit groups ask for support from a local business, she reminds group members to also return the favor by supporting area business. The

golf outing is one way to help improve the local business climate, as well as a chance for chamber members to have fun.

Chamber members organize the event. The price for participation is \$110 per person, and nearly all of the money goes to paying for the outing.

"It's the first and sometimes only time for some chamber members to see Normanside," said DeLaney. "After our annual dinner, this is the premier social event the chamber holds."

Participants on the golf course are encouraged to play with people they don't know.

"To meet new people — it's like a networking session," DeLaney said.

The networking event often includes town and school officials too. Participants can sign up for the event by Friday, Sept. 26. Groups of four will pay \$400. People are actively bidding to have Zahn in their golf group. Non-golfers can attend the dinner afterwards for \$30.

After our annual dinner, this is the premier social event the chamber holds.

Marty DeLaney

Water system probe enters new phase

By Michael Hallisey

The Bethlehem town board is expected to act on LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae's recommendation tonight (Wednesday, Sept. 24) to hire a Pennsylvania engineering firm to review problems with the town's new water system in Cedar Hill.

Gannett Fleming Inc. was selected out of a group of firms which included O'Brien & Gere of Syracuse to take a look at take a closer look at the water plant.

Last month, O'Brien & Gere reported that their monthlong review of the water system found that it could draw 4.3 million gallons per day at most.

The system was designed by Fraser & Associates of Rensselaer,

under parameters specified by Dunn Geoscience, to draw approximately 6 million gallons per day. However because of silt and man-made structures surrounding the infiltration system, the \$13.1 million plant is only producing approximately 2.4 million gallons a day.

Gannett Fleming was selected over local engineers to eliminate any possible conflicts of interest that may arise during the review process, said Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

Gannett Fleming's services will cost Bethlehem \$8,250.

Fuller has said in the past there is a possibility of a lawsuit with Fraser. As Gannett Fleming prepares their own report on the system, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae will review possible legal claims available to the town based on the engineering firm's report.

The entire process will cost the town approximately \$30,000. Gannett Fleming has designed infiltration systems as well, including one in Chalfont, Penn., which draws approximately 10 million gallons a day.

However, the firm has never designed a system adjacent to a tidal river, such as the one located in Cedar Hill. The Chalfont infiltration gallery is located underneath a stream.

Gannett Fleming has designed numerous dewatering and ground water supply systems that "utilized similar design techniques and procedures employed for the town's sidestream infiltration gallery."

If selected by the board, the

review process will be led by James Langer, a Gannett Fleming geotechnical manager with 32 years of experience, according to a letter of proposal addressed to LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae.

The water infiltration system was designed to supply water to the southeastern corner of town, including industries such as General Electric and Selkirk Cogen.

Shortly after beginning service in January 1996, the system encountered problems due to a flood that deposited a lot of silt in the river.

Both O'Brien & Gere and Fraser conducted separate reviews, with both citing silt as the leading cause for low yield. Fraser's review, the first to investigate the problem, convinced the town to seek approval from the state Department of Environmental Conservation and Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the river bottom of silt.

After receiving approval, and getting a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, the town dredged the river bottom in March. The yield increased immediately after the project, but then declined again afterwards.

Last month, O'Brien & Gere stated that a clay barrier surrounding the infiltration system, along with a timber pile bulkhead along the river's shore, combined with the silt to contribute to the lack in yield.

But O'Brien & Gere was not hired to assess the actual design of the infiltration gallery.

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Gleason nails 3rd spot on line

By Dev Tobin

After opening absentee ballots, the county Board of Elections found last week that Republican town board candidate Andrea Gleason's lead had grown to the point that she has won the final Conservative ballot spot for town board candidates.

The Board of Elections count, while still unofficial, credits Gleason with a 24-16 lead over her closest challenger, Democrat Joseph Cotazino. The unofficial primary night result had Gleason leading Cotazino 17-15. The other Republican candidate, Mark Pelersi, is further back with 14 votes, including absentees.

Incumbent Democratic Councilman Scott Houghtaling was the top vote-getter in the primary, with 38; and incumbent Supervisor Herb Reilly, running for re-election as a Democrat, easily outpolled Republican challenger Doug Shearer 31-22.

Reilly and Houghtaling were on the ballot as endorsed candidates of the town Conservative committee, while supporters of

other candidates had to write their names in.

Former Democratic town board candidate Barbara Jones also appeared on the ballot, although she had withdrawn at Reilly's behest in favor of Cotazino, a longtime Reilly ally.

It's nice to see a real conservative on the Conservative line.

Judith Von Ronne

The Conservative line can account for several hundred votes in November and be important in close races. Town Democrats have traditionally controlled the line, and Republicans have had to conduct opportunity-to-ballot write-in campaigns to try to wrest it away. Reilly said he was disappointed that Cotazino did not win the Conservative line along with his fellow Democrats and added that he

would not "campaign on the Conservative line at all."

Town Republican Chairwoman Judith VonRonne said, "It's nice to see a real conservative on the Conservative line."

VonRonne added that she hoped town Conservatives would "look to who really wants their designation in the future."

Democrats have controlled the town board since 1991, for the first time in town history, but their majority hangs in the balance this year, as one Republican victory will shift control to the GOP.

Archival materials available to teachers

Teachers in Albany County are invited to bring students to the county Hall of Records for research as part of the Hands-on-History Program.

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Bargain hunters



New Scotland Presbyterian Church giant garage sale attracted many bargain hunters last Saturday. *Paul Deyss*



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Kiddie keglers enjoy pee wee program

By Katherine McCarthy

Sometimes the ball is bigger than they are, but that's OK, says Marvin Sontz, the manager at Del Lanes in Delmar.

"We let the kids use two hands if they need to," he said for the pee wee program available to introduce children ages 3 to 7 to bowling.

The whole community can get a chance to see how many hands they need to hold the ball at Del Lanes' open house this Saturday, Sept. 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. Free bowling is part of the afternoon's festivities.

"Del Lanes has been here for 36 years," said Sontz, who has worked there for 22 of them. "We'd like to give people a chance to take a tour and see what we're all about."

Sontz said bowling gives families a chance to spend some time together.

"Kids can start bowling at a young age, and keep doing it all their lifetime," he said.

So far, 20 children are learning to bowl in the pee wee program on Monday afternoons. The sessions are open to children age 4 to 7, although 3-year-olds who can handle the ball are welcome to join too. The classes last for 7 weeks, take place from 4:15 to 5:20 p.m., and cost \$4.50 per child per session.

"This is just an introduction to bowling," Sontz said, "not anything forceful. We have new equipment that keeps the ball in the lane, so the kids don't get frustrated, and there's usually one instructor for every pair of lanes."



Thomas Lombardo looks for a strike at Del Lanes. Katherine McCarthy

Thomas Lombardo, 5, started the pee wee program this fall and was already tossing the ball down the lane like he'd been bowling all his life.

"His 9-year-old sister Nicole is in the junior program," mom Janice Lombardo said. "I wanted something to get Thomas more involved with children his age. I bowl on Thursdays, and we're looking forward to bowling as a family."

Families will also be able to bowl together on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the adult/pee wee league, which is scheduled to begin Oct. 5.

Del Lanes is located on Delaware Avenue in Elsmere, between the Dormitory Authority and Fleet Bank. Everyone is welcome to the open house on Sept. 27, but Sontz advised registering in advance by contacting him at Del Lanes at 439-2224.

Sexual assault center seeks volunteer help

The Sexual Assault Care Center for Rensselaer County is seeking people interested in developing crisis intervention and counseling skills to work as hotline, office and prevention education volunteers.

A free, 36-hour comprehensive training course will be offered beginning Oct. 4 at Samaritan Hospital on 2215 Burdett Ave. in Troy.

For information, call 271-3445.

Make-A-Wish grants children's wishes

On behalf of the Shergold family, the Make-A-Wish Foundation requests that people stop sending greeting and business cards to Craig Shergold.

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Matters of Opinion

Nice news from NiMo

For years, the town of Bethlehem and Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. have been locked in a protracted courtroom duel over the property tax assessment of the utility's generating facility in Glenmont.

The facility is the largest taxpayer in town, paying more than \$6.3 million a year, including more than 16 percent of the Bethlehem Central School District tax levy.

NiMo has argued that the Glenmont facility is old and has clearly depreciated, and therefore is overassessed by the town. More than once, NiMo threatened to close the plant down, leaving the town with a dramatically less valuable property on its tax rolls.

NiMo's plans to upgrade the facility seem to belie that threat and ensure that the town's industrial tax base will not take a huge hit.

Also, the new plant will be exclusively fueled by natural gas, substantially reducing the facility's emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, particulates and carbon dioxide.

And the visual impact of the plant will be lessened, as the plan calls for dismantling its four smokestacks.

In the state's new competitive energy marketplace, NiMo will no longer be producing electricity, so while it is beginning the permit application process for a new facility, it will be seeking a buyer to purchase and fund the upgrade of the Glenmont plant.

We hope the buyer continues NiMo's commitment to a cleaner, more efficient facility, and also one that pays its fair share of taxes without endless and expensive litigation.

We don't know what that fair share is, but obviously an investment of about \$225 million in a property assessed at \$257 million should reverse, or at least arrest, that property's depreciation.

Fall kicks in

Fall kicked in like clockwork Sunday, with cool temperatures enveloping the region. If Sunday is a mark of what's to come, we're in for a real treat this year. Sunny, cool days to usher in the blast of color that dazzles us every year.

And if apple picking's your bag, there's our own Indian Ladder Farms with many varieties ready for harvesting. Indian Ladder's cider gives new meaning to the word ambrosia. So, it's cider and doughnuts, church suppers, flea markets and lots of weekend events for the taking in this season of perfect weather to do just about anything you can think of.

Enjoy fall to the fullest. It's one of the few times during the year when even folks from the Sunbelt envy us. Eat your heart out. New York is perfect autumn country. Alas, come December, all butskiers, will be singing a different tune.

Lower is better

Reducing the speed limit on Van Dyke, Blessing and Russell roads is a step in the right direction. Now, it's up to drivers to obey the law.

With the number of Bethlehem Central High School students who park along Van Dyke Road and then walk to and from school, an accident there seemed inevitable. Even the students themselves were concerned, and those who spoke at last week's meeting in favor of reducing the speed limit should be commended.

Lowering the limit to 30 mph can only help lessen the chance of an accident. Those who don't heed the law should be aware that they will likely be ticketed since the police will be monitoring the road carefully.

Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, formed after the deaths of two local girls, has been seeking ways to ensure pedestrian safety, and this action of the town board is surely one that will.

Editorials

Chamber marches ahead

By Marty DeLaney

The writer is a 26 year resident of Bethlehem and has been head of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce since January 1986.

In 1957, Mickey Mantle was the American League's MVP, Buddy Holly was singing about Peggy Sue, Ike occupied the White House, John F. Kennedy was senator from Massachusetts Senator and General Motors was putting fins on the Chevrolet.

Point of View

Closer to home, a small group of business people were busy registering the name Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce with the Department of State.

Forty years later, your Chamber of Commerce has evolved into an organization dedicated to making our town and the surrounding area a great place to live, work and do business. Like their counterparts from the 1950s, today's chamber members know that a vital progressive organization is the key to our strength. So much can be accomplished when a community works together toward common goals.

The original group was small and informal, "If we had 10 or 20 people at a meeting, that would be the max" recalled Dr. Robert Pike, a former member of the board of directors. In 1997, the membership roster hovers near 600. From their offices in Main Square in Delmar, a professional staff of four answers hundreds of inquiries about Bethlehem each year, and provides health and dental insurance along with many other services to our members. An 18-member board of directors representing a cross section of our community provides leadership and vision for the group.

During the chamber's yearlong 40th anniversary celebration, we journeyed back in time with some



Marty DeLaney chats with chamber member Jim Farone of the Days Inn.

of our original members to see how they remember the economic climate of the 50s. Among others, we talked with Al Hilchie, Bob Verstandig, Bill Bennett, Richard Haverly, Dot Brown and Gill Drake. They all shared their vivid memories of the people and events that helped shape our community.

A common theme throughout the past four decades is the leadership role chamber members have taken in Bethlehem. Business leaders sponsored a winter carnival at Elm Avenue Park, with snow sculptures and other family activities. As part of town-wide beautification efforts, members bought park benches, pulled weeds and planted trees and flowers. More recently, the chamber worked for more than two years planning the major town-wide events of Bethlehem's bicentennial. And this year Feestelijk Bethlehem, an evening of family entertainment at a dozen venues around town, was very successful thanks to the involvement and support of Bethlehem's businesses.

Two years ago, with support from the chamber, a grass-roots group of citizens, business people and town officials created the Bethlehem First Task Force. Its goal is to plan and implement continuous marketing strategies designed to put Bethlehem busi-

nesses and professionals first in the minds of people looking to fill their professional needs and shop for gifts or home improvements.

Bethlehem First encourages residents to support local businesses. Many times, the very products and services that we run to Albany or Guelderland for can be found right here in the friendly, accommodating shops and offices of Bethlehem's businesses. These businesses support us — young and old — our library and service groups and our tax base in dozens of ways.

Businesses have always been at the ready to support and provide funds for music and sports groups, PTAs, auctions, playgrounds, just about every kind of fundraiser imaginable. In addition, many of our fellow business people grew up here, send their children to our schools and care deeply about our community and our quality of life.

There is a great deal of pride among all of us in the town of Bethlehem. We have a unique and special character like nowhere else in the Capital Region. To maintain a good balance of suburban comfort and thriving commerce, sound planning for the future is needed. As a new millennium approaches, your chamber of commerce pledges to remain a strong leader in planning for that future.

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Your Opinion Matters

Resident says facility not seniors at issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

As someone against the proposed Delaware Avenue senior housing project, I resent the assumption that being opposed to this project equates to being opposed to senior housing. The proposed facility is not a charitable senior housing project. It is a corporate money-making venture.

As such, the facility has to be large enough to generate a substantial profit for the corporation that owns the facility. I would not be opposed to a facility that conformed with the residential zoning codes.

The developers of the proposed project, however, are unwilling to build such a facility because the profit would not be great enough.

The Delaware Avenue site is in an area that is zoned residential. Bethlehem has a history of fighting to protect its zoning and maintain residential areas. One of the reasons my family chose to move to Bethlehem was that we wanted to live in a residential community.

Changing the zoning for this project opens the door to changing the zoning for other projects in the area. How can the community say no to other projects when they allowed this huge facility in a residential area?

It is prejudicial to change zoning based on the fact that the facility is for seniors and we view seniors as quite good neighbors. We are not opposed to living next to senior citizens. We are opposed to living next to a huge commercial facility — a facility that will have 108 resi-

Letters

dences; a facility that will have staff coming and going 24 hours a day; a facility that will generate a large volume of trash; a facility that will have trucks delivering on a daily basis; a facility that has a commercial laundry for more than 108 people.

Though I am not against senior housing, I am against the current proposal. I would be very much in favor of Delaware Avenue senior housing that conformed with the current zoning for the site.

Rosemary Menneto
Delmar

Candidates should run on their own

Editor, The Spotlight:

As Election Day approaches, we will be asked to vote for two persons to fill the office of town justice.

One of the most important issues to be addressed is whether in the coming years we want the judicial branch of government to inform the citizens of its responsibility, regularly and publicly report its policies and activities, and maintain both the perception and the reality of non-partisan independence.

During Judge Peter Bishko's first campaign for the office, he was the only town official on the ballot and used as a slogan, "Keep the Republican Advantage." That should not have had real meaning concerning the impartial function of the office, but in many people's opinion, it certainly implied something less than independence.

Now, five years later, we open

the paper to find that Judge Bishko and acting Judge Stephen McQuide are not just Republican candidates, but are members of "The Fuller Team."

What are the implications of such public identification? What reasonable perceptions may be drawn from having our judges on the town supervisor's team? Does being a member of a team not imply subservience and obeisance to the team leader? Does having the judges on Mrs. Fuller's team mean that, contrary to the past, the town-sponsored, taxpayer-financed Bethlehem Report will include information about operations of the Justice Court.

Mr. Bishko and Mr. McQuide

may well be good and decent men, but their questionable campaign ethics, among other issues, leads me to suggest that we deserve better to administer the independent judicial branch of town government.

Tom Dexter

Delmar

Dexter was an independent candidate for town justice in 1992.

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For Ten years now, my family and I have lived in Bethlehem. As Superintendent of Schools at Bethlehem Central, my personal and professional life is centered here, within our community. Let me express what the community means to me.


I value living and working here because Bethlehem and BC are small enough and close enough so that together we can make a difference. To educate our children and students, it takes all of us--teachers, parents, and business

from our local businesses. I enjoy eating lunch at the Four Corners Luncheonette. When I'm able to tackle some home improvement projects, I head for Roger Smith's. We need our local businesses and they need us.

In my role as a Superintendent, I am constantly concerned about the District's ability to deliver high quality education at an affordable cost. Our local businesses not only shape the community's small town character, they also provide a financial base which is critical to the funding of education. Bethlehem merchants and businesses give to our children and our schools in many ways. Whenever possible, we should give back.

Residential development doesn't pay for itself! To support high quality schools and Town services, we need to support our neighbors who are in business.

For our children and for our community, I ask you to join me and the Chamber of Commerce in thinking of Bethlehem First.



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Your Opinion Matters

Writer takes offense with event coverage

Editor, The Spotlight:

I don't get it. I just finished reading the Sept. 10 *Spotlight*. It contained almost a quarter-page picture on a minor vehicle motor vehicle accident, which was a fender-bender, with no major injuries.

But when it came to the Elsmere Fire Co., who on Sept. 6 hosted an anniversary block party in conjunction with the arrival of a new piece of fire apparatus, they received one photo with a one-line caption.

Nowhere was there any mention of the fact that this was a community event where every resident of Elsmere Fire District was invited to attend. Nowhere did it mention that there were free refreshments, a live band, fire prevention information or that every other fire department in the town of Bethlehem participated in the celebration.

Letters

Is a community event like this not more important or more newsworthy than a fender bender? It's not every day that an organization like Elsmere Fire Co. celebrates 75 years of service. These dedicated men and women deserve more recognition than a fender-bender.

Rick Baldwin

Glenmont

Editor's note: In the May 7 edition, The Spotlight ran a Page 1 story on the fire company's 75th anniversary.

Clarksville resident thanks justice for personal attention

Editor, The Spotlight:

Something great happened this morning, and I'd like to share it with your readers — especially those who reside in the town of New Scotland.

A few weeks ago, I was summoned to appear for jury duty in town court. I considered trying to get out of serving because I had already appeared, ready to serve in Albany County Court earlier in the year. Like most folks, I have plenty of demands on my time as it is.

But the day before my scheduled appearance, the town justice call me to say that the case had been settled. I would not be needed.

Well, I got to thinking that it has been a long time since I have had a personal call from any elected official — unless it was to ask for something. Even then, a surrogate is usually employed. Then it occurred to me that a town justice has less staff and is probably paid much less per hour spent in real work than most elected officials.

I wish to thank Judge Kenneth J. Connolly, whose party is not the same as mine, for the uncommon courtesy and consideration he extended to this common citizen. Thank you, *Spotlight*, for the chance to do that.

Jim Benton

Clarksville

Parent feels administrators out of touch

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to respond to Patricia A. Kane's letter and add that I empathize with her.

The responses and attitudes of BC administrators are the same, even when "the numbers are there."

I could fill an entire issue of *The Spotlight* listing situations may son faced last year as a sixth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School. They range from unreturned calls to a teacher who was verbally abusive to him in class, all because we requested that he be more challenged.

The test scores, report card grades and even academic evaluation by a psychologist who specializes in gifted children were all given to the guidance counselor for the teachers to review and use as a guide. Even armed with all this information, nothing was changed.

So you see, Ms. Kane, even with the numbers, the district still wouldn't do anything!

Our solution is a private school, which is an added expense, however it is lessened since those numbers earned our son scholarship money toward his tuition. Isn't it ironic!

Lisa Yeager

Delmar

PTA gets kudos for meeting

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to express my thanks to Jeff Zogg, president of Bethlehem Central Middle School PTA, for beginning the school year with an information-packed first meeting.

I would also like to thank all of the teachers who gave up their Monday evening to explain both extra-curricular activities and the music program to parents. It demonstrated to me once again, the dedication of the middle school


teachers and their desire to maintain good communication with parents.

Jeff Zogg, other PTA officers and the School Improvement Team members should be commended for volunteering their time to provide all of the parents with quality programs. My only disappointment Monday was that more parents did not take advantage of this great opportunity.

Shirley Sutorius Noble

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Your Opinion Matters

Skateboarder pushes for park area

Editor, The Spotlight:

The issue of skateboarders in Delmar is a very big one to tackle. Basically there is a prejudice against skateboarders, skating or not.

If there were a skatepark in Delmar, things would be a lot different, without a doubt. Kids would have a place to go where they would not be hassled by business owners, police and citizens. Basically if skateboarders had a place to go, we would be happy and so would everyone else.

The big deal over building a skatepark is actually very petty. In a letter last week, the administrator for the town parks said that he had visited parks with "unsightly big ramps and graffiti." On the issue of a skatepark itself, Saratoga Springs, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, has a skatepark.

The "big ramps" don't seem to be turning tourists away, do they? Well, you could say that the park is not on Broadway, the main street but away from the city, that's good, right? A skatepark in Elm Avenue Park would be the same. It's almost a way to lure the skaters off the main street.

Mr. Austin said he proposed rules requiring helmets and padding, and the kids basically said no, they wouldn't visit it. I had not heard of this proposal. I read *The Spotlight*, I watch the Bethlehem TV channel and I also talked to some of my friends who skate, they said they heard nothing of it either.

Letters

It's laughable that skaters wouldn't wear protective gear, since almost all the parks require it. If you don't have gear, you don't skate. Saratoga requires gear. We also need to sign a waiver. Mr. Austin should have gotten more information at the skateparks when he visited them.

I don't think that funds would be a problem either. I think there would be a strong movement among the skaters to help out and raise funds themselves. That's not counting the money the town would give. I would even

organize a fund-raiser like BOU does, or a garage sale, a car wash, a drive of some sort or a venue where I could get local bands to play and I know I would get help from the skaters and the community.

The choice is ours in the end, do we want to have our kids on the street trying to find somewhere to skate where they will inevitably run into trouble or have them at a skatepark where we know where they are? The community would respect the skateboarders as would the police and the community.

Mike Leczinsky

Delmar

New Scotland candidates say thanks to Conservatives

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Republican candidate for supervisor and town council candidates would like to thank New Scotland Conservatives for coming out on primary day and supporting our candidacies.

A write-in vote can be cumbersome, and we greatly appreciate your efforts.

Andrea Gleason will be on the Conservative line on Election Day, and although Mark Pelersi and Douglas Shearer did not win the

line, the balloting was very close, and we are thrilled with the results.

We enjoyed meeting those of you we reached before the primary and look forward to meeting all those we missed as we continue to campaign.

Mark Pelersi, Douglas Shearer and Andrea Gleason

New Scotland



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Blaze ends Knuffles perfect attendance

By Michael Hallisey

Perhaps only professional baseball player Cal Ripken has a longevity streak longer than Knuffles Children's Center on Delaware Avenue in Elsmere, which until recently had not missed a business day since 1987.

Last week, that 10-year streak came to an end.

An early morning fire in Mail Boxes Etc. Thursday spread into surrounding businesses and caused Knuffles owner Tony Signorelli to send his seven employees, and the 38 children they care for, home.

"We have a lot of cleaning up to do," said Signorelli, sitting on a bike rack in T-shirt and jeans, surrounded by shattered glass on the ground, outside his damaged day care center.

The bulk of the fire stayed inside Mail Boxes Inc, said Elsmere Fire Chief Richard Webster. But, firefighters went inside, broke windows and pulled building material inside to contain the fire.

A mobile made of paper and yarn hung from inside the day care center, in front of a broken window. The crunch of glass could be heard as passersby took a closer look inside.

Little jackets and sweaters left behind by children from the previous day still hung in their cubbyholes. Except for the strong odor of smoke, there appeared to be no damage to them.

Debris covered the floor inside. The ceiling ripped apart with insulation falling out.

"It's the first time we've ever been closed in 10 years," said Signorelli. "Not even a snowstorm forced us to close our doors. If only this had waited two more months."

Before the fire, Knuffles had planned to move to 808 Delaware Ave. Signorelli said construction could start on the new center in the next few months.

"I hope we can move into 808 sooner than later," he said.

Cyber Haus suffers after effects

By Michael Hallisey

For those who used Cyber Haus, the computer training business damaged by last Thursday's early morning fire, it was more than just a store in an Elsmere strip mall.

"There's going to be a lot of unhappy kids," said Ray Houghton, owner of Cyber Haus.

Not only were all 11 classroom computers damaged, Houghton's Web server was also hit by heavy smoke from the suspicious fire that began in and gutted the neighboring store Mail Boxes Etc.

The Web server keeps the Web page for Cyber Haus and is a form of Internet advertising.

The page also serves as a form of entertainment for children familiar with Houghton's business. The page was a way for those children to "link" into other popular Web sites such as the one based on the new animated series "Sailor Moon."

The computers damaged by the fire appear to function, said Houghton. But, the machines are so heavily covered in smoke that

when they are turned on, the heat from the computers creates a noxious smell.

"It's a mess," said Houghton. "Though there is no structural damage, I'm out of commission with

by smoke, can be fixed with a little paint.

"The landlord (Peter Baltis) is optimistic," said Houghton. "He said it looks like I could return by next weekend."

However, there is more to repair than just the walls or computers of Cyber Haus.

"It's depressing," said Houghton, describing how he has felt the past few days after the fire. "Things were just getting started. We were two years into the business. Things were just starting to happen."

But, Houghton said he has been getting a lot of support from the community.

"A lot of the students have been giving me support," said Houghton. "A lot of support, and a lot of hugs. I've been hugged more times in the past few days than I have in the past year."

Houghton's business has temporarily moved to 163 Delaware Avenue, as cleanup efforts continue on his store.

A lot of the students have been giving me support. A lot of support, and a lot of hugs. I've been hugged more times in the past few days than I have in the past year.

Ray Houghton

my computers. I'm working with the insurance company to see what we can do. There is going to be some loss on my part."

The ceiling and floor of the store is damaged by water, said Houghton. The walls, darkened

Bar association accepts nominations

The New York State Bar Association is accepting nominations for the fourth annual Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award, established to honor a male or female association member who has contributed to the concerns of women through pro bono work, service to bar association or community organizations, writing or other related activities.

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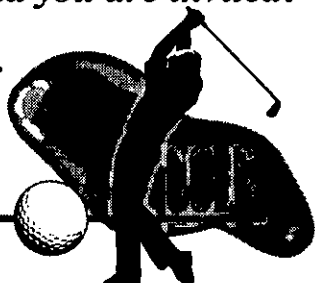
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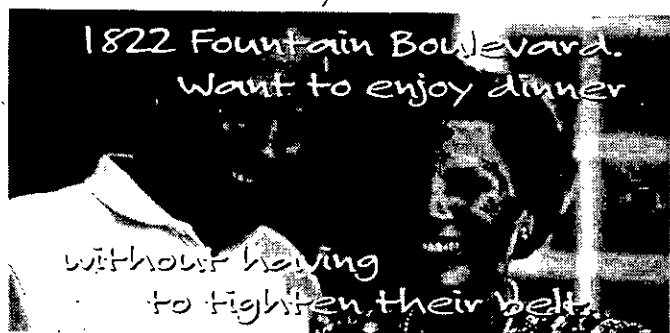
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Church to present series on grief

By Susan Graves

Delmar Presbyterian Church and Community Hospice of Albany are co-sponsoring a lecture-discussion series on grief beginning in October. The series is the brain child of The Rev. Larry Deyss, pastor of Delmar Presbyterian Church, who said he recognized a dearth of programs related to bereavement.

Grief, said Deyss, is not solely a phenomenon of loss of a loved one, and can and does occur in the wake of any number of changes in our lives. "It's (grief) all kinds of loss — loss of a job, kids leaving home for college, any major change," he said. Delmar Presbyterian Deacon Leslie Cheu said, "Grief strikes in so many ways in our lives. We tend to associate grief with only the loss of a lived one, but we grieve when we pass a major life milestone or go through a divorce or separation."

In preparation for the October series, Deyss and the nine deacons at his church analyzed various types of grief as well as the healing process. "Grief saps our energy and makes us feel we're in the doldrums and not knowing why." Regardless of the cause,

Chabad Center sets services

Rosh Hashanah services will be held at the Delmar Chabad Center on 109 Elsmere Ave. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6:15 p.m.

Thursday and Friday services begin at 9:30 p.m. Tashlich will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

For information, call Rabbi Nachman Simon at 439-8280.

Delmar church plans computer seminar

Delmar Reformed Church on 386 Delaware Ave. will host a computer seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The program is entitled Traveling the Information Superhighway as a Christian. It will focus on discovering wholesome computer resources.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

For information, call 439-9929.

Author to speak at Days Inn

John Leary, author of *Prepare for the Great Tribulation and the Era of Peace*, will speak on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at The Days Inn on Route 9W.

For information call, 465-8811.



Rev. Larry Deyss

"Grief will come out," Deyss said. He said the series will take a close look at the grieving process and particularly at "some ways of moving on."

What people have to realize, he added, is "There's no way around grief, you have to move through it."

When people fail to move

through grief, it will manifest itself in some way, such as depression, anger or withdrawal. "The question is how can we deal with it in as healthy a way as possible," Deyss said.

The series begins Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. with speaker Eileen Leary, a grief counselor, who will discuss *So Many Changes Over Time: Ways for Coping and Growing*. All five programs will take place at the church on the corner of Cherry and Delaware avenues in Delmar, and all are welcome to attend the free programs. "We want to make it (the program) as accessible to people as possible."

Other topics to be addressed in the Wednesday programs are: Healing Rituals in the Face of Illness and Suffering, Dealing with Sudden Death, Including Suicide, Children and Grief and Coping with Grief during Holidays and Special Occasions.

To register for the program or for information, call 525-1686. The church is located at the corner of Cherry and Delaware avenues in Delmar.

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Library Day attracts hundreds

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end of the month. Patrons are invited to write their comments in the space provided nearby.

The library commends all who took part: the 18 community groups who set up such fine displays, the hard working staff and volunteers and all guests for helping us celebrate another year of serve to the community (and helping to finish the 25th anniversary cake to the last crumb)!

Programs this week include the first of two sponsored by the career resource center and presented by Jill Rifkin. It's a Match is set for Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m., and will explore the ins and outs of college selection, includ-

ing how to evaluate a school, how to get an accurate picture of campus life, and what kinds of questions to ask faculty and students.

In the companion program, Take Control of the College Application Process, on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7:15 p.m., Rifkin will cut a path through the application jungle and tame the following wild beasts: recommendations, interviews, college prep courses, standardized tests, essays and applications.

Rifkin who directs College Options in Delmar, has master's degrees in education and counseling. Call 439-9314 to register for the programs.

A storytelling workshop for teachers, day care providers and parents will be on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m.

Youth services staff member Joni Goldberg will share ideas and techniques that work in both the classroom and the living room.

Goldberg has been telling stories professionally for 10 years. Last spring, she led the storytelling portion of Writing Your Life workshop series, funded by a grant from the library and funded in part by the Poets and Writers and Arts Decentralization.

Some of the creations that grew out of that workshop are now on the Internet with the permission of the authors. Access our homepage at <http://crisny.org/libraries/capreg/bethlehem>.

Louise Grieco

Proud artist



Barbara Vink, public relations director for the Voorheesville Public Library, stands in front of a piece of her own art work displayed as part of an artist's reception in the library art gallery last week.

Hugh Hewitt



for what we hope is the first of many.

Youth services department's Puppetry Delights performance was carried live on TV-31. The community mural will be displayed in the southwest gallery until the



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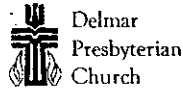
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Church groups plan island tour

Local church groups will tour the Greek Islands and Turkey following in the steps of the apostle Paul, with overnight hotel stays in Athens and Santorini.

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Ravana Grange to serve roast beef supper Oct. 4

The Ravana Grange will host a roast beef dinner on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 4:30 p.m. at the grange on Route 143.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Coeymans Dive Rescue Team.

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Honor Society to conduct flower sale

The RCS chapter of the National Honor Society will hold a fund-raising flower sale Friday, Sept. 26, at the high school.

Parents Night on for Thursday

Parents Night is set for Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. at A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans

RCS ring ceremony slated Thursday

Ravana-Coeymans-Selkirk High School class of 1999 will have its ring ceremony Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. in the senior high auditorium.

Middle school readies for magazine drive

RCS Middle School begins its annual magazine drive Friday, Sept. 26, through Oct. 10. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin new subscriptions or renew old favorites. Proceeds from the drive will be used for middle school activities.

Soccer registration scheduled Saturday

Registration for RCS Travel Soccer will be on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the middle school soccer fields.

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Methodist church hosting Harvest Bazaar Sept. 27

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville annual Harvest Bazaar is set for Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church on Maple Avenue.

The bazaar features a thrift shop, craft vendors, children's games and activities, food, produce, plants and books. There will also be a silent auction of donated items.

Take-out stuffed chicken breast dinners catered by SuperValu will be available for \$5.75 following the festivities.

Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the morning of the bazaar or in the evening Friday, Sept. 26.

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

Town hall open house

Everyone is invited to the expanded New Scotland town hall on Route 85 at an open house Sunday, Sept. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.

High school revs up for homecoming weekend

Homecoming is this weekend at the high school. A pep rally is planned for Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. on the village green behind village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

The big game against Watervliet is Saturday, Sept. 27, at

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1:30 p.m. at the high school field.

Advance is set for Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Music will be by Soundesign.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets will be sold during the week at lunch time.

Helpers are needed to decorate the gym at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

St Matthew's men's group sponsoring dance

St. Matthew's Men's Association will sponsor a dance on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. in the church social hall on Mountainview Road. All adults are invited to attend.

There will be a disc jockey, pumpkin carving and scarecrow contests, snacks and beverages. Tickets are \$10 per person.

All proceeds go toward the youth council's trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

Democratic fund-raiser slated Oct. 5

Everyone is invited to a backyard barbecue fund-raiser to benefit the campaigns of town Supervisor Herb Reilly and town council candidate Joe Cotazino on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Cotazino residence, 5 Robin Drive in Voorheesville.

A \$25 per family donation is requested. Make checks payable to the Committee to Elect Herb Reilly.

Call 765-2941 to make a reservation by Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Car wash benefit set at SuperValu

Dollars for Scholars will hold a free car wash Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of SuperValu on Maple Avenue. Pledges and donations will be solicited in advance from the community.

For information, call Tim Kelly at 765-3314.

Continuing ed program still has openings

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Open house tonight

Tonight, Sept. 24, is open house for fourth, fifth and sixth-grade parents. The program for fourth and fifth-grade parents starts at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Sixth-grade parents night begins at 7 p.m.

Open house at the junior high school is Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m.

The PTA will be selling Entertainment and Value books, excuse pads, bumper stickers and pennants. Voorheesville sweat shirts, hats and jackets will be on display and can be ordered.

There will be a drawing for an Entertainment and a Value book. Chances are two for \$1.

Say cheese Sept. 25 and 26

School pictures will be taken on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 25 and 26, at the elementary school.

There is a superintendent's conference day on Tuesday, Sept. 30. School will not be in session. School will also be closed for the

holiday on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Benefit changes topic of meeting

Robert Wolfe will present a program on recent changes in Medicare and Medicaid programs, which will impact long-term care at a meeting of the New Scotland Senior Citizens on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 1:45 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The general meeting starts at 1 p.m.

Children selling gift wrap for PTA

Children at the elementary school will sell Sally Foster gift wrap as a PTA fund-raiser from Sept. 29 through Oct. 10. Orders will arrive before Thanksgiving.

Proceeds support school activities and supplies.

Music Friends holding annual fruit sale

Voorheesville Friends of Music is holding its annual fruit sale now through Oct. 31. Orders will arrive in time for Thanksgiving.

High school band members are taking orders for Indian Grove's Florida oranges and grapefruit.

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Orders can be placed with any band member or by calling Deb Baron at 765-9371 or Derris Tidd at 765-4277.

Bonsai society sets show date Sept. 28

The Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society will hold a show on Sunday, Sept. 28, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension's Rice Center on Martin Road.

Hand-crafted bonsai pots and related items will be for sale. "Dr. Bonsai" will be on hand to answer questions and give advice.

Extension to conduct budget training sessions

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will hold volunteer budget counselor training sessions on Tuesdays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Rice Center on Martin Road.

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The museum provides all necessary equipment, so all you have to do is show up on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m.

The program is just for adults and just for fun, so

don't be shy. Call ahead to sign up, so we know how much paint and water to have ready.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring another creative experience.

All absent-minded types should sign up for the first afternoon program on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 1 p.m.

Enhancing Your Memory with Daniel Leffingwell will present reasons for forgetfulness that seems to affect many of us and some strategies for improving memory. Register by calling the library at 765-2791.

Barbara Vink

Church to serve roast beef supper

Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush will hold a roast beef supper and bake sale on Saturday, Sept. 27, with seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, homemade pie, coffee, tea and milk.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

For reservations, call 768-2213.

Clearwater Friends to meet at library

North River Friends of Clearwater will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Ron Johnson of Glens Falls Middle School will speak on the Pollution Credit Program.

For more information call, 768-2846.

Fife and drum corp to recruit at library

Village Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps of Delmar will be at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 1:30 p.m. for recruitment and orientation of new members.

Corps members are taught the fife or drum. No previous musical experience is necessary.

For information, call Micki Ahl at 439-7039.

Ferraro captures scholarship

Michael V. Ferraro, a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been awarded an Uncommon Valor Scholarship by the Department of New York, United States Marine Corps

League.

Michael is currently a student at SUNY Oswego.

He is the son of Vincent and Liz Ferraro of Delmar.

Library to host free children's film festival

Bethlehem Library on 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will show the films What's Under My Bed, The Three Robbers and The Witch Who Was Afraid of Witches on

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Sports

BC turns over a new leaf with win over Columbia

By Andrew Hartman

The Bethlehem Eagles overcame a 14-0 halftime deficit to defeat Columbia 20-14, turning themselves around just in time for what should be an emotional homecoming game against Niskayuna.

Friday will also mark the return of a former BC player and coach, who now is the head coach for Niskayuna.

With the game tied at 14, and

1:20 remaining in the game, BC quarterback **Justin Riccio** threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to senior running back **Mike Smith**.

"The main thing that won the game were our breaks on defense," said coach **John Sodergren**.

But the offensive effort slammed the door shut.

"We had guys fighting for yards," said Sodergren. "Riccio gave us a lift. We started winning

field position in the second half. It was a really exciting way to win."

In front of a sizable following of BC students who made the trip to Columbia, both teams struggled to put something together in a scoreless first quarter.

The Blue Devils gained momentum in the second quarter. They scored on a 4-yard run, and later took a 25-yard interception all the way to leave the field with a 14-0 lead at the half.

"Hill had a huge interception to set up a touchdown, and **Pat Hughes** also had a big run that was a big lift."

Bethlehem started off the third quarter with a fumble recovery on a kickoff. A Hughes run set up a two-yard scoring run by senior running back **Rich Petri** for the team's first score of the game.

In the fourth, BC center and team captain **Brian Davies** stripped the ball and came up with the fumble recovery.

Hughes followed with another big gain, setting up another Petri touchdown to tie the game 14-14.

With minutes left in the final quarter, Hill, at linebacker, came up with an interception and gave BC another chance to score.

With just under two minutes remaining in the game, BC scored on Riccio's touchdown pass. Though kicker **Scott Kind** was not able to collect his third extra-point of the game, the Eagles were able to hold on to win 20-14.

"It was a great win for our team," said Davies. "Everyone had a part in the victory. We really played well. I'm looking forward to Friday night."

This Friday night's game also marks the homecoming for a former BC football player and assistant coach, **John Furey**.

Furey, a BC alumnus who later returned to become a baseball and football coach for Bethlehem, returns home to face his alma mater.

Blackbirds win
See Page 17.

BC girls v'ball will face Shen

By Christine Potter

Both the boys and girls varsity volleyball teams had their away matches cancelled last Friday, due to a power outage at Guilderland High School.

The cancelled game denied the girls team from extending their overall record from 1-1.

The girls split the first two games of the season, suffering a tough loss to Colonie on Sept. 10, but bounced back the following day against Mohonasen.


Starter **Jen Prior** was the team's key setter in the game against Colonie. **Magan Sellnow** was the team's middle attacker and top scorer.

Despite their efforts, the team lost. However, the team was victorious the next day. They started strong, taking the first game 15-6 and followed with victories in the second and third games.

"The team ran better together and their serves improved," said coach **Sandy Vorse**.

Vorse also praised the efforts of **Amy Tierney, Melanie Finkel, Jen Siniski, Jenna Grant, Elena Oldendorf, Deb Bartley** and **Val Messina**.

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Things started to go our way.

Mike Smith

Ironically, Bethlehem, 0-2 going into the game against Columbia, found themselves losing for the first time after an opening half. In their previous two games, BC had led going into halftime only to lose in the final minutes.

This week, BC turned the tables.

"Things started to go our way," said Smith. "Riccio found (Matt) Hill a lot (in the second half), and that helped especially on third-and-long situations."

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V'ville tastes victory against Coxsackie-Athens

By Meg McGinty

The frustration and determination of the Voorheesville football team this past week paid off as they defeating Coxsackie-Athens 8-6 in overtime.

"It was an exciting game," said coach Joe Sapienza. "We really needed to prove to ourselves that we could still win after two weeks of being overpowered."

"The guys really wanted to win this game."

The Blackbirds confidence was lifted during the game with an

outstanding interception by junior Tim Beadnell in the second quarter.

"Our defense was led by Beadnell who had five unassisted tackles to go along with that great interception," said assistant coach John Sittig. "Pat St. Dennis also had several unassisted tackles on third downs, which was also very helpful to the team. Overall, the defense played great football."

The defense wasn't the only portion of Voorheesville's game that was powerful. The offense

continued to move the ball throughout the duration of the game. The offense was lead by senior Kevin Griffin who scored the only touchdown for the Blackbirds in overtime.

The offense also benefited from senior Jim Burns who gained multiple first downs for the team.

Beadnell contributed offensively as well, making a two-point conversion which helped edge out the Indians in overtime.

"I think this game gave us a lot of confidence for us to face

Watervliet next week," said Sittig. "Right now we are tied with Fonda-Fultonville for second place in our league. Next week is going to be hard so I'm hoping that our confidence will breakthrough while we play Watervliet."

Voorheesville will face-off against Watervliet in their homecoming game this Saturday. Kick-off is at 1:30 p.m. at Buckley Memorial Field.

In junior varsity action, the Blackbirds tied Broadalbin-Perth 6-6 last Monday.

BC field hockey drops two games

By Catherine Hartman

It was a tough week for the Bethlehem girls varsity field hockey team, as they were beaten 6-1 at home by Shenendehowa and 2-0 by Saratoga.

"There are games we could be winning," said coach Kathleen Cunningham. "We just have to figure out what we are doing wrong. We need to keep working hard and keep our heads up."

The girls play Burnt Hills today (Wednesday) at 4:15 p.m.

Lady Eagles X-Country impressive

By Jen Sokoler

The girls cross country team started their season off with a bang.

At their first meet, the Johnstown Invitational, all levels of team competition placed in the top three.

The varsity team placed third. They were spear headed by seventh-grader Katie Parafinczuk, who ran 3.1 miles in 19:45, freshman Courtney McMahon and junior Tracey Messina.

Coach Jack Rightmyer is very excited about the team.

"Katie Parafinczuk has been a big surprise by beating some of this areas top runners," said Rightmyer. "She has done a lot more than I expected her to this early in the season. Already, other team coaches are talking about her."

Junior varsity snatched second place out of a 12-team field. They were led by sophomore Amy Turner, freshman Caitlyn Crowley and senior Rachel Cole.

The freshmen team placed third, led by eighth-grader Katie Adams.

"Katie Adams and the whole freshmen team are doing a great job and running aggressively. And Amy Turner has been a great leader for JV."

In the following meet at Elm Avenue Town Park, the team continued to amaze their coach.

Though the varsity team did not beat its opposition, it did hold its own.

Parafinczuk placed third in her race, setting a personal best time. McMahon and Amber Ryan each placed 11th and 15th respectively.

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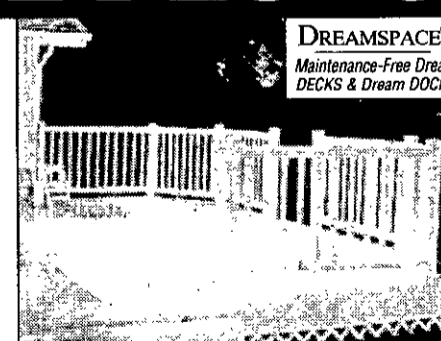
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Voorheesville's Joe Cotazino, left, and a Cohoes defender zone in for the ball during a match against the two high school teams last Tuesday. The Blackbirds lost the game 2-1. *Chris Bonham*

BC girls have tough week ahead

By Tim Kavanagh

After defeating Guilderland last Tuesday by a margin of 3-1, the Bethlehem girls soccer team's home opener against Burnt Hills was postponed due to a heavy rain-storm Saturday afternoon.

The win on Tuesday was a great defensive effort for the Eagles, who allowed only seven shots on goaltender **Kim Comtois**.

Sophomore **Carrie Getz** had the game's first goal and teammate **Melissa Kanuk** closed the door on the Dutchmen with two penalty shots.

"The defense held up very well in the game," said Comtois, "and our teamwork has definitely improved."

The team will face Scotia, Class B defending champions, earlier this week, followed by a long-awaited home opener on Thursday against Saratoga.

"We're looking forward to our first home win on Thursday," said Comtois. "Nisky will be a tough game all around. Both our offense and defense will have to stand up."

The team clashes with Niskayuna this Saturday.

"We've been playing well and improving up to this point," said coach **Brett Miller**. "This week will definitely be a big one."

"Scotia competed at States last year, so they'll be pretty good. Saratoga has good athletes and they play very hard. Niskayuna is Niskayuna. Even though they lost a lot of players to graduation, they still have a group of great players. If we come out of this week with three wins, we'll be in excellent shape."

Ladybirds start soccer season off with 5-1

By Andrew Walter

With three convincing wins last week, Voorheesville girls soccer has shown itself, once again, to be a major force in the Colonial Council.

The Ladybirds (5-1) were on the road last Friday, beating Lansingburgh 4-1.

Voorheesville took the lead in the first half when senior co-captain **Julia Guastella** put in two goals. Voorheesville remained strong in the second half, with co-captain **Regan Burns** contributing a goal, and Guastella getting the hat-trick with her third goal of

the game.

"We got off to a sluggish start," coach **Jim Hladun** said, "but we did pick it up in the second half and got it together." Hladun said they missed some opportunities, but he was "very satisfied with their performance."

Overall, the Ladybirds out-shot Lansingburgh 20-13, with goaltender **Lauryn Lloyd** contributing 10 saves.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Birds beat a visiting Schalmont team on Wednesday by a 5-1 margin. Voorheesville sophomore **Brittany Burnham** scored the

first two goals of her varsity career.

Junior **Caryn Adams** also put two past Schalmont's goaltender, with sophomore **Katelyn Berger** scoring as well.

Cohoes also fell to Voorheesville last week as the Lady Birds won 2-0.

Guastella and Berger each scored a goal against Cohoes.

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Hawks soar over Niskayuna 26-0

There was no question as to who won the match between the Hawks and Niskayuna, as Bethlehem defeated their rivals 26-0.

Niskayuna was no match for the Bethlehem defense which held them scoreless due to an interception by Joshua Rucinski.

Rucinski also amassed 93 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns, while Darnell Douglas made the fourth touchdown of the game on a 7-yard dash.

A 25-yard run a sweep play by Zach Brandow set up Douglas' score.

Quarterback Sean Myrtle completed numerous pass plays to keep his opponents busy.

Nate Pannucci's fumble recovery and Pat Traynor's penetration of the Niskayuna backfield throughout the game also contributed to the victory.

Steven Brunner, Peter Cooley, Brian Danchetz, Jerry Saliba and Robin Singh played well defensively throughout the game.

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ert Kuhn, Michael McGuire and Christopher Regal all contributed to the winning effort.

The Junior Pee Wee Condors B Team lost to defending Super Bowl champions from South Colonie 19-0 this past weekend.

Once again defense played strong despite the outcome, thanks to Bobby Reynolds, Christopher Homer and Ryan Hepinstall. However, they were not able to match against South Colonie's offense, as the visitors went on to score touchdowns in the first, second and fourth quarters.

The Condors had a promising drive going in the third quarter, led by Eric McLeer, but it was thwarted at the five-yard line. They threatened again in the fourth but were stopped again, this time at the one-yard line.

The strong offensive effort was led by David Sterrett and Matthew Johnson.

The Condors fell to 1-2 on the season and will travel to

Guilderland this Saturday.

The Junior Pee Wee Team A won this week, beating the Brunswick Bulldogs 27-6.

The Pee Wee Falcons lost a hard fought battle on Sunday, losing to Ravena 12-6.

The Falcons ran out of time on their final possession. Bethlehem was on the Ravena five-yard line when time expired.

Defensively, Will Ryan and Jeff Hines put forth great efforts, creating confusion in the Ravena backfield. As a result, they were able to collect on two fumbles.

David Ward and Jeff Beach also played heads up defense, contributing key tackles and a fumble recovery by each.

The Falcon offense moved the ball well behind outstanding blocking by Quinn Wilson, Robert Kelly and Tyler Zink.

Josh Mack, Colin Cassidy and Jason Hoogkamp grounded out the yards for the Falcons. Zach Pathode scored Bethlehem's only touchdown on a quarterback keeper.

Del Lanes scoring leaders

Del Lanes bowling alley recently named the top scorers for the week of Monday, Sept. 15.

For the senior mens, Nick Peek scored a high game of 201, while Steve Walley scored a three-game total of 558.

Phyllis Smith scored a game high of 185 to go with her three-game total of 466 among senior women.

The three top scorers for the men were Bill Cornell (1026), Lee Aiezza (1022) and Mickey Grady (727).

Cornell scored a game high of 289.

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Insoft said the company had picked the vacant lot because of its proximity to the center of town and the number of potential clients living within a five-mile radius.

Approximately 11,000 people aged 75-years and older live within five-miles of the proposed sight, according to a CMI report. That number is expected to grow to 11,500 over the next few years.

However, Rensselaer County also falls under the five-mile radius, less than half of CMI's numbers include Bethlehem residents, said Insoft.

"If I have to put my mother in this type of facility, I hope it's somewhere where I can quickly go and visit," said John Cahill, the representing attorney for the Massachusetts-based healthcare company. "And, a place she can hop on the bus to go to the mall if she wants."

Doug Bracket, a project manager for the CMI facility, said the project will not add to currently existing drainage problems, but it will not improve them either.

Michael Taylor, a resident on Weigand Road, said his home will be only 60 feet from the facility if it is built. In addition to his concerns of a possible lighted walkway that would be approximately 30 feet closer, Taylor was shared concerns over water drainage.

"Where does it go?" asked Taylor. Before Bracket could answer, Taylor replied, "On my lawn."

Taylor claimed the building alone, by reducing the surface area, would cut down on the soil's ability to absorb water.

Bracket said CMI is talking with town planners on the issue.

CMI still needs to get approval from the town to change the parcel from a residential "A" zone to a planned commercial district.

Because zoning changes stay with the property, and not the owner, residents were concerned of what would replace the senior housing building if CMI were to leave.

Insoft said it will always be for senior housing, and if things were not to work out, "someone would replace me."

"We hope you forget the word commercial," said Cahill, "for it is the farthest from what we want to

do. What we have proposed is residential."

But another resident feels CMI has already been a poor neighbor.

Last month Rosemary Menneto told the planning board how surveyors trespassed on her property without telling her why.

"It scared the daylights out of me and my child," said Menneto.

Her husband, John, asked how the facility would affect local property values.

Architect Rick Morris, relating to existing projects CMI has built, said prices will not go down.

A Delmar couple appeared to be in favor of the project.

Floyd Brewer, accompanied by his wife Coleen, said, "I have met so many people in the past three weeks who say they think this is the perfect sight."

Home

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and computers from a home office, said Pryor, describing his client's office similar to those surrounding her home.

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The new facility will have a dramatic effect on air emissions, according to Lyman, with sulfur dioxide dropping from 17.4 pounds per megawatt-hour (lbs/mwh) to negligible; nitrogen oxide from 2.7 lbs/mwh to .2 lbs/mwh; and carbon dioxide from 1,800 lbs/mwh to 815 lbs/mwh.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller said she was optimistic about the proposed redevelopment of a facility that is the town's largest taxpayer, paying more than \$6.3 million a year, including more than 16 percent of the Bethlehem Central School District tax levy.

"On paper, which is all I have to go on right now, this looks like a

good project," Fuller said. "We need to keep this plant in our community."

Lyman said NiMo still believes the plant is "grossly overtaxed," especially compared to newer generating facilities like Selkirk Cogen, which have been able to take advantage of tax abatements.

"No matter what happens, the plant will still be a major taxpayer," Lyman said. "But we expect that whoever buys the plant will contest the taxes."

The project's impact on air pollution was applauded by Judith Enck, senior environmental associate for the New York Public Interest Research Group.

"Anything they can do to reduce emissions is better late than never," Enck said. "We're encouraged by any move that will reduce pollution and associated health risks for people downwind of that plant."

The offices Pryor referred to are all on land zoned for residential use. Coventry Construction and Charles Youngblood's law office, both on New Scotland Avenue, are zoned residential "AA." Dr. Joanne Van Woert's office is in a residential "A" zone, same as Riley's property.

Riley said she moved to 1545 New Scotland Road intending to manage 47 Pizza Hut restaurants from her home.

In April, Riley said she had hired a lawyer and real estate agent to help her find a suitable home in the Albany area.

Riley told the board in April that she bought the \$465,000 Slingerlands home instead of a property in Clifton Park because zoning there would not permit a home office. Her current home was said to be a "perfect" place for an in-home professional office by Riley's real estate agent.

Riley is also claiming hardship because she will not receive an adequate return of money invested on her property if she cannot use it as a home office.

Theodora D'amico, the real

estate agent hired by Riley, said the Slingerlands property was deemed suitable for business according to the multiple listing service used by nearly all area real estate agencies.

Building Inspector John Flanigan said Riley's office, with her seven employees, surpasses the usual personal home business and is more suitable in land designated for commercial use.

Few neighbors appeared to be against Riley.

"As long as she has been there we haven't had any problems," said Slingerlands resident Alfred Manzella.

But one Mullens Road neighbor disagreed.

"There have been people looking around, but I don't believe the trouble lies only on the on-lookers," said William McGarry, adding that a delivery truck was parked in the one-lane Mullens Road, blocking traffic.

The board is expected to discuss the case at its meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Youth Network

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Community Partnership plans fall session

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What do all these things have in common?

They all began as action plans at a Bethlehem Community Partnership Workshop. They were carried out by people who care about our community and are willing to give some time to help prevent the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs by our children.

Each year for the past five years, new members have joined continuing members to strengthen the Bethlehem Community Partnership.

On Oct. 25, you can be a part of the work and the fun that is Bethlehem Community Partnership.

Join with others in our community. Work together to brainstorm problems and plan solutions. Enjoy a lovely lunch at Casa Mia Restaurant in Glenmont. Greet old friends and make new ones.

The partnership session is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Casa Mia on Route 9W.

Call 439-7740 by Oct. 15 to RSVP.



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Friday, 9:30 p.m.

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Mark Kotzin and Ellen Pietrzak

Pietrzak, Kotzin to marry

Ellen Pietrzak, daughter of Theodore Pietrzak of Westbury, Nassau County, and Jennifer Hamilton of Pittsburgh, and Mark Michael Kotzin, son of Gerald and Dorry Kotzin of Glenmont, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Plymouth State College. She is a French teacher. The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Albany. He is employed by the Civil Service Employees Association as a communications associate. The couple plans a 1998 wedding.

Births

Samaritan Hospital

Boy, Thomas James Russo, to Andrea and Thomas Russo of Selkirk, June 8.

Ravena church to hold fall fair

Grace United Methodist Church on 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravena will hold its annual fall fair on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a thrift shop, harvest booth, baked goods and candies. Local crafters and live music have been added to the fair this year.

A demonstration by the Bethlehem K-9 unit is set for 1 p.m.

There will also be a food booth with treats and lunch items.

For information, call 756-6688.

Library offers storytelling workshop

Storyteller Joni Goldberg will lead a storytelling workshop for teachers, day care providers and parents at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m.

Goldberg will share ideas and techniques that work both in the classroom and the living room.

She is a member of the youth services staff at the library and has been telling stories professionally for 10 years.

For information and to register, call 439-9314.

County agency taking orders for fish

The Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District is taking orders for 2 to 4 inch largemouth bass, fathead minnows (forage food), 4 to 6 inch rainbow trout and 4 to 6 inch catfish.

Bass ponds need to be stocked with minnows every other year to provide adequate forage for growing bass.

The last day to order is Friday, Sept. 26. Pick-up is set for Friday, Oct. 10, at 8 a.m. in the parking lot on Martin Road in Voorheesville.



Christy Vines and Dennis Milks

Vines, Milks to marry

Christy Maria Vines, daughter of Robert Vines of Rotterdam and Mary Wallen of Glenmont, and Dennis J. Milks, son of Dennis Milks of Binghamton and Karen Ellis of Greene, Chenango County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Broome County Community College. She is employed as a para-

legal by the law firm of Greenker & Carpenter in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The future groom, a graduate of the University at Buffalo, is employed as a senior software engineer by Hughes Training in Colorado Springs.

The couple plans a May 1998 wedding.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1987, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Representatives of Main Square shopping center in Delmar, due to open in November, announced that six retail tenants had signed leases, including Joyelles Jewelers.
- For the third time in two years, the Bethlehem Central School District set up a committee to study future enrollment and facilities needs. BC's new Superintendent Les Loomis called the project the district's major piece of business for the year.
- Local semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition were Jeremy Birn, Keith Dix, Rena Kaminsky, Brendan Kearse, Eric Lee, David Rosewater and David Wolpaw from Bethlehem Central High School, and Susan Carhart from Clayton A. Bouton High School.
- After methane was found in several wells in the Orchard Park subdivision in New Scotland, county Health Department officials recommended that residents open windows, remove tank lids from toilets, refrain from smoking in the house and avoid unnecessary use of electrical appliances.
- The Rev. Miles Hall was installed as the fifth pastor of Bethlehem Community Church.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Community Corner



Roast beef supper to be served

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Terry town Road in Feura Bush will hold a roast beef supper and bake sale Saturday, Sept. 27, with seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. For reservations, call 768-2213.

Here's to a Wonderful Wedding!



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Obituaries

Marguerite Tomlinson

Marguerite N. Tomlinson, 98, formerly of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, died Saturday, Sept. 20, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany.

She was valedictorian of her Lansingburgh High School graduating class and a graduate of Smith College.

During World War II, she was a Red Cross volunteer.

Mrs. Tomlinson was a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Delmar Progress Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

She was the widow of Dr. Arthur H. Tomlinson Sr.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Arthur H. Tomlinson Jr.; and three grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Sept. 24, at the Meyers Funeral Home, 741 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Adeline Crisafulli

Adeline Raciti Leone Crisafulli of Regina Court in Delmar died Monday, Sept. 22, at Albany County Nursing Home.

Born in New York City, she was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. Crisafulli worked as a clerk for Lerner and the former Veners in Albany.

She was the widow of Joseph Leone and Frank Crisafulli.

Survivors include two stepsons, Vincent "Jimmy" Crisafulli of Delmar and Anthony Crisafulli of Albany; and a stepdaughter, Anna DiNapoli of Delmar.

Services will be at 8:45 a.m. today, Sept. 24, from the Tebbutt Funeral Home, 420 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, and at 9:30 a.m. from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

James R. Greaney

James R. Greaney, 75, of Delmar died Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Woodhaven, Queens, he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

He was a graduate of Richmond High School, Northwestern University, Boston University, Rhodes School of Accounting and the Institute of Life Insurance.

Mr. Greaney was a vice president of marketing for KeyBank, retiring in 1990. He had also worked for The Travelers Insurance Co., Massachusetts General Life Insurance and Connecticut General Life Insurance.

He was a former Rotarian and active in the New York State Nurses Association and the Red Cross.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater, where he earned a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor McClosky; three sons, Russell A. Greaney of Tequesta, Fla., Colin A. Greaney of Land O' Lakes, Fla., and Dreux J. Greaney of Waterford; a sister, Arline

Greaney of Ravena; and five grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Most Holy Trinity Cemetery in Long Island.

Mildred E. Killion

Mildred E. Killion, 91 of Chatham, Mass., and formerly of Elsmere, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Cape Cod Hospital.

Born in Pittsford, Monroe County, she was a longtime resident of Elsmere before moving to Chatham.

Mrs. Killion was a music and art teacher and was also involved as a principal with Paul Killion Inc. of Albany.

She was the widow of Paul E. Killion.

Survivors include three daughters, Paula Shultes of Chatham, Mass., Elaine Helling of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Marilyn Swigart of Riverside Calif.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Services were from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Missionary Fund, 85 Chestnut St., Albany 12210.

Cornelius Nolan

Cornelius "Joe" Nolan, 84, of Colonie and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and Manhattan College.

Mr. Nolan was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 42 years, retiring in 1975 as a contract compliance examiner.

He was a member of the Capital District Umpire and Referees Association and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

He was husband of the late Eleanore Benson Nolan.

Survivors include four daughters,

Catherine Hussey of Nashua, N.H., Anna May Hawkins of Voorheesville, Mary Losito of Guilderland and Patricia Audi of Colonie; a son, Francis V. Nolan of Delmar; 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home and St. Patrick's Church, both in Albany.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

F. Victor Spraggins

F. Victor Spraggins, 78, of Clipp Road in New Scotland, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Born in Cardinal, Canada, he was a graduate of Siena College and held a master's degree from the University at Albany.

Mr. Spraggins was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving in the European theater.

He was a teacher in Voorheesville school district for 25 years, retiring in 1981. He was the adviser to the Key Club for 20 years and started its ski and bowling clubs.

He was a former president, secretary and treasurer of New Scotland Kiwanis Club. Mr. Spraggins earned a 30-year Kiwanis pin and was a distinguished Kiwanian.

He was husband of the late Sylvia Spraggins.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Haase Spraggins; a son, Dean Spraggins of Omaha, Neb., a stepson, Carl Haase of Randolph, N.J.; two stepdaughters, Sarah Neal of Bedford, N.H., and Christine Hansen of Delmar; and six step-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to New Scotland Presbyterian Church or New Scotland Kiwanis Club.

Mary Shufelt

Mary E. Lobdell Shufelt of Plattsburgh and formerly of Voorheesville, died Thursday, Sept. 18, in Plattsburgh.

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

Mrs. Shufelt was a clerk for the state Department of Taxation and Finance for 25 years, retiring in 1971.

She was a member of the African Violet Society of Albany, the New York State African Violet Society and the African Violet Society of America. She was a past president of the Capital District African Violet Society. During World War II, she was an airplane spotter in Voorheesville.

Survivors include a son, Harry A. Shufelt Jr. of Plattsburgh; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Frederick Funeral Home and the Church of St. Catherine of Siena, both in Albany.

Library schedules healthy living program

Delmar chiropractor Joseph Barile will present Five Concepts for Healthy Living at the Bethlehem Public Library on 451 Delaware Ave. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

His talk will outline the basic principles of wellness and demonstrate how to bring them to fruition in daily life.

Barile has been a guest on local radio, and has written a soon-to-be published text on natural healing entitled *The Five Essentials for Health Empowerment*.

He is a member of the executive board of the New York Chiropractic Council, District 6, and of the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research.

The program is free and open to the public.

For information call, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Grange to serve dinners

The Bethlehem Grange on Route 396 in Selkirk resumes serving dinners the first Saturday of the month beginning Oct. 4 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Roast pork will be served on Oct. 4, turkey on Nov. 1 and baked ham on Dec. 6.

Full course dinners are served family style, complete with dessert and beverage.

Reservations are appreciated for parties of eight or more.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

For information call, 767-3342.

Footaction stores offer scholarships

Footaction USA is accepting applications from high school seniors for its eight-year-old college scholarship program.

Footaction will award four graduating seniors \$10,000 scholarship and 30 others \$2,000 scholarships on March 15. The deadline for entries is Jan. 15.

Applications will be judged on the basis of academic achievement through the junior year of high school.

To receive an application, write Hooked on Sports, 7880 Bent Branch Drive No. 100, Irving, Texas 75063.

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Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

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

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

SPOTLIGHT ON
Family Entertainment
 CALENDAR • ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Area theater group opens Brian Friel's *Faith Healer*

By Michelle Kagan

D & M Productions will present Brian Friel's *Faith Healer* as its inaugural production on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28, at 3 p.m. at the Old Songs Dutch Barn at the Altamont Fairgrounds.

Friel is Ireland's best-known living playwright who wrote the 1992 Tony Award winning play, *Dancing at Lughnasa*.

Faith Healer tells the story of Francis Hardy, an alcoholic, bitter Irish faith healer, with a guilty past, who travels throughout the British Isles with his English-Irish wife, Grace, and his flamboyant Cockney manager, Teddy.

The director of the production, F. Paul Dellio, described the play as, "Very peculiar and oddly moving story of three people in a sweetly hellish relationship."

For Frank, healing has become more a curse than a blessing. He obsessively questions where it comes from, even as it wanes over the years. Grace clings to her loyalty to Frank, but his twisted character drives her further into despair. Meanwhile, Teddy tries to make sense of their life on the road.

Returning to Ireland, the three are plunged into a tragedy, which the play describes through four interlocking monologues.

Each character presents different versions of the story, in a manner similar to the classic Japanese film *Rashomon*.

James Mason played the faith healer in the show's 1979 debut at the Longacre Theatre in New York City. Grace and Teddy were played by Clarissa Kaye and Donald Donnelly.

Dellio has also directed productions of *Lady Windemere's Fan*, *Les Liaisons Dangeruses* and *Murder in the Cathedral*.

Faith Healer features three veteran actors: Ed McMullen as Frank, Lynnette Noonan as Grace, and Parker Cross as Teddy. McMullen is also the show's producer.

Dellio said of this production, "As usual, Friel's use of language in a musical and poetic form has done nothing but underscore the characterizations of each individual."

General admission is \$10 and \$8 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at the door. For reservations, call The Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza at 489-4761.

The Old Songs Dutch Barn is located on the Altamont Fairground's main entrance.

For information, call 489-4761.



Ed McMullen (kneeling), Lynnette Noonan (seated) and Peter Cross (standing), tackle the lead roles in a new production of Brian Friel's play, *Faith Healer* at the Old Songs Dutch Barn on the Altamont Fairgrounds. The show, directed by F. Paul Dellio, opens September 12.

Ageless star still can quip about theater of the '30s

A conversation with Kitty Carlisle Hart is a trip to a time when musical comedy reigned and songs and plots were light-hearted and breezy. So were the performers if this ageless star is any example.

Now in her 80s, the slim and attractive performer and arts administrator has taken to the road with her show, *My Life Upon the Wicked Stage*.

Appearing Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Empire Center at the Egg which has a theater named for her, Hart recounts a history of musical comedy in America from its beginning with *The Black Crook* in 1866.

She's more familiar with the musical comedy stage of the 1930s and 1940s when she starred in big musicals and was courted by leading composers, including George Gershwin. She did marry Moss Hart, a writer of musicals who went on to become a director of some of the most famous shows.

Even today, 35 years after his death, she still is a guardian of his work, carefully looking over revivals of originals he made famous.

As a performer, she last appeared in a revival of *On Your Toes* but has her favorite, the opera *The Rape of Lucretia* in which she appeared at the Metropolitan Opera.

From her home in New York, she spins tales of her traveling on the road with *Rio Rita* in the 1930s as the singing ingenue.

"We were near the end of the tour, going from day to day on railroad sleepers," she recounts. "We were playing at Shea's Theater in Buffalo and I overslept during an afternoon nap. A phone call awakened me with the stage manager shouting



Martin P. Kelly

SPOT IN THE LIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

that I was due to go on in minutes." She laughs as she tells of slipping a fur coat over her negligee and dashing to the theater where with quick dressing she dashed on stage and fell directly into the orchestra pit.

Her experience with the Marx Brothers in *A Night at the Opera* is a treasured one. "They were perfect gentlemen and wonderful performers who rehearsed their movie roles in theaters before filming the routines," she said. "There was no nonsense because the director, George S. Kaufmann, was very strict about discipline on the set."

Despite the success of the film in which she played opposite Alan Jones, she was fired by her studio. "I cried all the way East on the train," she said.

In this one-woman show Saturday, she sings eight songs and snippets of others in her conversation about musical comedy.

Her self-deprecation is captivating on the phone and from all reports, even more charming on stage.

Reservations are available at 473-1845.

Albany Symphony plans opening gala Oct 4

The Great Gate Gala will be the theme for the opening performance of the Albany Symphony Orchestra season Oct. 4 at the Palace Theatre in Albany.

The title of the gala is taken from the Great Gate of Kiev which is featured in Modeste Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, the featured work of the evening.

The program will also present 12-year old violin soloist Yura Lee performing Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*.

The celebration will continue after the concert with a party at the Steuben Athletic Club which will be decorated with the ambiance of Europe with delicacies from Italy, France, Russia and Poland. Tickets for the concert and the gal reception are \$75 per person.

Regular concert prices range from \$13 to \$32. Reservations are available at 465-4663.

Berkshire Theatre Festival names Acting Producer Director for '98

As a result of reviewing the structure of the 70-year-old summer theater in Stockbridge, Mass., now known as the Berkshire Theatre Festival, Kate Maguire has been named Acting Producing Director. For the past three years, this theater veteran has been Managing Director.

During that time, there has been a managing director and an artistic director but with the resignation of Arthur Storch as artistic director, Maguire now assumes this responsibility along with her previous duties.

She will have two artistic associates.

Storch had come to the Berkshire Theatre Festival about seven years ago when the theater was undergoing difficulty eeping artistic directors.

President Jane Fitzpatrick, long a supporter of this theater, said that the theater needs a 12-month presence and since Maguire lives and has acted in the community, her appointment is a plus for the theater.

Maguire had been a communications consultant for Shakespeare and Company in nearby Lenox.

Around Theaters!

Don't Dress for Dinner, French farce at the Lake George Dinner Theater through Oct. 11 (668-5781)

AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 24

ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

WOMEN IN POLITICS LECTURE
University of Albany, SUNY, noon to 2 p.m., Information, 442-3542.

LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF RICKENBOB, L.P. STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF ALBANY
The undersigned hereby certify: 1. Name of Limited Partnership: -Rickenbob, L.P. 2. County within New York State in which the office of the Limited Partnership is located: Albany County.

3. Rickenbob, L.P. hereby designates the Secretary of State of the State of New York as its Agent upon whom process against Rickenbob, L.P. may be served and notifies the Secretary of State of the State of New York that its address for the purpose of receiving a copy of said process is: Rickenbob, L.P., 17 Riesling Road Schenectady, New York 12309.

4. The name and address of each general partner is as follows: Richard P. Aupperle, Jr., P.O. Box 257, Marcellus, New York 13108 Kenneth J. Aupperle, 730 Morning Shadows Drive Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421 Robert W. Aupperle, Sr., 17 Riesling Road Schenectady, New York 12309

5. The latest date by which this Limited Partnership will dissolve is June 1, 2047. This Certificate of Limited Partnership of Rickenbob, L.P. is executed this ___ day of August, 1997.

s/Richard P. Aupperle, Jr. General Partner s/Kenneth J. Aupperle General Partner s/Robert W. Aupperle, Sr. General Partner STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF ONONDAGA
On this 27th day of August, 1997, before me personally came Richard P. Aupperle, Jr., to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged that he executed the same.

s/Janet M. Stewart Notary Public STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF ALBANY
On this 4th day of August, 1997, before me personally came Robert W. Aupperle, Sr. to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged that he executed the same.

s/Maureen R. Mackesey Notary Public STATE OF NEW YORK

THE LATEST LASER TECHNIQUES IN DERMATOLOGY lecture
Bellevue Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 25

ALBANY COUNTY

CHORUS REHEARSAL
Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

s/Robin M. Davenport Notary Public 8/15/97 (September 24, 1997)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is KEITHLEY & DYER, L.L.C. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on August 1, 1997. THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

SENIOR CHORALE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651. HISTORIC TOUR
The Historic Livingston estates open to the public September 25-28, Clermont, Information, 537-4240 or, fax 537-6240

SARATOGA COUNTY

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

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 26

ALBANY COUNTY

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

LEGAL NOTICE

FOURTH: 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: 243 Forts Ferry Road Latham, NY 12110 FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolution set forth in the New York Limited Liability Company Law (the "Law"). SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (September 24, 1997)

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

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

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27

ALBANY COUNTY

HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR
beginning at Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, and continuing through downtown Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

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

GATEWAY TOUR
Tiffany glass stainers will hold a tour, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Information, 274-5267.

FAMILY FESTIVAL
The American Red Cross of Northeastern New York is having a Family Fall Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Information, 433-0151 ext. 3304.

WALK
The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Heart Walk, Siena College, Information, 869-1961.

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 28

ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

SLIDE SHOW
Mel Rosenthal is presenting slides of his work of the last 20 years, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

OPEN HOUSE
The Albany Jewish Community Center is hosting an Open house for new members. Information, 438-6651.

BLOCK PARTY
Russel Sage college is holding the 10th annual Sagefest, noon to 5 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

ANTIQUE SHOW
sixteenth annual antique show at the Brunswick Historical Society, Brittonkill School, Rt. 2, Brunswick, N.Y. Information, 274-0808.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 29

ALBANY COUNTY

GOLF
There will be a dinner and auction at the Holiday Inn Turf. Auctioning of a Masters' Flag autographed by Tiger Woods, Information, 437-5607. In addition, there will be a public forum at 11 a.m. at the University at Albany Campus Center Ballroom, Information, 471-4905.

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Pesto ingredient
6 French dynast
11 There oughta be -I-
15 Sensed
19 Problem solvers?
20 Endangered animal
21 Actor O'Shea
22 Mighty mite
23 Moneyed musical star?
25 - about (approximately)
26 Press
27 - "Rock" ('66 song)
28 Frugal explorer?
31 Boots out
35 Hurl
37 Sgt.'s subordinate
38 Shut up
40 Peculiar
41 Kuala Lumpur's land
46 Pallid
47 - That Jazz?
49 Milton character
50 Elf
51 Fraternity
52 Rich hillbillies?
57 Cote cutie
58 Buttons or Skelton
59 "Good for what - you"
60 Hitler Hank
61 Gin's relative
62 Prefix meaning "equal"
63 - Taft Benson
64 Kind of mattress
65 Big Apple borough
67 Mail madness?
69 Came to a close
70 Diego Rivera work
71 Challenge a verdict
73 "The Great - Pepper"
74 Self-smitten
75 Youth org.
78 Mortgage, for one
79 Salon solution
80 Baptism site
81 Male sheep
82 - My Party" ('63 hit)
83 Well-paid comedienne?
87 Biblical priest
88 Casper's comment
89 - "Gay"
90 The - Ridge Boys
91 Brainchildren
93 Madness
95 Robt. E. Lee's govt.
97 Boggles
100 Rock musician Ocasek man?
101 Astringent
103 Sign of winter
104 Loaded cave
109 Like
111 Pat on the buns?
112 Williams of Gladys" (old TV)
113 Prosperous accordionist?
120 Wicked
121 Director "Bunuel"
122 A la King?
123 Muse with a lyre
124 Novelist Ayn
125 Or - (threat words)
126 Resided
127 Vacuum-tube gas
1 Block the way
2 - Dhabi
3 Weaken
4 Cola cooler
5 Eschew the truth
6 Wrinkle
7 Attention getter
8 Mideast melange
9 Compass pt.
10 Sluggish
11 "Love - the Ruins" (1975 movie)
12 "Mod Squad" character
13 Soothing plant
14 Pun, for one
15 Imperfect
16 To be, in Tours
17 Trademark design
18 Dennis O'Keefe film
24 Singer Eartha
29 Remnant
30 Linda of "The Big Valley"
31 Dinsmore and Venner
32 Well-off author?
33 Language suffix
34 Canadian coin
36 "Damn Yankees"
38 Italian resort
39 Actress Hood of "Our Gang"
41 Georgia city
42 "This weighs -"
43 Wealthy funnyman?
44 Des Moines denizen
45 Helps in a heist
48 Fleur-de-
49 Seafood selection
53 Eye color
54 Green land
55 Scrub the socks
56 San -, Calif.
61 Where the buoys are
63 History division
64 Erroneous
65 In all respects
66 Poetic pot
68 Porker's palace
69 "A Fish Called -"
70 "Death in Venice" author
71 Out, of sorts?
72 Mountain-er's gear
73 Mr. Wonka
74 Bar staple
76 Diet dishes
77 Out of kilter
79 Run amok
80 Air safety org.
83 Bottled spirit?
84 Circus vehicle
85 Circus sound
86 Ocho -, Jamaica
92 Vietnam's Le - Tho
94 Poet Matthew
95 Half of D
96 Looked like
98 Piano style
99 Spat
101 Put down
102 Vermont city
104 Afrikaner
105 Thomas - Edison
106 Traveler's check?
107 Actor - Julia
108 "Exodus" author
110 Dirt
114 Evergreen tree
115 Villainous Luthor
116 Nev. neighbor
117 Made tracks
118 Skater Midori
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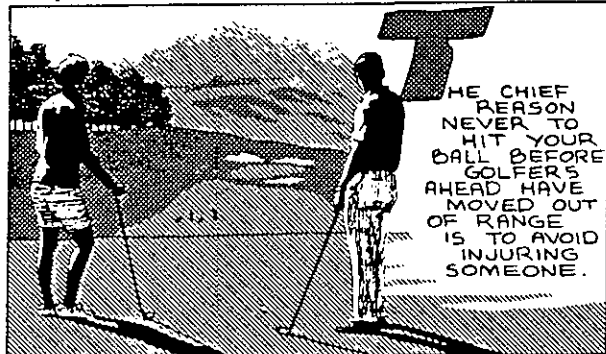
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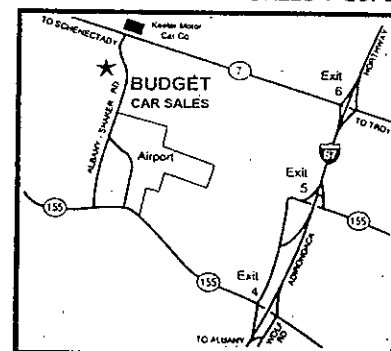
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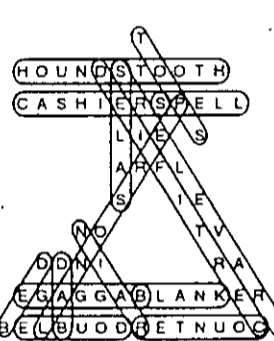
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BC enrollment growth lower

By Dev Tobin

In a preliminary report on enrollment, Bethlehem Central Superintendent Les Loomis told the BC school board last week that there are 46 more students attending district schools, about half the estimated increase for 1997-98.

As expected, the high school population is growing, with 72 more students this year. But at the other levels, enrollment is declining — down nine students in kindergarten through fifth-grade and down 17 student at the middle school.

Loomis noted that the actual growth rate of 1 percent was half the estimated growth of 2 percent.

The lower rate of growth "led obviously to very favorable class sizes," especially at the elementary level, where the district had projected an increase of 47 students, Loomis said.

Board president Happy Scherer noted that it is important for district residents to return the census forms they recently received so the district can make accurate enrollment projections.

The board also received an update on the district's construction project, the second phase of which is nearly complete.

Architect Michael Fanning reported that there were some problems with the high school intercom system that may require termination of the contract.

In other business, the board approved lending the Bethlehem Theater Support Group \$1,000 so the group can purchase professional stage combat equipment (eight swords) and lighting fixtures for Room 46 at the high school.

The group had requested the loan so students could put on *Romeo and Juliet*, the high school's first Shakespeare production in three years.

Auditions are complete for the play, which will be presented Nov. 20 to 23 in Room 46, according to Wendy Lefkovich of the Theater Support Group.

"We're delighted," Lefkovich said. "The meeting (with Loomis and high school faculty) went extremely well and we have a commitment to work together."

Library schedules tole painting session

The craft of tole and decorative painting will be demonstrated at Bethlehem Public Library Thursday, Oct. 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Artist Sue Black will discuss and show basic techniques and answer questions.

Black has been practicing her craft for more than a decade. She is a member of Capitolers, the local chapter of the National Society of Decorative Painters. Her work is part of the Smithsonian Institution's permanent collection of Americans crafts.

Black teaches in the Bethlehem Central school district continuing education program and at the Artists' Studio in Delmar. She is also a staff member at the library.

The session is free and open to the public. For information and/or to register, call 439-9314

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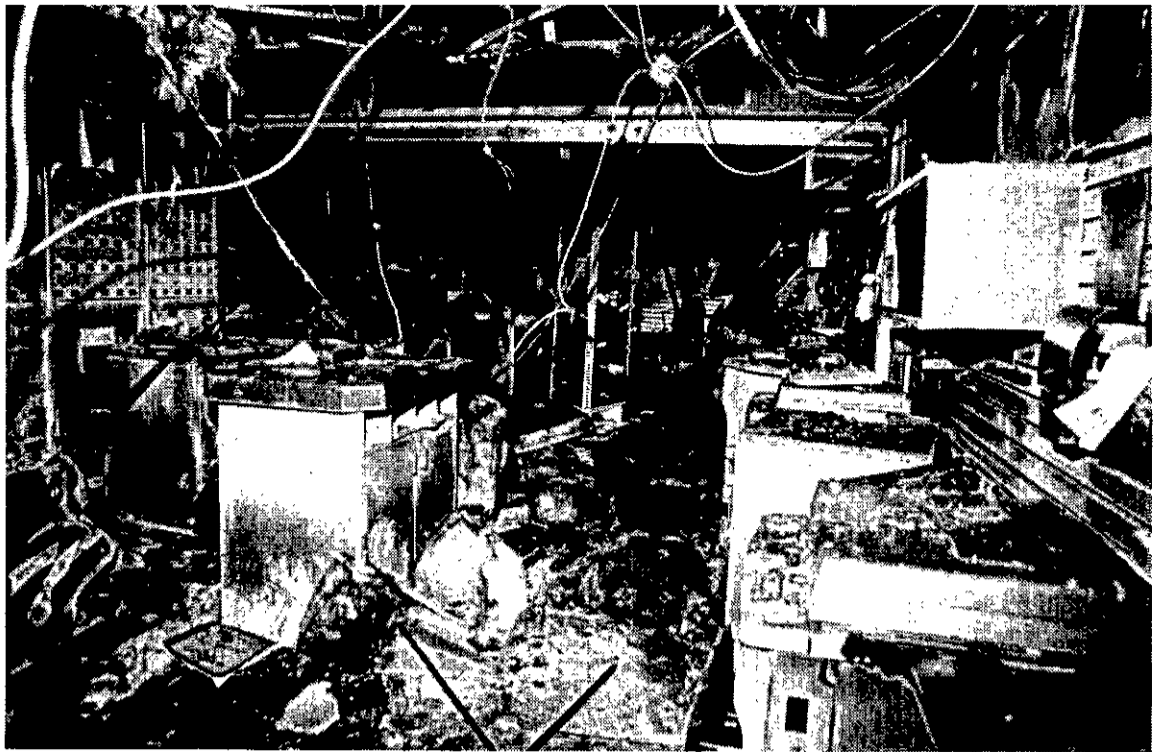
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Three weeks ago, Schaefer reported to Bethlehem police that nearly \$1,500 worth of merchandise and currency was taken from his store over a five-month span ending earlier this month. However, no one was arrested.

Elsmere Fire Chief Richard Webster said it took fire crews from Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, Selkirk and Albany an hour to contain the blaze inside Mail Boxes Etc.

"It was a stubborn fire," due to paper and material inside the store, Webster said.

Two firefighters were taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital last week due to injuries related to the fire. A Delmar firefighter was treated for smoke inhalation, and an Elsmere firefighter hurt his back.



The interior of Mail Boxes Etc. is a mess after Thursday's fire.

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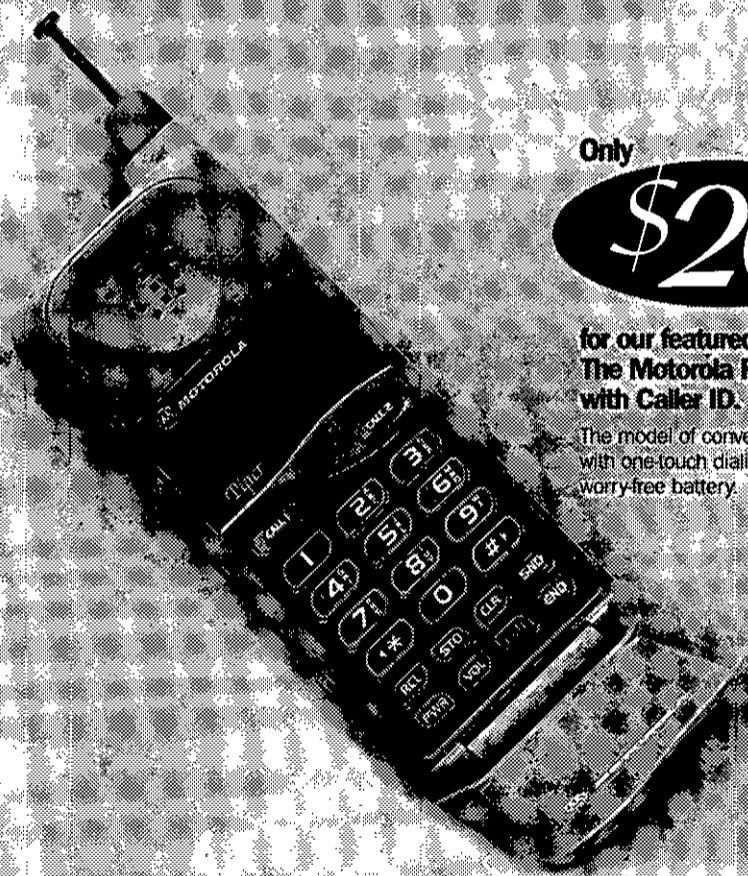
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