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### Cool pool kids



Leann Hennessey and Rebecca Smith enjoy cooling off at Elm Avenue Park pool on Family Day on the Fourth of July.  
Constance Pakatar

## New Spotlight owners see blue skies ahead

By Susan Graves

It's official. Eagle Newspapers acquired Spotlight Newspapers on July 1. Eagle Publisher Stewart Hancock, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Richard Keene and General Manager John McIntyre Jr. have overseen the transitional phase since the sale was announced last month by Dick Ahlstrom, former Spotlight publisher.

According to Keene, the transition of ownership went smoothly. "I would say the transition went very well. Mr. (Richard) Ahlstrom's professional staff aided the integration of Eagle as well as we had hoped."

McIntyre, 31, who recently rejoined Eagle Newspapers group, said when he came here he was "pleasantly surprised by the *Spotlight*, the people and the product — both are very, very good."

"When I started working with everyone here, I knew this was going to work," he added.

McIntyre got his feet wet in the newspaper business when he was a high school student. His love of writing was the impetus to get into the business. "I just loved the whole aspect and then it grew into a love for working for a newspaper," he said. McIntyre nurtured his passion for the business in college where he became executive editor of the North Adams State College *Beacon* and in graduate school at Syracuse University at the Newhouse School.

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John McIntyre Jr. is the new general manager of Spotlight Newspapers.  
Constance Pakatar

### Bethlehem police report says town is safe place

By Peter Hanson

According to the Bethlehem police department's 1997 annual report, serious crime is as rare in town as it appears to be. Only one case of attempted murder was investigated in 1997, and the greatest number of infractions involved traffic violations.

The report indicates that serious crime declined 33 percent from last year and the frequency of minor infractions declined 10.5 percent.

"Local unemployment, changing demographics in the town and the city of Albany and other factors contribute to our crime rate and ultimately our quality of life," the report states. "Bethlehem generally remains a safe place to live, work and shop, although as seen with recent news reports, no community is immune from random, nonsensical violence."

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## Vanderbilt leaving force after 24 years

By Peter Hanson

"I've always had a lot going," Bethlehem police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt said. "I think I'd be bored if I didn't." In his 24 years on the force, Vanderbilt has had plenty to keep him busy. He's worked as a patrol officer, commanded all three divisions of the department and, for the last several years, chaired the town's traffic safety committee.

These activities are complemented by the two businesses Vanderbilt, 48, runs outside of the office — one is a locomotive and rail car repair concern, and the other involves selling kits for log homes.

On July 18, Vanderbilt's busy life will change dramatically when he finishes his last day as a police officer. He's retiring from the force to take a job with Conrail, which will satisfy his lifelong interest in railroads and also set him up with a second retirement plan.

"True retirement, like sitting by a creek and fishing or sitting on a rocking chair somewhere, wouldn't be attractive to me," Vanderbilt said.

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Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, who is leaving police work to work for Conrail, concentrated on traffic safety during his years in uniform.  
Constance Pakatar

# Bethlehem police make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police recently arrested three people on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) and one on a lesser charge of driving with ability impaired (DWAI).

Joseph George White, 32, of 123 Brooklyn Heights Road in Rhinebeck, was arrested for DWI Friday, July 3, at 3:24 a.m.

White drove through a DWI checkpoint on Route 85 near the Thruway interchange. After a short pursuit, during which time police said White crossed the center line of Route 85, he was stopped by Officer Robert Markel near the intersection of Route 85 and Blessing Road. Markel administered several field sobriety tests, which White failed.

White was also charged with aggravated unlicensed operation because his license is currently suspended and endangering the

welfare of a child because his five-year-old son was a passenger at the time of his arrest. White's son was sent home with his girlfriend.

White was scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday.

Diane Susan Segal, 43, of 1738 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, was arrested for DWI Thursday, July 2, at 7:25 p.m.

Officer Robert Markel responded to a 911 report of a potentially drunk driver on Delaware Avenue near Delaware Plaza. Markel observed Segal leaving the plaza and driving east on Delaware Avenue, during which time she crossed the white fog line and drove onto a curb, Markel said. He stopped Segal and administered several field sobriety tests, which Segal failed.

Segal is scheduled to appear in

town court Tuesday, July 21, at 4 p.m.

Michael Anthony Wygel, 38, of 10 Marion Road in Delmar, was arrested for DWI Tuesday, June 30, at 8:39 p.m.

Officer Robert Markel said he observed Wygel driving north on Elsmere Avenue near Feura Bush Road, where Markel said Wygel crossed the white fog line and nearly hit a tree. Markel stopped Wygel and administered several field sobriety tests, which Wygel failed.

Wygel is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, July 21, at 4 p.m.

Donald C. Hoffmeister, 66, of 102 Catlyn Court in Delmar, was arrested for driving with ability impaired (DWAI) Tuesday, June 30, at 7:35 p.m.

Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, who was off-duty, called in a report of a potentially drunk driver who crashed in a ditch near Delmar Animal Hospital on Delaware Avenue. Officer Scott Anson responded and administered several field sobriety tests, which Hoffmeister failed.

Hoffmeister is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, July 21, at 4 p.m.

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Marissa Vigiante of Ravena gets some good tips on scooter control at Bike Safety Day recently in Ravena. Elaine McLain

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# McGuire brings experience to BC

By Lisa K. Kelly

Curriculum development is a high priority for the Bethlehem Central School District, and it will also be a priority for the newly named assistant superintendent for instruction.

John McGuire, who has been director of instruction at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District for the past four years, will replace Judith Wooster on Aug. 3.

Superintendent Les Loomis said McGuire has a successful track record.

"(McGuire) has an excellent vision in terms of the steps that our district will need to take to ensure our students succeed with the Regents for All curriculum," Loomis added. "I think he will pick up well from where Judy left off."

McGuire said he looks forward to his new position, which pays an annual salary of \$90,000. "Bethlehem is an excellent school district, one of the finest in the state," he said. "Bethlehem is always striving to improve, and it's very



McGuire

student-centered. It's an excellent place to work and grow."

McGuire, 51, said he will continue to put into practice higher learning standards, and engage all participants in reviewing the current status and establishing goals for further improvement.

Education is McGuire's life work. He has a bachelor's degree in education from SUNY Geneseo, a master's in education from the University of Illinois and a doctorate in education from Syracuse University.

As director of instruction at RCS, McGuire was successful in updating curriculum, planning community information forums and redistricting neighborhoods.

McGuire also prepared for his new responsibilities while working for the Shenendehowa Central School District.

For six years, beginning in 1988,

he was director of special programs. McGuire said the position allowed him to work with special school populations.

He developed enrichment, remedial, speech, English as a second language, occupational, physical therapy and psychology programs.

"It was a very exciting and challenging time," he said. "This was the beginning of opening up classrooms to special education students. The inclusion program was very successful."

McGuire said his experience with special programs will help Bethlehem answer the question, "How do districts reach students who might have not been Regents students?"

On a personal note, McGuire will commute to Delmar from Washington County where he is restoring a farmhouse with his wife, Brenda, and three children.

In his spare time, McGuire is an avid fisher, hunter and camper.

"I'm very much an outdoors person when I'm not working," McGuire said.

## Higher and higher



Britney Linter, a kindergarten student at Becker Elementary School, takes a dive onto Mr. Bouncety-Bounce during the school's recent field day.

Constance Pakatar

## New BC transportation supervisor stresses strong safety policies

By Lisa K. Kelly

Nancy Westcott's first impression of Bethlehem was a positive one. "I have never felt as welcomed and accepted as I did at Bethlehem," said Westcott, Bethlehem Central School District's new transportation supervisor, after meeting with the district's bus drivers.

Westcott, 48, replaces Robert Peters who resigned after six and a half years as transportation supervisor to take a similar position with Liverpool Central School District in Onondaga County.

Westcott comes to Bethlehem from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District where she has been transportation supervisor since 1993. Her appointment takes effect on July 20 at a salary of \$52,000 per year.

Superintendent Les Loomis said Westcott was "highly recommended" by her peers and supervisors at RCS and by former transportation supervisor Peters and district dispatcher Victor Hansen. "She has excellent experience," Loomis added.

Westcott began her transportation career in the private sector with Laidlaw Transportation. She



Nancy Westcott

had worked for nine years as a deputy sheriff and director of the Juvenile Aid Bureau in Washington County. "Our goal was to prevent juveniles from becoming statistics in the judicial system," she added.

After resigning, Westcott applied for a job as a school bus driver, thinking it would be temporary. Instead, she was offered an assistant manager position with Laidlaw Transportation, a charter and subcontracting bus company. Two years later, she was promoted to manager.

Sometime after that she was sent to Syracuse to work with a school district that had decided to subcontract out its transportation services. "I was the assistant operating manager," she said. "We transported 7,000 students and had 135 buses."

In 1987 she moved to Utica as division manager for Laidlaw. "At that time, Utica had decided to close all of its neighborhood schools and centralize," she said. "They never transported (their students) before."

Westcott supervised 55 buses, transporting about 5,000 public school students, plus private school students. "We did charter

trips also," she added. Because the district had never transported students before, Westcott had to recruit drivers and develop routes.

"It was a good learning experience for me and the school," Westcott said. "I still use the recruiting philosophies I learned with Laidlaw."

Westcott said she actually uses things she learned from both the Sheriff's Department and the private sector in her current job. She tried incorporating different methods in her first public transportation sector job at Schalmont Central School District in Schenectady County in 1991. "The way the private and public transportation sectors run is very different from each other," she said.

Westcott said in the private sector the bottom line is most important, but in the public sector it's children and taxpayers who take top priority.

She stayed at Schalmont for two years before being hired as transportation supervisor at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk.

"I worked a lot with the school safety committee, and we put together several policies regarding inclement weather, bomb threats, weapons and soon they will be putting together a violent act policy," she said.

Westcott said her views on prevention come from her experience as a deputy sheriff, and she believes there should always be a plan in place for every possible situation.

She plans to work closely with the school safety team at Bethlehem, especially because of the close proximity of the garage to the high school. "Whatever affects the high school will affect the garage," she added.

Her most important objective is to make it clear that "bus drivers are a part of the system," and she plans to encourage them to get more involved in the community.

## Principals settle contract, get 3.5 percent pay hike

By Lisa K. Kelly

The Bethlehem Central School District and the Bethlehem Principals Association have agreed to a five-year contract. Members of the association will receive a 3.5 percent salary increase each year.

At the board's annual reorganizational meeting last week, Superintendent Les Loomis said the salary increases will be offset by savings in health insurance costs.

The principals will continue to contribute 20 percent of the cost of family health coverage, but under the new contract, they will now pay 5 percent toward individual coverage.

Under the agreement, Loomis' contract was extended for an additional year.

Newly elected Bethlehem Central United Employees Association President Kathy Gill said quick action taken on the principals' contract and the extension of Loomis' contract concerns her because association members have been without a contract for more than two years.

In other matters, the board approved lowering the passing rate for Regents to 55 percent from the current standard of 65. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Judy Wooster said the board of Regents is allowing school districts to lower pass rates until the Regents for All initiative is in full gear.

"High school instructors feel it is best to lower the standard as a safety net until it is phased out by the state," said Wooster.

Concern over future pranks hasn't subsided. Board member Richard Svenson said he wanted a

detailed report on the June 10 incident and a detailed plan of action to deter similar problems.

"Our intent is to make it very clear to subsequent classes what our expectations are," Loomis said.

Loomis added that he is waiting until the school year gets under way so he and high school principal Jon Hunter can include class leaders in the process.

Svenson said that, in addition to the report, he thinks the board should review high school disciplinary policies.

"Hunter yearly reviews the policies, but I don't see him overhauling the policy," Svenson said.

"The district has policies at school and board levels. There will be no actions that harm students, teachers and community members, or damage district property or disrupt the educational process," Loomis said.

In reorganizational matters, Happy Scherer was unanimously elected to her second term as president and Lynne Lenhardt to her second term as vice president.

The board also approved the following officers: Mary Pascucci, district treasurer; Assistant Superintendent for Business Steven O'Shea, district clerk; business office secretary Kathy Haegge, tax collector; and Henry Pobee-Mensah of Key Bank's Elmsmere branch and Sheila DeLong of Key Bank's Four Corners branch, deputy tax collectors for the town of New Scotland.

The board named Dr. Joanne Van Woert as school physician and Roger Fritts as school attorney.

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# Slingerlands writer studies baseball's subculture

By Katherine McCarthy

Slingerlands resident George Gmelch happened upon the subject of his new book by accident. While researching a book about baseball, he discovered that people with peripheral connections to the game were more interesting to him than players.

"I was doing interviews with players, with the people in the press box, and with the scouts, and it gave me the idea of telling their story," the former minor league baseball player and current chairman of Union College's anthropology department said.

The result is *In The Ballpark: The Working Lives of Baseball People*, co-written by Gmelch and one of his Union students, J.J. Weiner. Published this spring by Smithsonian Institution Press, the book chronicles the experiences of mascots, beer vendors, scouts and a host of other people who make their living around the great American pastime.

*In the Ballpark* is already in its third printing, helped along by a review in *The Washington Post* that called the book "a gem," a short review in *Parade* magazine and positive mention in *Sports Illustrated*.

Gmelch and Weiner spent many summers following various baseball teams. Weiner worked for the Birmingham Barons and focused on baseball's Southern League, while Gmelch put in the miles to follow other teams.

Becoming intimately involved with baseball years after his play-

ing career ended sparked feelings of nostalgia in Gmelch. He also found himself asking "What if?" questions.

"I was in the Tigers organization in the '60s," the former first baseman said. "I got to the fourth of six levels, and one year I had a real chance. I'm not sure I ever believed I'd make it to the big leagues. I kept a journal of that time, and it wasn't until I was out that I saw I really could have done it."

Seeing where past teammates — including Johnny Bench and Joe Morgan — ended up sometimes surprises Gmelch. "I've seen some pro players who weren't as good as I was when we played together," he said. "It just shows that if you stick with it, you can get good."

Meeting up with Jim Leyland, now the manager of the Florida Marlins, showed Gmelch one of the scenarios that could have played out if he'd stayed in baseball.

"Jim is eight days older than me, and we had played together," Gmelch said. "It was fun going back and reminiscing about the past with someone who's the same age as me, and who was once in the same place at the same time that I was."

"Now, he's one of the best managers in baseball and makes about half a million dollars a year," Gmelch continued. "That made me nostalgic for baseball. I would have traded places with him."

Although he had doubts about his playing ability, another factor



A baseball player-turned-anthropologist, George Gmelch's latest book is called *In the Ballpark: The Working Lives of Baseball People*.

that spurred Gmelch's decision to leave baseball was the anti-sports sentiment at Stanford University in the 1960s, when the California native was an undergraduate.

Although he led his team in hitting and batted cleanup, he left the game in 1968 to get a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of California at Santa Barbara. For the next 20 years, he had nothing to do with baseball. "I didn't even watch the World Series," he said.

After receiving his doctorate, Gmelch taught at McGill University in Montreal and spent 11 years studying the Irish. He wrote two books, *The Irish Tinkers* and *To Shorten the Road*, about the traveling people of Ireland.

Gmelch's wife Sharon is also an anthropologist at Union, and shares her husband's interest in the Irish travelers. She is the author of the highly regarded, *Nan, The Life of an Irish Travelling Woman*.

In the late '70s, George Gmelch also completed a study of Irish immigrants, largely from the Boston and Albany areas, who returned to their homeland.

From Ireland, Gmelch turned to Alaska, where he worked for that state's park service, studying the native subsistence patterns of Tlingit Indians.

For the past 10 years, Gmelch has been doing field work in Barbados, where he and his wife run a program every other summer. His study of a community in the northern part of Barbados turned into a book called *The Parish Behind God's Back*, and another book, *Double Passage*, deals with the subject of return migration from England back to Barbados.

The Gmelches also balance their work with family life — they have a 15-year-old son, Morgan, who attends Bethlehem Central High School.

Because he has numerous projects going at any given time, *In the Ballpark* was six years in the writing. The good news is that Gmelch's other baseball book — the one he put aside to write *In the Ballpark* — is nearly finished.

"I have eight of 11 chapters completed," Gmelch said regarding his book about the baseball subculture. "I've done about 130 interviews with major league players from the Giants, the Pirates, the Yankees and the Braves, and with minor league players too."

Gmelch said his experience with the game helps melt the ice during interviews. "I think it makes a difference that I was a player," he said. Gmelch explained that short interviews often stretch into hour-long conversations because he and his subjects find so many things to talk about.

Although he may not make as much as his former teammate Jim Leyland does, Gmelch said he's happy in his work. "I like being an anthropologist," he said. "I've worked in a lot of interesting places."

## BCHS class of 1948 schedules reunion

Bethlehem Central High School class of 1948 has scheduled a three-day 50th reunion for July 10 to 12.

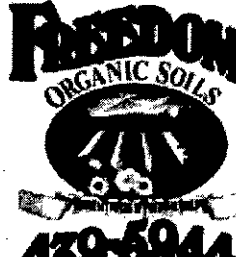
Alumni from all over the country are expected to attend. The main event will be a dinner dance at Normanside Country Club in Elmsmere on Saturday, July 11, with cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

A disc jockey will play songs from the '40s and '50s.

Reunion arrivals will gather on Friday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Drive in Elmsmere to meet former schoolmates. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The weekend will conclude with an informal brunch on Sunday, July 12, at 11 a.m. at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

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# Delmar woman wins pro bono award

*Project helps poor and underprivileged*

By Katherine McCarthy

Meredith Haver Savitt of Delmar is one of 12 lawyers statewide who received the 1998 President's Pro Bono Service Award from the New York State Bar Association. Savitt has been instrumental in establishing the Capital District Women's Bar Association (CDWBA) Pro Bono Project, something she sees as an important part of the Albany legal community.

"The pro bono project is a not-for-profit arm of CDWBA," Savitt said. "We provide a variety of services to the poor and underprivileged. We provide legal clinics, the divorce project, the domestic violence project, and we do a lot of child advocacy work. I'm delighted that we're able to provide services to people who might fall through the cracks or who earn too much to qualify for Legal Aid. We've found a niche, and we're filling it well."

Savitt, who is the president ex-officio of the project, is most pleased about the fact that the project has trained other lawyers, assuring its continued success. "Dozens of lawyers have participated in the project," she said, "both male and female. They all agree that doing this work makes them feel good."

Savitt is a lawyer at the Albany firm of Hite & Casey, where she concentrates in labor and employment law. Still, she said she works "constantly" with the pro bono project. The only paid member of the project is the new executive director, Wendy Durand. "Wendy has unbounded energy and enthusiasm," Savitt said. Her salary is made possible by a grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Volunteerism is nothing new for Savitt, who was an undergraduate at Barnard College in New York City, and received her law degree from Boston University.

"I have always felt very lucky to be able to get my undergraduate and graduate degrees," the Long Island native said, "and to find good and excellent employment. I always thought it was important to give something back."

Savitt and her husband, Philip Rosenberg, moved to the Capital District in 1992 after working "80



Meredith Savitt

hours a week" in New York City law firms. In spite of work commitments, Savitt still made time to tutor in East Harlem and do volunteer legal work.

After moving to this area, Savitt joined the Capital District Women's Bar Association, primarily to network, but soon became deeply involved in the pro bono project. Her commitment to the CDWBA remains strong; she is currently its president.

Savitt's dedication was a strong reason for her selection as a recipient of the President's Pro Bono Service Award, according to Tony Perez Cassino, director of pro bono affairs for the New York State Bar Association.

"The CDWBA only has 250 members," Cassino said, "so to have a program like the pro bono project is a tribute to how dedicated they are. The fact that they do as much as they do is a tribute to Meredith and her ability to get members involved. I've watched the training program at Albany Law, and they really bring in a lot of others to work on the project. Meredith is really being recognized for developing and providing leadership to keep CDWBA up and running and expanding."

Continuation and expansion of the pro bono project are two things

Savitt has worked hard to achieve. "I'm excited about being a not-for-profit," she said. "It means we can do fund-raising. The grant that let us hire an executive director created a professional organization to be a clearinghouse for those who couldn't afford services."

Awards like Savitt's reflect well on the program, she said. CDWBA has also received an award from Equinox and from NOW's Women Making Waves. "We don't do this work for the awards, but I'm still honored that we receive them," she said.

Mostly, Savitt is interested in seeing new members join the pro bono project. "If anybody is interested in joining us," she said, "giving credence to Cassino's praise, 'they're more than welcome.'"

## Rev's kitchen to serve lunch

Rev's Country Kitchen at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church at 65 Willowbrook Ave. will serve summer lunches every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A la carte lunches will feature homemade soup, a salad plate of the day, special of the day (meat, potato and vegetable), hot dogs, beverages and a variety of homemade desserts.

Takeouts will be available and deliveries can be made to area businesses.

On Tuesday, July 14, the menu will feature bean and bacon soup and campfire-style chicken.

The church's thrift shop will be open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 767-2281.

## Delmar library plans story time

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar invites preschoolers to travel "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" for a special story time on Saturday, July 11, at 10:30 a.m.

To register, call 439-9314.

# Institute honors students in academic talent search

Johns Hopkins University's Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth recently recognized young people in grades seven through eight for extraordinary achievement in Hopkins' annual Talent Search, the largest pre-college academic talent search in the world.

Ceremonies were held at Union College in Schenectady to honor local students.

Zachary Levine, a seventh-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, was honored as the state's top math scorer.

The following students from Bethlehem Central Middle School were also honored: Jonathan Baseline, Scott Birdsey, Samuel Brody, Emmalie Dropkin, Virginia Fisher, Kathryn Himmelfarb, Anne Jackson, Michael Looney, Jordan Murray, Caitlin O'Brien-Carelli, Keelin Purcell, Eric Shell, Evan Siegel and Erin Stenson, all of Delmar; Marianne Dinapoli, Christine Khaikin, Antonio Lombardo and Susanna Winkler, all of Slingerlands; and Julia Hoffman, Joseph Nedy and Daniel Sacco, all of Glenmont.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School students James Craven of Ravena and John Poirier of Selkirk were honored.

Clayton A. Bouton Junior High School students Elizabeth Koltai and Stefan Oehrlein, both of Voorheesville, also received awards.

Suzanne Farer of Slingerlands, who attends Albany Academy for Girls, and Theodore Hansen of Selkirk, a student at Doane Stuart School in Albany, were also honored.

A total of 60,000 students in 19 states and the District of Columbia participated in the annual Talent Search.

A similar article in the June 24 issue of *The Spotlight* listed recognized fifth- and sixth-grade students. Hamagrael Elementary School student Lindey Adewunmi lives in Delmar, not Albany as stated in the article.

Christopher Dudek of Delmar, who attends St. Gregory's School in Loudonville, also received an award.

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swered. Should and how should you clean your toothbrush? Yes, your toothbrush should be cleaned! A toothbrush is used to remove plaque or bacteria from your teeth and much of that bacteria stays on your toothbrush even after rinsing. If a member of household has a cold brush his teeth and then places the toothbrush next to other family members brushes they are then exposed to the illness.

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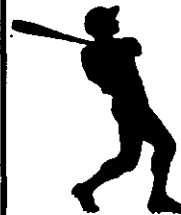
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## Matters of Opinion

### In good hands

Most of the statistics in the Bethlehem police department's 1997 annual report will make town residents breathe a little easier. Serious incidences of crime are on the decline, and there are fewer drinking and driving infractions, down almost 30 percent within a five-year period. This is an indication that educational programs from Albany County Stop DWI and other agencies such as MADD and the SADD chapters in local schools are having a positive effect in keeping drunk drivers off the road.

Overall, the 39-member police force in Bethlehem does a good job maintaining order. And with all the talk about drugs, the low numbers of drug-related arrests in the report seem to contradict the perception that substance abuse is rampant — especially among young people. Although there are those who debate the merits of DARE and other prevention programs, the fact remains that keeping the danger of drug abuse in the foreground is a wise policy.

We commend the Bethlehem police for their work in the town and in the schools.

### CMI hearing tonight

Tonight at 7:30, the Bethlehem town board will conduct a public hearing at town hall on the much debated CMI assistive-living senior housing proposal. This week, *Spotlight* letter writers pretty much sum up the pros and cons of the CMI plan.

Some nearby neighbors would prefer not to have such a facility at the site, using zoning as an argument to preserve the residential character of the area near the library, whereas some advocates of CMI believe the site is just perfect for this type of senior housing.

The meeting tonight will give both sides the opportunity to air their views, so if CMI matters to you — be there.

### Thanks lieutenant

Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Vanderbilt will be leaving the force after 24 years on the job. Vanderbilt will pursue one of his avocations — trains — to take a new job with Conrail and to spend more time on log home kit sales. The versatile Vanderbilt particularly enjoys repairing locomotives, which may have prompted his move to Conrail.

Vanderbilt, who served as the traffic safety committee chairman for the past several years, deserves credit for this work which has likely saved lives. His interest in traffic safety came from firsthand experience at accident scenes which occurred as a result of drunken driving or speeding.

Through his work on the committee, Vanderbilt has helped make Bethlehem a safer place to live. We wish him well in his new endeavors and thank him for his years of service on the force.

### Local talent

A number of fifth- through eighth-grade students from Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools were recognized recently for extraordinary achievement in the Johns Hopkins University Talent Search.

These girls and boys scored well above their grade levels, and two brothers, Ethan and Zachary Levine of Delmar, placed first in the state on the mathematics portion of the tests. Ethan was a fifth-grader at Glenmont Elementary School and Zachary a seventh-grader at Bethlehem Middle School when they received the awards.

That's quite an achievement since almost 60,000 students from 20 states and the District of Columbia participated.

We congratulate all of these very talented young people who bring honor to their schools and to the community through their academic endeavors.

## Editorials

# Discovering the joy of cynicism

By Peter Hanson

The writer is a reporter at *Spotlight Newspapers*.

I'm prematurely cranky. Most people need a divorce, the death of a loved one or an unexpected lay-off to make them lose their faith in humanity, but all it took to darken my outlook was a few correspondence-course lessons from the school of hard knocks.

In fact, it took so little to make me cynical that my lessons may well have come from the school of firm nudges.

For instance, there was the summer I spent with my maternal grandparents, two of the most chemically-imbalanced people I've ever met. These severe septuagenarians thought it would be novel to invite their tubby, pre-teen grandson down to Florida for a month, then put him on a diet of iced coffee and one full meal a day.

Then there was the high school English teacher who thought he was channeling the Harvard law professor John Houseman played in *The Paper Chase*, even though he was really teaching Steinbeck and Shakespeare to rooms full of mouth-breathers in a school where the predominant student organization was Future Farmers of America.

This charmer, who tended to schlep back and forth across the classroom as if he were Sisyphus carrying his burden, gave uninterested students assignments he knew they couldn't handle, then, as the students fumbled through pitiful oral presentations, broke into an atonal rendition of "The Impossible Dream."

People like my grandparents and the English teacher turned me sour before my time. Instead of seeing these contrary people as challenges to be faced, I let their behavior convince me people were essentially corrupt. I felt so embattled being around confrontational people that I fought back by

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emulating them and hiding the person I was — an innocent, open-minded and kind youth — behind an arrogant smirk and a sharp tongue.

Why? Because in addition to creating a barrier through which barbs couldn't cut me, affecting a jaded stance achieved a goal I'd never articulated. Using my alacrity with language in the most sarcastic manner possible made me unique among my peers. It gave me an arena in which I could be better at something than the people around me.

And before you can say, "over-compensation," let me beat you to it. I was awful at sports and a social misfit, so I knew I needed some way to build my confidence. Attitude was the means to that end.

I found my niche when I wrote an editorial in the student paper that lit into the school's "small-town mentality." People detested me, and I ate it up, because at least they were paying attention.

When I got to college, my cynicism spread like an infection, evolving from a dark sense of humor to a constant sense of impending doom. It shook my confidence in people, which in turn shook my confidence in myself.

My cynicism overwhelmed me in my third year of college. Despite my surly demeanor, I had managed to enchant a charming coed, and despite having the people skills of a gas-chamber attendant, I'd drawn a circle of friends around me.

Yet when one tumultuous event occurred, I let it start a wave that knocked down the pillars of my life like dominoes. The spark was losing a campus job that paid a big chunk of my tuition. Instead of rising to meet a challenge, I once again let the weight of the black cloud over my head crush me, turning my spirit so dark I thought everyone was an enemy.

As my faith in people dwindled, so too did my ability to be kind to them, so it was bye-bye charming coed and adios amigos. Things went south so quickly that I found myself sitting in a park one afternoon, morose after having been dumped by a girlfriend, canned from a job and even booted from student housing.

As I sat thinking things couldn't get worse, a pigeon made a bombing run right over my head. Suddenly, the very thing that I felt personified my mood dropped onto my hair like some cosmic hint, and even I wasn't thick enough to miss the metaphor.

Hitting that lowest of lows made me realize what a wretched person I'd become. I'd driven away love because of petty anger; I'd spurned kindness with bitterness. I had sealed my fate by generating more bad karma than anyone short of Ken Starr.

So now I'm a recovering cynic. I still see dark clouds instead of silver linings, but I try to keep my attitude from expressing itself maliciously. Instead, I've found what may be the only pragmatic vocation for cynics — I'm a critic. For several years, I've reviewed concerts, movies, books and CDs, and it's given me a relatively harmless outlet for my angst.

Now I can say things like, "Bruce Willis purses his lips throughout the movie as if he's got a piece of rotting tuna stuck between his two front teeth," and get away with it. I've learned from my past excesses, though; I find a single well-placed jab in an otherwise even-keel review does the job better than a nonstop barrage of insults.

I've discovered the joys of cynicism. Looking on the dark side helps me see things no one else does, so I get the laughs and the attention I want, but because I keep my cynicism restrained, it doesn't color my relationships with people.

It usually doesn't, anyway. Every so often, some unsettling event looms on the horizon and jolts the

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**Parent sees BCHS administration at fault**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to comment on the "senior prank" and other goings on at the high school. Could it be that the reasons for this seemingly veiled animosity is because the school administration is self-righteous, demeaning and condescending to both parents and students alike? BCHS likes to brag about its superior performance in regard to student grades. But unlike Albany High School, the BCHS administration ignores or covers up its problems and attempts to encourage parents to get "rid" of the problem by placing a student in a private school.

Rather than offer constructive help to problem children (counseling, apprenticeship or mentoring), they suspend until the student has missed so many days that it's impossible to pass. The choice then is to repeat the year or attend another school — at parents' expense of course.

The school system conveniently forgets that we pay their salaries. When a report card is held because a child owes lunch money, this is not only absurd but illegal. Those reports and our children's records are our property. In fact, just because the school has policies doesn't make them legal. The system is taking advantage of the parents lack of time due to work. Many of us cannot attend PTA meetings. We would need more time than we currently have to police this monstrosity. They have a power hungry person going around in the high school "monitoring" student behavior.

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He follows students into bathrooms, in hallways and provocatively entices them to say the wrong thing so he can "write them up."

This school system could develop a functional working situation with busy parents by having a computer site for PTA purposes as well as for posting weekly homework assignments, tests and progress reports.

The district mistakenly assumes that because parents have responded in a favorable way, that we support them and they can do whatever they want. We are, in fact, supporting an education for

our children. Bethlehem has a mix of good and apathetic teachers just like every other school, and they have the same problems, but they get disposed of as quietly as possible.

The system is dictatorial when it's in its best interest. However, when dogs would be appropriate to keep drugs out of school, during session, not just on recess, the school declines for fear that the parents would find out how extensive the problem really is. People outside Bethlehem know about our drug problem. The school system should be faulted just as much as the students for covering it up. There should be proactive positive measures taken not just searches and arrests. We're paying for our children to get an edu-

cation, not to get hooked on drugs. It's pretty obvious that the DARE program is seen as nothing more than adult propaganda after the elementary level, so why are we still paying police officers to hang around the schools?

These could be some of the reasons for apparently hostile student pranks or the parents' attitudes. The school administration should stop treating everyone in the community as if they are the epitome of intelligence and enlightenment and examine its own attitudes and motives. Maybe they're the ones who need to get an education.

A. Fellows  
Delmar

little devil that rests on my right shoulder to attention. He starts pricking me with his pitchfork until I'm spouting pronouncements of doom and destruction so steadily I make everyone around me depressed.

And then the event passes, good or bad, and I'm back to normal. The people around me, of course, are irritated because I've just taken them on a ride straight out of some satanic theme park. But, that's the price they pay for associating with a recovering cynic. People with bad attitudes are good for a laugh now and then, but you just can't take us anywhere.

**Family says thank you**

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in the Sarah Whiting Memorial Run-a-thon on June 21 at the high school track.

It was another steamy Sunday and after being rescheduled because of rain the week before, the turnout was very respectable. Runners, walkers and supporters collected pledges and donations, all for the benefit of Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety.

We are very grateful to the students of the class of 2000 who organized the run-a-thon and to local businesses who donated food and supplies. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the entire Cardamone family, who gave so generously of their time.

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# CMI would destroy 'village' atmosphere

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm extremely dismayed about all the residents writing in who are will to compromise our village residential zoning and advocate the spot zoning issue of CMI on Delaware Avenue. Many of the recent letters seem to have come from our senior residents. They seem awfully eager to welcome CMI on this site because of the buzz words "senior housing."

All of us want appropriate, quality housing for all stages of our lives and as we all mature, it be-

comes even more important. But at what cost?

These same seniors could be the ones that we have to thank for preserving the quality of our town. For decades, many of our residents (and maybe some of you seniors) have fought to protect and preserve the residential zoning on past issues involving the two main corridors of town — Kenwood and Delaware avenues — and to continually restrict the commercial uses in the village. This village atmosphere of our town is our greatest asset and

has been strongly protected by past planning and town boards.

In spite of all the cliches and buzz words, this is not about housing for seniors. It is about an applicant who wants to change the rules and obtain greater density to make themselves some money. This would be a sweet deal for CMI — they wouldn't have to pay big bucks for commercially zoned land.

Remember, in the past CMI admitted there were other sites for consideration, but this was the most "cost effective" for them. If there is a market for this money-making service, they could be located anywhere in town on an appropriately zoned site. In fact, many people would agree that a more spacious setting would enhance the project.

The Delaware Avenue site is residential and should remain this way. Please folks, don't throw away all the hard work done in the past to protect our village.

It is unfair to satisfy this particular request for spot zoning at the expense of my neighbors and friends in this neighborhood who have invested their time, energy and money in the expectation that zoning will be honored. It is truly a matter of principle.

This also leads to the dangerous precedent this decision could set for our future when the next developer comes along using the

same basis that was used by CMI. To all my fellow residents — be wary that spot zoning could compromise your neighborhood too.

Look at the facts and realize that the proposed facility is huge and will never integrate into this neighborhood, no matter how many nice renderings there are.

Again, to the town board and fellow citizens, there is nothing about this project that meets any of the criteria to warrant or justify spot zoning, and it would be fundamentally wrong to do so.

I urge all village residents to put themselves in the shoes of the people who would have to live next to this massive structure (and who thought they would never have to). Please take a long, hard look at this issue and join us at the July 8 public meeting to support us in keeping residential zoning in place, as it has been in the master plan for decades.

Do not let big business compromise our values and slowly eat away our village.

I would like to thank James Blendell and Marcia Nelson of the town planning board who voted against rezoning. They had the keen insight to realize this spot zoning is all wrong for the town, the neighborhood and the future.

M.A. Kelley  
Delmar

# Stand up for CMI housing

## Letters

Editor, the Spotlight:

Bethlehem seniors who wish to influence a vital decision in their best interest are urged to attend the public hearing at town hall on July 8 at 7:30 p.m. It's time to stand up and be counted on the CMI senior housing proposal for the library area!

My views are well known. The company has a good track record in the assisted living field. They have been both helpful and patient with our lengthy review process, and their architects have submitted a potentially award-winning design which will blend nicely with other buildings along Delaware Avenue.

Let's be sure of our facts. In a recent letter, Anne Moore writes that "never once has the planning board asked CMI to find another properly zoned spot to build their project." Fact — this issue was raised several times by two board members and the company looked at other possibilities but rejected all of them in favor of the library area location. In truth, the planning board under Doug Hasbrouck's leadership examined even the minutest factors regarding this proposal and deserves accolades for its thorough review.

Floyd Brewer  
Delmar



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## CMI should reduce size of senior facility

Editor, The Spotlight:

The issue with the CMI project remains an issue of zoning. CMI wants to have Bethlehem change the zoning of a residential area to commercial for its financial benefit.

Bethlehem is not being asked to change the zoning so that lifelong residents of the proposed facility can walk to the library and shop at nearby businesses.

CMI stated at a planning board meeting that they looked for and chose a residentially-zoned site because residentially-zoned land is cheaper. CMI admitted that there are several commercially-zoned sites in Bethlehem that would be

## Seniors would welcome CMI at Delmar location

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are pleased to see the CMI project for central Delmar is moving toward final approval.

We are reaching a point in our lives where we may need assisted living in the near future, and we would prefer to remain in the Bethlehem area. This facility is simi-

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appropriate, but the land is more expensive. CMI is asking Bethlehem to change the zoning to increase a multi-million dollar company's profit margin.

If CMI reduced the size of the facility, commercial zoning would not be necessary. Reducing the number of units to 67 would allow the area to remain residential. This compromise would benefit the community and CMI.

Rosemary Menneto

Delmar

lar to renting an apartment with the added conveniences of meals and other services.

We appreciate the accessibility of the library nearby, and this is an added incentive to making this a perfect location for the CMI facility.

Robert K. Decker

Delmar

## Bethlehem lacks open government

Editor, The Spotlight:

Supervisor Sheila Fuller recently said in *The Spotlight*, "I have never experienced Bethlehem as having closed government." Perhaps *The Spotlight* should ask Fuller what she means by open government.

To me, open government is simple — it means that decisions are not made behind closed doors. It means that town board meetings would be rich with dialogue, in-depth discussions and disagreements over the best course of action.

Open government also means that residents would have access to public documents. Unfortunately, when it comes to the water issue, we do not have open government in Bethlehem.

Anyone who attends town board meetings can readily see that board members (with the exception of Democrat Susan Burns) have made up their minds before the meeting.

Whether it's a vote to dredge the Hudson River, or a vote to hire the firm the town is suing to build another well, Fuller, Davis, Lenhardt and Johnson are always in lock step.

Since our new water supply on the banks of the Hudson River has been a complicated issue for almost a decade, (and complicated issues invite different opinions), it seems logical that board members

would not always agree with one another.

But there has not been one time when board members have split their votes, or thought independently — excluding newcomer Burns. Why is this so? Because Bethlehem does not have open government. We have had one party in power for more than 100

years. Someone pulls the strings behind closed doors, and the board members, good people though they may be, all behave like puppets.

Our water troubles are the fallout that comes from government that is run behind closed doors.

Linda Anne Burtis

Delmar

## Class deserves praise

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to praise BCHS students from the class of 2000. They have not forgotten their classmate Sarah Renee Whiting as many of them planned and participated in the recent Sarah Whiting Memorial Run-a-thon.

The goal of the run-a-thon is to honor their friend and classmate and to raise public awareness of pedestrian safety. In the process, participants in the run-a-thon get

sponsors and/or make donations to Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety. This year, the class raised more than \$500.

Anyone who would like to make a donation in Sarah Whiting's memory can send them to Fran Stevens, Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, 167 VanDyke Road, Delmar 12054.

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# Mystery to kick off Cool Kids Cinema Stay tuned for updates on bustling activities

Cool Kids Cinema begins on Thursday, July 9, at 2 p.m. with the funny mystery classic "The Great Muppet Caper."

Reporters Kermit, Fozzie and Gonzo are determined to get the scoop when London is hit by burglars. We'll provide the popcorn, and you can bring your own juice box to the first of six Thursday movies in the community room.



Fly on the wings of imagination out among the stars where the wind plays hide and seek ... to the secret place where the Poppy Doodle Puppets live. It's fantasy come to life as Fribet the Frog and Miss Trilla, Queen of the Good Trolls, deal with real life problems in situations that call for honesty, trust, kindness, friendship and loyalty.

It's truly a family fun evening as the puppet troupe kicks off the Together at Twilight series on Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m.

"Who Killed Olive Souffle?" is the subject of the first meeting of "Track Down a Mystery," the summer book discussion group, that meets with Joyce Laiosa on Thursday, July 16, at 7 p.m.

If you are in grades four through six and would like to participate, there is still time to stop in and pick up a free copy of the book to read before the meeting.

Someone has stolen a painting from the Dogopolis Museum of Art — where is the Mona Woofa and which of the dogspects is guilty? See if you can crack the case at this week's summer reading club meeting. It's not too late to join. Call 765-2791 or stop by for information.

We're happy to have George Moore and Jackie Simmons back for the summer. Moore is displaying his spectacular photography

from a recent cross country trip in the hall gallery.

For racing enthusiasts, David Handen has filled our display case with an assortment of souvenirs and memorabilia. Oil paintings by Alma Schultz are in the kitchen gallery.

Summer story times are Mondays at 10:30 a.m. This year Laiosa will conduct a story time on Thursdays at 11 a.m. as part of the summer recreation program in the village park behind village hall on Voorheesville Avenue. Join us. No sign up is necessary for any story time.

Barbara Vink

From now until the end of July, this is the place for a rundown of the week's library concerts, youth programs and summer reading suggestions — so stay with us!

The annual Evenings on the Green summer concert series be-



Club for school-age children.

Call youth services at 439-9314 for information and to register.

Two suggestions for summer reading are *Depth Takes A Holiday: Essays from Lesser Los Angeles* by Sandra Tsing Loh and *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech.

Loh takes a wry look at California culture, describing her native milieu and its unique inhabitants with an arch and pointed wit. Even Easterners will laugh aloud.

Creech's book is a fine variation on the traditional quest story. An adolescent girl takes a cross-country trip with her grandparents in search of her mother. This book was written for young people, but the grown-ups who populate it will strike a resonant chord with adult readers. Deft, sensitive character development and skillful use of story-within-story make this a keeper for all ages.

Louise Grieco

## Harlequin Players to hold auditions

The Harlequin Players will hold auditions Monday and Tuesday, July 13 and 14, at 7 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands for an October production of "Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain."

The production is casting roles for five women, ages 20 to 50. Nancy Wilder is the director. For information, call 438-4303 or 478-0405.

## Historical museum to open Sundays

The Bethlehem Historical Association's museum in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse on River Road in Selkirk will be open for visitors Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. during July and August.

For information, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

gins tonight, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. with the sweet barbershop harmonies of The Electric City Chorus. The group will perform favorites dating from the turn of the century to the present day. The chorus has sung this distinctly American brand of a cappella music under the baton of director Leo Mailhotte for the last 31 years.

Admission is free. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. The concert will be held indoors in case of rain.

The youth services lineup is as follows: Thursday, July 9, at 7 p.m. Summer Reading Club opening program with the Poppy Doodle Puppets; Friday, July 10, 9:30 a.m. children's writing workshop (grade 3 and up); Saturday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. Somewhere Over The Rainbow preschool program; Monday, July 13, 7 p.m. Bookchat discussion of W.D. Roberts' *The Girl With The Silver Eyes* (grade 5 and up with accompanying adult); and Tuesday, July 14, 4 p.m. Craft

## Five Rivers offers wetlands program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a program on wetlands wildlife on Thursday, July 16, at 10 a.m.

Join center naturalists on a field study of wetlands wildlife, and the many interconnections of water, wildlife and people.

This program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call 475-0291.

## Youth job service sets summer hours

Bethlehem's parks and recreation department at Elm Avenue Park recently announced that its youth employment service is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon during the summer.

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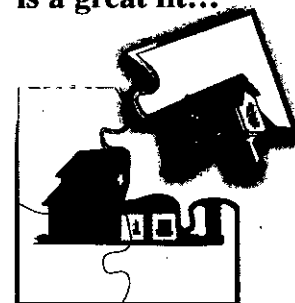
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# School trustees to honor volunteers

The board of education will hold a reception to honor school district volunteers on Monday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Invitations are in the mail.

Extra mile awards will also be announced.

After the reception, the school board will hold its organizational meeting starting at 7:30 p.m., followed by its regular meeting.

## Family programs at Heldeberg Workshop

Spend an afternoon with an enchanting collection of marionettes on Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m. when Castle Bridge Players present "Sir George and the Dragon," a classic tale of good and evil, in a special program for families at Heldeberg Workshop on Picard Road.

Jim Snack will present an evening of magical entertainment and illusions on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:45 p.m.

Special events cost \$5 per family. Call ahead to register at 765-2777. Remember to bring bug spray and your own seating.

Open house for the workshop's first session is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

## Thacher Park slates nature programs

Nature photography tips and techniques will be offered by professional photographer Warren Burton along the Indian Ladder Trail at John Boyd Thacher State Park on Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m. The group will meet at the Indian Ladder parking area. Registration is required.

Naturalist Ruth Schottman will lead a midsummer wildflower walk on Saturday, July 18, at 2 p.m. at 2 p.m. Call ahead for exact location.

The program is dependent on the weather. For information and to register, call 872-1237.

## Together at Twilight series begins July 15

The Poppy Doodle Puppets will open Voorheesville Public Library's Together at Twilight series on Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m.

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Programs are on the library lawn, weather permitting. Bring a blanket or chair and some bug spray. The performances are free of charge thanks to Friends of the Library.

## There's still time to sign up for swim lessons

There are openings for the second and third sessions of Heldeberg Aquatics summer swim lessons at the high school.

The Red Cross approved program is offered from July 13 to 23 and July 27 to Aug. 16.

Each two-week session meets four times a week, Monday through Thursday, for 50 minutes and costs \$55 per student.

The infant and preschool aquatics program will meet for 30 minutes and costs \$35 per student.

For information, call Tam Sayer at 765-5015.

## St. Matthew's to honor volunteers

St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road will hold a thank-you Mass and reception for parish volunteers on Saturday, July 11, starting at 5 p.m. Everyone who helped out in the past year is invited to attend the reception, immediately following Mass.

## Kiwanis to host golf tournament

New Scotland Kiwanis are planning a benefit golf tournament for Monday, July 27, at Colonie Country Club.

The cost is \$125 per person or \$480 for a foursome. It includes golf, a cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. For information, call Alan McCartney at 765-3314 or 765-4318.

## Village office to sell centennial items

Voorheesville centennial items will be sold on Wednesdays during the summer from 1 to 4 p.m. at

village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Lapel pins are \$3; mugs, \$5; flags and watches, \$20; Henley shirts, \$12 (extra large sizes \$14); and T-shirts, \$8.50.

## High school pool open for recreational swimming

The high school pool is open for recreational swimming Monday through Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children ages 5 to 13.

Non-swimmers must be accompanied by an adult.

The pool at John Boyd Thacher State Park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. The park entrance fee is \$4 per car.

For information, call the park office at 872-1237.

## Food pantry needs snack items

With children home from school for the summer, the New Scotland Community Food Pantry needs to stock its shelves with additional snack items.

Crackers, fruit snacks, drink mixes, cookies and soda are needed as well as staples such as coffee, tea, hot cocoa, pasta, rice, pancake mix, syrup, instant oatmeal, condiments, canned

pasta and fruit, salad dressing and paper products.

Thanks to everyone for their support.

## School district taking census

The Voorheesville Central School District is taking a census this summer. The census is taken every two years and helps keep records on children living in the district.

Information is also gathered on students who may have special needs and those attending private schools.

JoAnni Donohue is the census enumerator. For information, call the elementary school at 765-2382.

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## Delmar library offers kids writing workshop

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar has opened registration for its seventh annual children's writing workshop.

The workshop is open to children entering grade three and up. It meets Fridays, July 10 to Aug. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Local authors will present particular aspects of writing at each session. Participants will write, illustrate and bind their own books, which will remain in the library for a year.

A reception on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. will close the program.

Registration is ongoing and in-person only. Participants must firmly commit to four of the five sessions. Adult volunteers are needed. For information, call youth services at 439-9314.

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the Ravena Friendship Festival. The festival, which is scheduled for Aug. 28 to 30, received the award because it is family-oriented and alcohol-free.

## Boat House Restaurant open for season

The Boat House Restaurant at Shady Harbor Marina off Route 144 is open for the season. It features Black Angus beef, seafood, veal, pasta and poultry. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily, and brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

## Kudos to girls soccer team

RCS Youth Soccer's under 16 girls travel team finished the season undefeated. Congratulations to team members Kelly Rysedorph, Sue Lewanick, Aja Case, Ariel Schaible, Diane Currey, Holly Oakes, Stephanie Pryzbylowica, Lara Alicandra, Carrie Siy, Ashley Maki, Rachel Richter, Jaime Driscoll, Laura Nicholson, Allysa Sebert, Aimee Norton and Jessica McCumber.

## Slingerlands woman joins honor society

Naomi Lieberman of Slingerlands was recently inducted into the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society during William Smith College's annual Moving Up Day ceremony. Lieberman is a 1998 graduate of William Smith College.

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Keene State College — Allison Thomas of Delmar (bachelor of science).

New York Law School — Kyle Kordich of Glenmont (juris doctor).

SUNY Geneseo — Aaron Brown of Delmar (bachelor of arts).

SUNY Oneonta — Amy Klein Russell of Delmar (bachelor's in child and family studies), Christina Van Hoesen of Feura Bush (bachelor's in biology), and Melissa Celeone of Voorheesville (master's in school counseling).

University at Albany — Elaine Bell (bachelor's in computer science), Jerry Kleber (bachelor's in political science), Suzanne O'Brien (bachelor's in accounting, magna cum laude), Carmine Pesca (bachelor's in criminal justice), Warren Sieme (bachelor's in psychology, magna cum laude) and Kristina Zeller (bachelor's in anthropology, magna cum laude), all of Delmar.

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Also, Robin Irons of Selkirk (bachelor's in English, magna cum laude) and Claire Devine (bachelor's in psychology) and Michael Osborne (bachelor's in computer science and mathematics), both of Slingerlands.

Also, Craig Gordinier (bachelor's in biology), Melissa Precopia (bachelor's in Spanish) and Heather Tippy (bachelor's in psychology), all of Voorheesville.

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## Bethlehem kickers complete season

The Bethlehem Kickers under-8 soccer team completed its first soccer season on Wednesday, June 24. The teams record in the fourth division of the Capital District Soccer League, under 8 age group was 10-0-2. That record gives the Kickers 22 points and a first-place finish in division four. There are seven divisions in the under 8 age group.

The team played in four tournaments in Saratoga, Highland (Scotia), Shenentaha (Shenendehowa) and the Bethlehem Bee Line tournament. The Kickers tied for first at the Highland Tournament and won the Bee Line and Shenentaha tournaments outright.

The team consisted of two 6-year-olds and 12 7-year-olds. The

team's success was particularly gratifying as many of the opposing players were 8-year-olds who had played two years of travel soccer. The teams excellent record was due to the players learning to play positions, strong tackling skills and continual improvement in passing and team play. Strong goal tending performances were seen from a number of players. All parents were supportive throughout both the indoor and outdoor seasons. This support enabled a high level of player participation which provided the players with the opportunity to improve individual skills and improve their ability to play as a team.

The players on the team are Jessie Bryant, Taylor Chase,

Evan Finkle, Jeffrey Fossett, Austin Hughes, Tom Klim, Harrison Lane, Rebecca Lee, Patrick Mancilla, Megan Olsen, Ari Rodriguez, Alex Sobiecki, Kierston Sweete and Kevin Wendth. Tom Klim and Bob Lane coached the team. Bill Lee organized the teams participation in tournaments and Steve Hughes helped with player management during games.

Coaches said all the players improved significantly from the first practice in the fall, and they credit the kids' hard work and the parents' support for the teams success. Players said they enjoyed being on the team and look forward to playing again next year.

## Bethlehem takes 2nd in District 5 tournament

### Babe Ruth

Bethlehem is the 1998 runner-up in the District 5 Babe Ruth League. They were defeated by Colonie Babe Ruth, 3-2, during the championship game Friday, July 3.

At the end of the first inning, Bethlehem was ahead 1-0. Colonie came back to tie in the second. The score remained the same until the fifth inning when Bethlehem scored, making the score 2-1.

In the sixth inning, Colonie tied up the game and at the top of the seventh Colonie took control, making the final score 3-2.

In offensive play, **Tim Rice** had a double and a single, while **Adam Rodriguez** had two singles. They also delivered strong defense.

Other contributors to the game were first baseman **Morgan Gmelch**, second baseman **Bill Tierney** and catcher **Alan Lewis**.

Colonie will now move to the state tournament.

In previous tournament games, Bethlehem's 15-year-old all star team raced to the head of the winners bracket in the District 5 Babe Ruth All Star Tournament played Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, at Cook Park in Colonie.

On Saturday Bethlehem played Guilderland in the opening game of the double elimination format, Bethlehem rode to a 7-2 win behind the strong pitching of **Josh Burnett**, who struck out nine over six innings.

Bethlehem struck early, scor-

ing four runs in the top of the first inning capped by a two-run home run by left fielder Rodriguez. A critical play was the base running of second baseman Tierney, who scored from second on a passed ball.

The win puts Bethlehem in the second round match-up against defending champion Colonie.

Bethlehem fell behind 1-0 early, but starter **Avi Rasowsky** settled down and went the distance, scattering seven hits to frustrate Colonie for the come-from-behind win.

Center fielder Rice came through with a clutch two-out, two-strike double off Colonie's **Nick Galusha** to drive in a pair of runs in the fifth inning and clinch the 5-4 victory. Earlier, Rice robbed Colonie of two more by ending the first inning with a running catch in deep center, stopping a Colonie rally.

Third baseman **Rick Root**, Lewis and Gmelch also contributed important hits to Bethlehem's victory.

Colonie fought its way back into the winners bracket by defeating Central, 10-3 on Monday, June 29.

Colonie's win pit them against Bethlehem in the District Championship game Wednesday, July 1. Colonie defeated Bethlehem, 13-2.

### Teens to climb Adirondack Mountains

Camp Chingachgook is accepting applications for a mountain climbing trip. Physically fit teens will tackle the Adirondack Mountains from July 29 to Aug. 29. For information, call 656-9462.

### Five Rivers plans environmental games

An evening of environmental games and interactive activities is planned for Tuesday, July 21, beginning at 7 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Naturalists will lead parents and children through a series of games chosen from Project W.I.L.D. activities, including running games and scavenger hunts.

The program is appropriate for children between the ages of four and ten. Preregistration by July 19 is required.

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# Owens Corning Babe Ruth ends season undefeated

Owens Corning 13-year-old Bethlehem Babe Ruth division has completed an undefeated season with a 13-0 record.

The key to Owens Corning's success was fielding. They allowed only 22 unearned runs while scoring 44 runs on errors; baserunning with only 13 players thrown out on the bases while opponents were gunned down 26 times.

Also contributing to Corning's success story is the hitting achievements of its players. Steve Vnok batting 586; John Davis 520; Evan Siegel leading the league in slugging percentage with 773.

The pitching corps, anchored by Ryan Flansburg who had 24 innings allowing only seven earned runs; David Riedel and Naomi Hauser who each only allowed three earned runs in nine innings; and three relief performances by Joe Shulan guaranteed many victories.

Dan Cohen's excellent third-base play; James Wheeler's

## Baseball

timely hitting one game winning hit to spark a huge comeback; Nate Pannucci's team leading 14 RBI's and plays in centerfield; James Traylor's play as the No. 2 hitter, an on base percentage of 636, perfection in stolen bases, 18 for 18; Matt Beauchaine's line drive hitting of 423 average with three doubles); Sam Brody's 11 RBI and early season relief pitching; and finally, Chris Bub performances leading the team in batting average of 633; 24 runs scored; on base percentage, 710; 25 stolen bases; and fielding plays at all positions highlighted many of the eight come-from-behind victories and made the 1998 Owens Corning Team invincible.

# Bethlehem outruns Albany

Bethlehem Mickey Mantle baseball team has had an unpredictable season with a league record of 7-4, and overall record of 9-4.

In a home game, Bethlehem beat Albany, 5-0, Sunday, July 5.

Pitcher Seth Shuket allowed three hits, no runs, walked two and struck out five. Ryan Venter had a single and two home runs.

On Friday, July 3, Bethlehem defeated Saratoga, 10-3. Pitcher Ryan Sweeney allowed four hits and two earned runs.

Shuket had two doubles and three RBI. Venter had two singles and one RBI.

Bethlehem lost to Colonie, 3-2, Thursday, July 2. Lucas Parks pitched and allowed three hits and one walk. Shuket had two singles and drove in one run.

Bethlehem was ahead 2-0, then Colonie tied the game 2-2 and scored another run in the bottom of the sixth inning, winning the game.

Rotterdam lost to Bethlehem, 18-5, Wednesday, July 1.

Venter was credited with the win. Chuck Abba had two singles, four runs and three RBI.

While Shuket had two singles and two runs batted in.

## Mickey Mantle

In previous games, Bethlehem had two wins and three losses. They defeated Cohoes, 8-4, and Amsterdam, 12-3.

Bethlehem lost to South Troy, 12-11; Sorensco, 9-5, and Guelderland, 4-3.

Their next games are as follows: tonight, July 8, at 6 p.m. at home against Halfmoon; Thursday, July 9, at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Park against the Delmar Braves; Saturday, July 11, at 1 p.m. at home against Chatham; and Sunday, July 12, at 1 p.m. against Watervliet at home. Home games are played at Bethlehem Central High School.

## Lung association plans bike trek

The American Lung Association is planning an Autumn Adventure Bicycle Trek from Saratoga Spa State Park to Lake George on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27.

Riders may choose from 80-, 100- or 120-mile routes, with daily routes of either 40 or 60 miles.

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## Local athletes need support

On June 20 and June 21, three Bethlehem softball athletes competed in the AFA National Qualifiers in Binghamton, N.Y. with the of Capital District Lightning team, and won the tournament.

The three players are now qualified for a week long tournament in Kansas, July 29 to Aug. 3.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the players who want to play softball in college.

They are asking for support from community members to help diminish the cost of the trip. For information or to make a cash donation, call 439-6332.

## Cooper-Varney church softball

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Presbyterian	8-3
Onesquethaw	8-3
Delmar Fire Dep't	7-4
Clarksville Comm.	7-4
Bethlehem Comm.	7-4
Bethany	6-4
St. Thomas II	6-5
St. Thomas I	6-5
Westerlo I	4-7
Delmar Reformed	3-8
Westerlo II	2-9
United Methodist	2-9
Coxsackie	1-9

## Credit union has free tickets

The Capital Communications Federal Credit Union is participating in the 11th annual Baseball Night sponsored by area credit unions at Heritage Park in Colonie.

Albany Diamond Dogs will challenge Adirondack Lumberjacks Friday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

The free tickets can be picked up at the credit union, 18 Computer Drive, East Colonie or at 4 Century Hill Drive, Latham.

Members can also call 458-2195 for tickets and information.

## MDA seeks camp volunteers

Muscular Dystrophy Association seeks volunteer summer camp counselors in Glenville. Camp sessions are held Aug. 2 to 7. For information, call 489-5495.

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Classmates Emily Morris and Lydia Brockley celebrate at Voorheesville Elementary School kindergarten graduation. Elaine McLain

# Safe

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The department, with 39 officers and about two dozen civilian staffers, had a budget of \$3,125,060 in 1997, which represented 14.7 percent of the town's expenditures for the year.

The most active branch was the patrol division, which made 5,189 vehicle stops in 1997, up from 4,394 last year. These stops resulted in 4,570 arrests, the largest portion of which — 1,480 — were for speeding.

The number of drunken-driving arrests continues a decline that has been happening for several years, suggesting that strict enforcement, public information programs and community involvement are forging an effective prevention system.

Seventy-seven misdemeanor DWI arrests were made last year, and only eight people were arrested for felony DWI. Five arrests were made under "zero tolerance," the state's newest drunken-driving classification. The classification stipulates a lower blood alcohol content threshold for underage offenders, and was put into effect in 1997.

Although drunken-driving seems to be on the wane — last year's 77 arrests are down from 89 in 1996 and 99 in 1995 — there were a large number of vehicle stops prompted by violations of the state's seat belt laws.

More than 1,000 people were stopped in 1997 for failing to properly use seat belts or child restraints.

The patrol division also responded to hundreds of calls involving residences and made more than 7,000 preventive property checks. More than 300 incidents of property damage were reported.

Patrol officers drove approximately 300,000 miles last year.

The department's Selkirk satellite station provided a separate set of statistics for its 1997 activities. Officers from the satellite station responded to 3,115 calls last year, reported 602 incidents, made

702 traffic arrests and drove 92,000 miles in 1997.

One aspect of the department's activities that cannot be quantified as closely as patrol functions is community involvement. Whether making informational presentations, attending neighborhood functions or maintaining a presence at Bethlehem Central High School and middle school through the school resource officer program, Bethlehem police officers integrated themselves into town life throughout 1997.

The department's detectives investigated 1,072 cases last year, most of which — nearly 700 — involved theft. The other leading type of investigation involved fraud and bad checks. These areas involved 239 cases in 1997.

Although there were fewer than 10 criminal mischief cases in 1994 and 1995, in 1996 there were 57 criminal mischief cases. Detectives investigated 43 incidents last year.

Drugs were not a major factor in town crime in 1997; only 15 cases involving controlled substances were investigated.

The department's youth bureau was active in preventive functions, presenting informational sessions to more than 16,000 youths last year. As with the detectives, youth bureau officers spent most of their time investigating thefts, but they investigated 10 drug-related incidents, down from 13 last year, two incidents involving illegal possession of weapons and one accidental death.

Animal control officers responded to nearly 3,000 calls last year, including 615 reports of dead or injured animals, 463 cases of animals annoying humans and 410 reports of loose animals. A total of 75 dogs were seized by dog catchers, 52 of which were returned to their owners.

Fourteen dogs were adopted by new owners and nine were euthanized. Additionally, 75 cats were seized. Statistics, on what happened to those cats were not provided.

Although recent news reports have involved a potentially rabid fox in town, last year raccoons were the dominant carriers of rabies. Sixty-two animals were tested and 40 had rabies. The only other animals to test positive were five skunks and two bats.

At the conclusion of the report are narrative descriptions of some of 1997's most unusual cases. Details on three of these cases follow.

- An 83-year-old woman was sexually assaulted by a 34-year-old male friend who was under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested, convicted and sentenced to three to seven years in prison.

- An investigation into the theft of nearly \$50,000 in cash and equipment from St. Michael's Shrine in Glenmont led to the Rev. Brendan O'Keefe being named the main suspect. O'Keefe remains a fugitive.

- Two handguns and ammunition were stolen from a town residence and an investigation led to the seizure of one of the guns at the middle school. Two youths were arrested.

# Owners

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McIntyre will be responsible for the day-to-day overall operation of the three Spotlight newspapers. He began his career with *Eagle*, but left to "follow my finance," who was finishing her doctorate and had been offered a job at Adirondack Community College. When Keene informed McIntyre of the job opening at Spotlight Newspapers he said he felt it was a perfect opportunity to be able to stay in the area and rejoin the Eagle group.

McIntyre said he envisions a bright future for the Spotlights. "What Eagle brings is more technology, more resources, which will make the Spotlights not only better looking, but better able to serve the community." Eagle Newspapers have the equipment to help to bring the Spotlights to full pagination within the next few months, he added.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to grow in readership and to improve the quality of the paper," McIntyre said.

Most of the original Spotlight staff for the three papers will continue with some changes in assignments. Spotlight Managing editor Susan Graves will become executive editor of all three papers. *Colonie Spotlight* managing editor Dev Tobin will be managing editor of the three papers. The reporting, production and sales staff will essentially remain the same. There will also be opportunities for high school and college student interns at the Spotlights.

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Christine Nelson

### Nelson, Testani engaged

Christine Elizabeth Nelson, daughter of Gary and Peggy Nelson of Delmar, and Brian Testani, son of Cara Tyra of Binghamton, Broome County, and the late Fred Testani, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and St. Bonaventure University.

She will enter the doctoral program in psychology at the University of Chicago in September.

The future groom has both bachelor and master's degrees from St. Bonaventure University. He is a teacher and coach.

The couple plans a Dec. 19 wedding.

### Richards, Domber to wed

Robyn Elizabeth Richards, daughter of Arthur and Phyllis Richards of Glenmont, and Steven Edward Domber, son of Edward and Margaret Domber of Madison, N.J., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hobart and William Smith colleges. She has a master's de-

gree from the University of Wisconsin.

She is an outreach and development coordinator at the Center on Wisconsin Strategy in Madison, Wis.

The future groom is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith colleges. He is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin.

The couple plans an August 1999 wedding.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center

Girl, Elise Michelle Zwicklbauer, to Tamara Thomas and Franz Zwicklbauer of Delmar, May 2.

Boy, James Henry Lenden IV, to Davina and James Lenden III of Delmar, May 11.

Girl, Margaret Patricia Holley, to Cheryl and Mark Holley of Delmar, May 14.

Boy, Steven Richard Okoniewski, to Arlene and Richard Okoniewski of Selkirk, May 18.

Boy, Vincent Schipano, to Rachel and Vincent Schipano of Feura Bush, May 25.

Boy, Bradley William Smith, to Stacy and William Smith of Voorheesville, May 25.

Boy, William Peter Barriere, to Michelle and James Barriere of Slingerlands, May 26.

Girl, Julia Catherine Giliberto, to Donna and James Giliberto of Glenmont, May 28.

Boy, Christopher David Davitt, to Michele and Timothy Davitt of Delmar, May, 29.

### St. Peter's

Girl, Karla Paola Gea-Gonzalez, to Lourdes Gonzalez and Ignacio Gea of Feura Bush, June 9.

Girl, Phoebe Madissen Siegel, to Sharon and Lowell Siegel of Slingerlands, June 13.

Boy, Paul Joseph MacFarlane, to Deborah and Joseph MacFarlane of Delmar, June 16.

Girl, Maria Isabelle Scanu, to Michelle Isabell and Vincent Scanu of Slingerlands, June 17.

Girl, Katherine Marie Wentworth, to Brandie and Robert Wentworth of Glenmont, June 18.

Girl, McKenzie Emma Lane, to Tiffany and Eric Lane of Delmar, June 18.

### Out of town

Boy, Daniel Jacob Fullerton, to Nancy and John Fullerton of Mansfield, Mass., June 17. Maternal grandparents are Thomas and Alice Hamill of Delmar.

### BCHS student named scholar

Serguei Vassilvitskii, son of Elena Gonikberg and Alexander Vassilvitskii of Delmar, has been selected as a Presidential Research Scholar, beginning in the fall, at Cornell University in Ithaca.

Vassilvitskii is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School.



Fearghal McCarthy and Patricia Greer

### Greer, McCarthy to wed

Patricia Greer, daughter of Winston and Regina Greer of Selkirk and Fearghal McCarthy, son of Jim and Mary McCarthy of Limerick, Ireland, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University at Albany and American University.

She is a business manager at AAMVAnet in Arlington, Va.

The future groom is a graduate of Dublin City University.

He is vice president of business development at Condor Technology Solutions in Annapolis, Md.

The couple plans an Oct. 24 wedding.

## Dean's List

Colgate University — Christopher Mills of Delmar.

College of the Holy Cross — Matthew Nuttall of Delmar.

Columbia University — Kathryn Sherwin of Delmar.

Duke University — James Mills of Delmar.

Hamilton College — Sarah Cook and Peter Flanigan, both of Delmar.

Ithaca College — Jennifer Shapiro of Glenmont.

Johnson & Wales University — Katherine Pahl of Voorheesville.

Lehigh University — Sarah Hotaling of Delmar.

Roanoke College — Heather

Sheldon of Slingerlands.

Rochester Institute of Technology — Sean Barclay of Delmar.

St. Bonaventure University — Christine Dawson of Glenmont and Christine Nelson of Delmar.

SUNY Oneonta — Tricia Sleasman of Delmar and Vicky Desrochers of Selkirk.

SUNY Oswego — David Goodfellow (president's list), Elizabeth Hallenbeck, Sarah Nathan and Patrick Roberts (president's list), all of Delmar, and Nicole Stagg of Voorheesville.

SUNY Plattsburgh — Martha Perry of Voorheesville.

University of Delaware — Emily Fireovid of Delmar.

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### Library to sponsor Evenings on the Green

Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will sponsor free outdoor musical Evenings on the Green this summer.

The Electric City Chorus will be featured tonight, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. Mixed Company will provide pop music on Wednesday, July 15, also at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 439-9314.

## Obituaries

### John VanEtten Ennis

John VanEtten Ennis, 77, of Delmar, died Monday, July 6, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Monticello, he was a longtime resident of the Bethlehem area.

Mr. Ennis worked for the former New York Telephone Co. for 42 years before he retired.

He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, a former member of the Bethlehem Lions Club and a member and past commander of Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post 1040.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy M. Ennis; two daughters, Joan Ennis Coffey of Slingerlands and Susan Ennis Mullarkey of Feura Bush; two sons, John V. Ennis III of Latham and Charles David Ennis of Poughkeepsie; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be on Thursday, July 9, from the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Executive Park East, Albany 12203 or the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

### Lilly Szell

Lilly Szell, 52, of Glenmont died Sunday, July 5, at her home.

Born in Budapest, she lived in the Capital District for many years.

Ms. Szell was an artist. Her paintings have been displayed in many galleries and private collections in the United States. Her works are now on display at Yates House Gallery at Siena College.

Survivors include a son, Koren Korenko of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Andrea Szell Kachidurian

of Glenmont; and a brother, George Szell of Melrose.

Services are scheduled for today, July 8, at 11 a.m. from the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to Unity Church of Albany, 21 King Ave., Albany 12206.

### Mary A. Preston

Mary A. Preston, 77, of Delmar died Thursday, July 2, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany.

Mrs. Preston was a teacher for many years, most recently in the Voorheesville school district.

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

Survivors include her husband, Thomas S. Preston; two sons, Thomas S. Preston Jr. of Averill Park and James L. Preston of Chatham, N.J.; two daughters, Mary Ann Gardner of Delmar and Margaret J. Styles of Brooklyn; two sisters, Sheila Hedges of Ocala, Fla., and Elizabeth Syroczyński of Depew, Erie County; a brother, Michael O'Toole of New Hartford; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

### Sarah G. Koechlin

Sarah G. Koechlin, 93, of Selkirk died Tuesday, June 30, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Alcove, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Koechlin was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, a former member of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 auxiliary, and a past president of Ravena Coeymans Senior Citizens.

She was the widow of Gustav B. Koechlin.

Survivors include a son, Richard Koechlin of Ravena; a daughter, Doris Willey of Ravena; a brother, William Palmer of Ravena; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Burial was in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow 12046.

### Bookchat to meet at Delmar library

"Bookchat," a book discussion group for children entering grade five and up and accompanying adults, will meet on Monday, July 13, and Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Stories of the paranormal will be discussed this summer. On July 13 the group will talk about *The Girl With the Silver Eyes* by Wilo Davis Roberts. The group will discuss *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle on Aug. 5.

Discussion will be guided by take-home questions. Copies of the books and questions will be available for registered participants at the youth services desk. There is one copy of each title per family.

The Roberts book is available now, and the L'Engle book will be at youth services on July 10. Books must be checked out at the circulation desk. To register for one or both sessions, call 439-9314. Refreshments will be served.

### Zoning board schedules meeting

Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals will hold a meeting on the applications of Mary Ann Micheri, 27 Oldox Road, Delmar, and Bernard and Dawne McHugh, 22 Gladwish Road, Delmar on Wednesday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

## Silver lining



Bethlehem Parks & Recreation administrator Dave Austin presents a plaque to Tiffany Teator of Glenmont in recognition of the wall mural she painted at the pool complex as a Girl Scout Silver Award project. The Silver Award is the highest Scouting award.

## Five private area gardens open to public this weekend

Five local private gardens in Slingerlands, Delmar and Feura Bush will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The public is invited to explore the private gardens as part of the Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program.

Mary Carol and David White's gardens lie on 18 acres cleared from white pine woods in Slingerlands. Four gardens of oversized perennials and annuals mirror each other. There is also a formal rose garden. Viburnum, azaleas and rhododendron highlight the surrounding natural areas.

The Bullock House Garden in Slingerlands will also be open to visitors. The English-style country flower garden is in a historic setting which includes a stone house built around 1787. The property features rolling lawns, barns, a stone smoke house, sculptures and ponds. Hardy perennials and shrubs complete the garden.

Carl and Nancy Touhey welcome the public to their Feura Bush garden. Their 150 acres surround a 1754 house in a picturesque valley of the Helderberg Mountains. The landscaping reflects the flowing and meandering contours of the valley. The gardens and grounds are designed for all seasons. The vistas are of natural rock and boulders sheltering intimate garden beds, covered in ivy and cantilevered over shaded gardens.

Also in Feura Bush is the garden in progress of Tom and Denie Whalen. The cultivated gardens are amid 20 acres of indigenous wildflowers and trees. Wander through plantings of dwarf conifers

and ground covers that overlook the valley below and the hills beyond. There is an emerging hillside rock garden and hosta and perennial beds. On the lower level of the property, there is a flat, easy walk through the woods. A 30-minute stroll takes visitors to a grove overlooking a waterfall, where refreshments will be served.

The Delmar garden of Karen and Peter Kermani rounds out the offering of private gardens. This small suburban lot will surprise visitors with its fine stonework and its sunken garden with pink azaleas around the outer edge, framing rhododendron, astilbe, Jacob's ladder, painted ferns, phlox and more. An English trellis arbor welcomes guests to the perennial garden.

Reservations are not required and everyone is welcome. There is an admission charge of \$4 at each garden. To find out where the gardens are located, purchase a copy to the 1998 Garden Conservancy Open Days Directory for \$10. The directory is available at Helderledge Farm in Altamont and Osborne Mill Nursery in Albany. To order the directory, call toll free 888-842-2442. Add \$3.50 for shipping and handling and allow four days for delivery.

Every listing in the directory contains a full description of the garden, and the dates and times gardens are open.

The Garden Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving America's exceptional gardens and keeping them accessible to the public. Currently, 17 gardens, including the King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga, are being preserved by the Garden Conservancy.

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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.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

# Family Entertainment

By Peter Hanson

There's more to the blues than just feeling blue. Although some of the genre's most famous tunes — from B.B. King's "Thrill Has Gone" to Stevie Ray Vaughan's "The Sky is Crying" — give eloquent voice to personal pain, any blues fan will tell you the music is as much about feeling good as it is about feeling bad.

And this weekend, the whole spectrum of blues music will be on display for the latest annual Fleet BluesFest, taking place Friday and Saturday at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Each day will feature 10 hours of live performances set in an outdoor festival atmosphere. Admission to the event is free.

The BluesFest headliners this year are Koko Taylor, one of the leading contenders for the title "Queen of the Blues," and Irma Thomas, a legendary singer from New Orleans who scored her first hit in the early '60s and hasn't slowed down since.

Other performers include second-generation guitar wizard Bernard Allison, the son of blues giant Luther Allison, powerful singers like Tracy Nelson and Sarah Brown, and Commander Cody, the Capital District's favorite '60s survivor.

In all, 21 bands and solo acts will perform, with shows starting at noon each day and ending at 10 p.m. On Saturday, the concerts will be complemented with an attraction called the Kids Fun Zone, which will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. This attraction includes rides, clowns who will make balloon toys and paint children's faces and art activities. Admission to the Zone is free.

After the show, a handful of nightclubs in Albany will participate in a street party called the Fleet Street City Blues Jam Friday and Saturday nights, during which local acts will keep the spirit of the BluesFest going well past the last perfor-



Performers appearing at the Fleet BluesFest this weekend at the Empire State Plaza include (clockwise from top left): Koko Taylor, Greg Piccolo, Carl Weathersby and the Nighthawks. The festival runs Friday through Saturday.

## Hurts so good

### BluesFest to celebrate music of heartache

mances at the plaza.

But because the main attraction of this weekend's event is the array of musicians the state Office of General Services has recruited to perform, here is the schedule for the 1998 BluesFest (performances are happening on two stages, so some acts will play simultaneously):

Singer/guitarist Carl Weathersby, a 1997 nominee for the W.C. Handy Award for best new blues artist, opens the festival

at noon Friday. Seventeen-year-old prodigy Seth Yacovone follows at 12:30 p.m., then Cody takes the stage at 1:30 p.m. EZ Blues starts at 2:15 p.m.; Skeeter Brandon gets underway at 3:30 p.m. and Glenn Weiser fires up his band at 4 p.m.

Friday evening's performances begin with Harper at 5:15 p.m. and the local band Coda Blue at 5:45 p.m. Allison's set starts at 7 p.m., then local favorites Ernie Williams and the Wildcats warm up the

crowd at 7:30. Taylor closes the night with her 8:45 p.m. set.

Ironically, the name of Saturday's first act is Good Friday, starting at noon. That band is followed by Greg Piccolo, a veteran of the local group Roomful of Blues, at 1:30 p.m., Willie Pierce at 2:15 p.m. and hard-edged guitar player Tinsley Ellis at 3:30 p.m. George Boone ends the afternoon with his 4 p.m. concert.

The BluesFest kicks into overdrive Saturday evening with the critically acclaimed guitarist Jimmy Thackeray at 5:15 p.m., Rhett Tyler at 5:45 p.m. and Nekson, joined by The Nighthawks, at 7 p.m. Brown and Thomas close out the festival with shows at 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m., respectively.

So slide on down to the Plaza Friday and Saturday for two days of music guaranteed to be just as hot as the summer weather. For information, call 473-0559.

#### Capital Rep starts 1998-99 season with *Forever Plaid* and new manager

Capitalizing on the success of the small musical, *Always... Patsy Cline*, last summer, Capital Rep opens *Forever Plaid* this Friday (July 10) for a month's run.

This musical fantasy about a quartet of young male singers who die in a car crash en route to their first professional gig and then return from heaven to do their one big concert, has acquired a cult-like following as it plays all over the country.

The idea of doing a show based on the quartets of the 1950s sprung from a workshop session in 1990 and has since blossomed off-Broadway and throughout the country.

For its purposes, the property, with songs of the '50s fits the season as now developed at Capital Rep.

Even more important, a new managing director, Jeff Dannick, comes aboard at Capital Rep with this production to supplement the work done alone by producing artistic director Maggie Mancilli-Cahill.

The theater's board of directors has been searching for a managing director to take over the load of fund-raising and general administration work involved with the theater and its almost \$15 million annual budget.

Mancilli-Cahill has been doing both jobs for the last four years when she took over from Bruce Bouchard, one of the two original founders Capital Rep. Bouchard and Peter Clough had started the company 20 years ago but served in the same capacity. One was the clone of the other so that their duties overlapped. When Clough left, a series of managers were hired but Bouchard remained in virtual control.



Martin P. Kelly

## SPOTLIGHT

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Again, when Bouchard left, Mancilli-Cahill did the one-person job, and quite well, until the board and she realized that it was now necessary to split off the administrative duties and fund raising from the artistic part of the theater.

So, as the artistic director opens the season with a concept which proved successful last summer, 37-year-old Dannick comes from a similar job with the Florida Stage Company to take up his duties in Albany. He is in tune with Mancilli-Cahill's direction because he likes musicals.

As he settles in with his wife and two children to an area he's familiar with (relatives live in Syracuse), the season opens Friday with everyone looking for a successful summer.

Information and reservations for *Forever Plaid* may be obtained at 462-4531.

#### Park Playhouse celebrates 10th year with free production of *Camelot*

A concept of free theater, which has taken hold in Albany's Washington Park for the past 10 years is underway again as the musical, *Camelot*, opened Tuesday (July 7) and will continue through August 16.

The Washington Park Amphitheater has at least 2,000 free seats as well as some reserved seats at \$10.

Presentation of the tale of King Arthur's court runs Tuesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m.

Information and reservations are available at 434-0776.

#### Room Service at Dorset Theater a tribute to 1930's screwball comedy

A now rarely produced *Room Service* is now playing at the Dorset Theatre Festival as a tribute to the screwball comedy style so familiar to the 1930s theater.

This particular play became a vehicle for a 1939 Marx Brothers movie but on stage it is more of an ensemble piece. The difficulty in contemporary times is the large cast, 13 actors in all, which makes it an expensive show to mount for smaller professional groups.

At Dorset, director Jill Charles has been able to recruit good local actors to complement an Equity company to do this old chestnut about a broken-down theater company trying to live free at a hotel while putting together a stage production in the hotel ballroom.

Playwrights in the 1930s had no trouble writing in small part for out-of-work actor friends since the salaries were low and producers didn't count noses. A number of the roles in *Room Service* and other farces of the time are just those kind of parts, showy walk-ons that give an actor some respect and income while looking around for bigger roles.

#### Around Theaters!

*Transit of Venus*, new play at the Berkshire Theatre Festival through July 25 (413/298-5576) ... *The Matchmaker* at the Williamstown Theatre Festival through July 19 (413/597-3400) ... *Perfect Wedding*, farce at the Lake George Dinner Theater through Oct. 17 (668-2198) ... *Show Boat*, venerable musical at the Mac-Haydn Theater through July 21 (518/392-9292) ... *Norman Is That You?*, a comedy at Curtain Call Dinner Theater in Scherectady through Aug. 29 (877-7529) ... *A Little Night Music*, same company which played at Capital Rep in the spring, now at the Barrington Stage Company, Sheffield, MA through July 19 (413/528-8888)

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## MUSIC

**LILITH FAIR**  
featuring Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant, Bonnie Raitt, Lauryn Hill, Tracy Bonham, Heather Nova, Beth Orton, Imani Coppola, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, July 12, 4:30 p.m. Information, 584-9330.

**NEW YORK SWING**  
guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli's New York Swing with John Bunch and Jay Leonhart, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, 8 and 10 p.m., Saturday, July 18. Information, 782-0577.

**MICHAEL BOLTON AND WYNONNA**  
Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 19, 8:15 p.m., \$55, \$45, \$20.50 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

**BRUCE KEAN**  
acoustic guitarist/vocalist, The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, 7 to 10 p.m., July 21. Information, 782-0577.

**DAVE MATTHEWS BAND**  
Saratoga Performing Arts Center Saratoga Springs, July 26, 7 p.m., \$30, \$25 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

**STEVE MILLER BAND**  
and Little Feat, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, July 27, 7:30 p.m., \$20, \$12.50 lawn. Information, 587-3330.

## DANCE

**ALBANY BERKSHIRE BALLET**  
at Performing Arts Center at University at Albany, July 9 -- "Peter and the Wolf" at 10 a.m., July 10 -- "Carmina Burana" and "Les Sylphides" at 8 p.m., July 11 -- "Carmina Burana" and "Les Sylphides" at 3 and 8 p.m. Information, 426-0671.

**BURUNDI AFRICAN DANCE TROUPE**  
Freedom Park, Scotia, 7 p.m., free.

**NEW YORK CITY BALLET**  
at Saratoga Performing Arts Center, July 8 -- "Raymonda Variations," "The Four Temperaments" and "West Side Story Suite" at 8:15 p.m., July 9 -- "Jewels" at 2 p.m. and "The Four Temperaments," "Ash," "Zakouski" and "West Side Story Suite" at 8:15 p.m., July 10 -- "Jewels" at 8:15 p.m., July 11 -- "Raymonda Variations," "Ash," "Zakouski" and "West Side Story Suite" at 2 p.m. and "Bournoville Divertissements," "The Four Temperaments" and "West Side Story Suite" at 8:15 p.m., July 14 -- "Chaconne," "Variations on a Nursery Song" and "Glass Pieces" at 8:15 p.m., \$10-\$45 for evening performances, \$5-\$20 for matinees. Information, 587-3330.

## VISUAL ARTS

**NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM**  
Bears, through Jan. 3: Still Life: The Object in American Art, 1915-1995; Bugs of New York, through Aug. 31; Inside/Out, Outside/In, Community Views From the Collections, through Sept. 30; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

**ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART**  
Lewis/Miller/Slade, through Aug. 30, Three Centuries of Landscape Painting, through Sept. 27, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

**MOHAWK HUDSON REGIONAL**  
annual juried art show, through Aug. 31, at Albany International Airport, Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie.

**SCHUYLER MANSION**  
elegant 18th-century mansion, home and gallery of historical objects related to Gen. Philip Schuyler, 32 Catherine St., Albany. Information, 434-0834.

**CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES**  
singers needed, rehearsals at Columbia High School, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

## CLASSES/LECTURES

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

**AUDITION**  
for Capital Hill Choral Society for the 1997-98 season. All voice parts. Information, 465-3328 or 374-4399.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

**MUSEUM ART CLASSES**  
ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., \$25. Information, 463-4478.

**DANCE CLASSES**  
ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

**ART CLASSES**  
watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

# AROUND the AREA



## ALBANY COUNTY

**EAST TIMORESE RESISTANCE LEADER**  
Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave. 7:30 p.m.

**CONFERENCE ON GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY**  
Century House Inn and Conference Center, Latham, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information, 271-3634.

**FARMERS' MARKET**  
Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, 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.

**FARMERS' MARKET**  
Stratton VA Medical Center Day Treatment Center, Myrtle Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 462-3311, extension 2329.

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

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**  
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 365-4264.



## ALBANY COUNTY

**HIKING WITH KIDS**  
EMS, Crossgates Mall, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 452-9440.

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

**LUNCHTIME SIDEWALK SALE (SUMMER ONLY)**  
lawn sale of gift items from the Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

**FARMERS' MARKET (June 22 to Nov. 16)**  
Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

**FARMERS' MARKET (June 22 to Nov. 16)**  
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.

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

**GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP**  
Neighborhood Community Care Center, 340 First St., Albany, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY

**SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR EXHIBIT**  
Old Stone Fort, Schoharie, 7 p.m. Information, 295-7192.



## ALBANY COUNTY

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

**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.

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



## 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.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**  
Council offices, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

**JUNIOR MUSEUM MINI-GOLF TOURNEY**  
Funplex, East Greenbush, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 235-2120.

## SARATOGA COUNTY

**VICTORIAN DAY FOR KIDS**  
The Grant Cottage, 1 p.m. Information, 587-8277.

## WARREN COUNTY

**GREAT ESCAPE BEACH PARTY**  
Lake George, 11:30 a.m. Information, 383-6183.

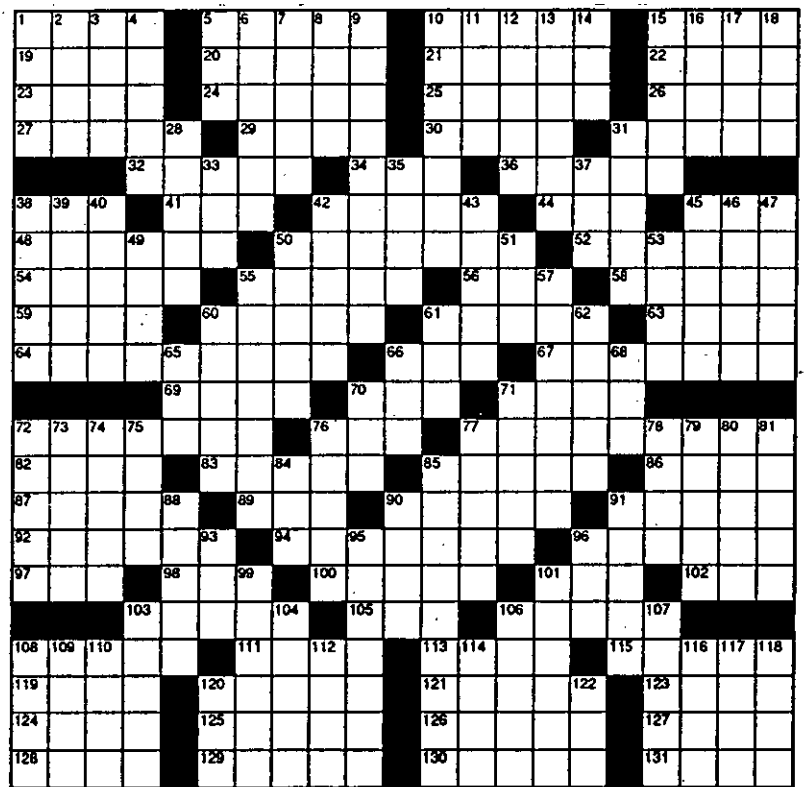


## ALBANY COUNTY

**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.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC is Big Tomato Pizza, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on April 20, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 15 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. (July 8, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization of Realty Management NY, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 3, 1998, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o P.O. Box 334, Delmar, NY 12054-1099. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL. (July 8, 1998)

**NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**

Western & Quail Associates, LLC was converted from a New York partnership into a limited liability company. The name of the partnership was Western Quail Partnership. The Certificate of Conversion of the LLC were filed with NY Secretary of State, May 14, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The LLC is to be managed by one or more members. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Schuyler Companies, 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. (July 8, 1998)

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The name of the LLC is New

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION**

Under Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The name of the LLC is Yorkshire Management, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY secretary of State on June 15, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (July 8, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization of Accounting Information Systems, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 22, 1998, effective upon the date of filing.

Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 10 Colvin Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under LLCL. (July 8, 1998)

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Spare Room, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on November 25, 1997.

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

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: Carl E. Touhey, Building No. 2, Pine West Plaza, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2047.

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (July 8, 1998)

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**NOTICE OF SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION**

Under Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The name of the LLC is Yorkshire Management, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY secretary of State on June 15, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (July 8, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Articles of Organization of Accounting Information Systems, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 22, 1998, effective upon the date of filing.

Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 10 Colvin Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under LLCL. (July 8, 1998)

**LEGAL NOTICE CONVERSION OF DELAWARE PLAZA ASSOCIATES, L.P. TO DELAWARE PLAZA, LLC**

1. The name of the limited partnership was Delaware Plaza Associates, L.P. (the "Limited Partnership"). The name under which the Limited Partnership was originally formed was Delaware Plaza Associates. The Certificate of Adoption of the Limited Partnership was filed on September 16, 1994, and a Certificate of Amendment was filed on September 16, 1994.

2. The name of the limited liability company is Delaware Plaza, LLC.

3. The Limited Partnership was in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law duly converted to the limited liability company upon the filing of the Certificate of Conversion of the Limited Partnership to a limited liability company on June 5, 1998, and the filing of the Certificate of Cancellation of the Limited Partnership on June 10, 1998.

4. The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: The County of Albany.

5. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address

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within and without the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is Delaware Plaza, LLC, c/o Cooper, Erving, Savage, Nolan & Heller, LLP, 39 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207.

6. The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers.

7. The nature of the business and of the purposes to be conducted and promoted by the limited liability company, is to engage solely in the following activities: (a) to own, hold, sell, assign, transfer, operate, lease, mortgage, pledge and otherwise deal with certain parcels of real property, commonly known as Delaware Plaza Shopping Center, together with all improvements located thereon, in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York; and (b) To exercise all powers enumerated in the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York necessary and convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the business for purposes otherwise set forth in the Certificate of Conversion.

8. The latest date upon which the limited liability company is to dissolve is May 2, 2094

Dated: June 24, 1998  
COOPER, ERVING, SAVAGE, NOLAN & HELLER, LLP  
Attorneys for Delaware Plaza, LLC  
39 North Pearl Street  
Albany, New York 12207  
(July 8, 1998)

**LEGAL NOTICE CONVERSION OF PLATTSBURGH PLAZA ASSOCIATES, L.P. TO PLATTSBURGH PLAZA, LLC**

1. The name of the limited partnership was Plattsburgh Plaza Associates, L.P. (the "Limited Partnership"). The name under which the Limited Partnership was originally formed was Plattsburgh Plaza Associates. The Certificate of Adoption of the Limited Partnership was filed on October 7, 1994, and a Certificate of Amendment was filed on October 20, 1994.

2. The name of the limited liability company is Plattsburgh Plaza, LLC.

3. The Limited Partnership was in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law duly converted to the limited liability company upon the filing of the Certificate of Conversion of the Limited Partnership to a limited liability company on June 5, 1998, and the filing of the Certificate of Cancellation of the Limited Partnership on June 10, 1998.

4. The county within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: The County of Albany.

5. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within and without the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is Plattsburgh

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6. The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers.

7. The nature of the business and of the purposes to be conducted and promoted by the limited liability company, is to engage solely in the following activities: (a) to own, hold, sell, assign, transfer, operate, lease, mortgage, pledge and otherwise deal with certain parcels of real property, commonly known as Plattsburgh Plaza Shopping Center, together with all improvements located thereon, in the City of Plattsburgh, County of Clinton, State of New York; and (b) To exercise all powers enumerated in the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York necessary and convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the business for purposes otherwise set forth in the Certificate of Conversion.

8. The latest date upon which the limited liability company is to dissolve is January 1, 2053.

Dated: June 24, 1998  
COOPER, ERVING, SAVAGE, NOLAN & HELLER, LLP  
Attorneys for Delaware Plaza, LLC  
39 North Pearl Street  
Albany, New York 12207  
(July 8, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FLP).**

The name of FLP is LLSN, L.P. The Application for Authority to do business in New York State of the FLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 17, 1998. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of FLP is June 12, 1998. The principal office of the FLP is located at 3 Tower Place, Albany, New York in the County of Albany. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is 3 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose of the FLP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. A list of the names and addresses of all general partners of the FLP are available from the Secretary of State. The name and address of the authorized officer of the FLP in the State of Georgia where a copy of its Certificate of Limited Partnership is filed is the Georgia Secretary of State, Suite 315, West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530. (July 8, 1998)

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is B.A. Enterprises, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on May 19, 1998.

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

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 Secre-

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tary of State shall mail process is c/o British American Development Corp., 4 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful activity pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (July 8, 1998)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

UNDER SEC. 203 OF LLCL. The name of the LLC is Internet Commerce Association, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on May 1, 1998, effective on date of filing. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC's may be organized. The LLC is to be managed by one of more members. The LLC does not have specific date of dissolution. The office of the LLC is located at 1443 Western Ave., in the County of Albany, State of NY. The Sec of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC can be served. The post office address to which the NYSS shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o the LLC 1443 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Steven Rieger, Esq. Organizer/ Managing Member (July 8, 1998)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Bernard and Dawne McHugh, 22 Gladwish Road, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a screened porch addition which would exceed allowable Percent of Lot Occupancy at premises 22 Gladwish Road, Delmar, New York 12054.

Michael C. Hodom  
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(July 8, 1998)

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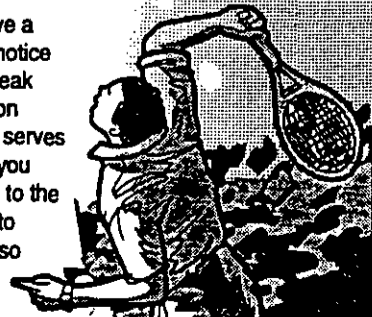
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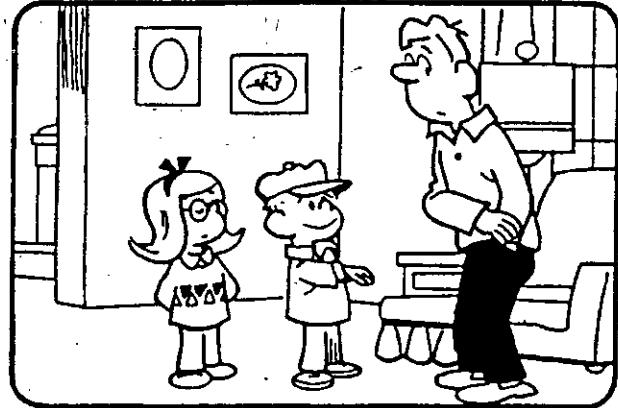
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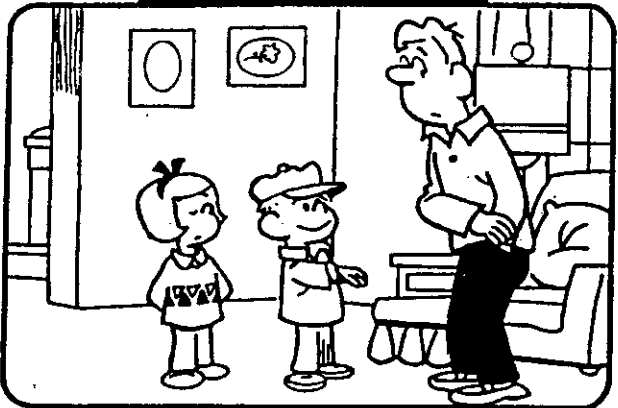
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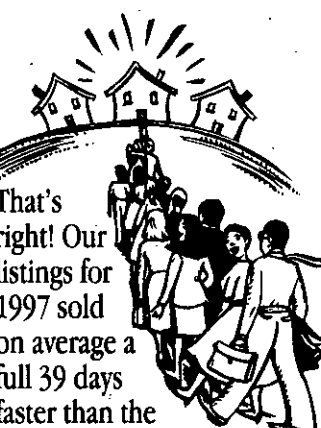


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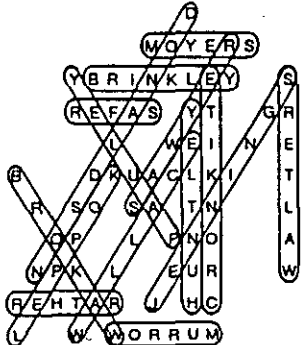
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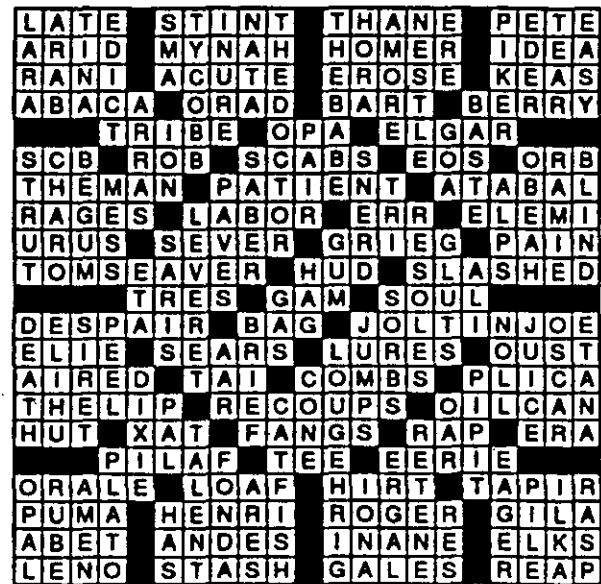
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A native of the New Scotland area who has lived in Bethlehem for the last quarter-century, Vanderbilt studied agriculture at SUNY because he planned to work on his family's farm. "I had all the intentions of making it my life's work," he said, "but I soon became aware of 14-hour days and seven-day weeks."

Vanderbilt's next try at a career involved managing a Stewart's Shop that used to be located in the Elsmere building that Saratoga Shoe Depot now occupies. "There are a lot of similarities between retail work and police work," Vanderbilt said in retrospect. "You're constantly dealing with the public, and you're always trying to satisfy their needs."

"I guess you could say I'm a people person," he added.

Bethlehem's chief of police, Richard LaChappelle, said he's grateful for Vanderbilt's years of service. "He's been a leader in traffic safety efforts and he's been a big part of the Albany County Stop DWI program," LaChappelle said. "He is a role model for our officers."

Vanderbilt said he gravitated to law enforcement because when he met officers, their jobs sounded interesting. "They talked about the service end of police work and it sounded exciting because you're doing different things all the time," he said.

Two years after he applied, Vanderbilt got a job as a police officer and quickly developed an interest in traffic enforcement. "I've been at a numerous fatal accidents where I've seen what drunken driving and speeding can do," he said.

"One of my most vivid memories is the death of Kathleen Quinn on Route 85 in Slingerlands," Vanderbilt said. "I watched her

father, who was a doctor, trying to save her as she laid in a pool of blood. She was only 15 years old."

In the August 1987 accident, a drunken driver coming from Albany failed to merge properly where Route 85 changes from four lanes to two near Krumkill Road. She drove straight into the Quinns' car, which was approaching from Delmar.

"Once I arrived, I went to the other vehicle because I knew Quinn's father was a doctor and I couldn't do anything to help," Vanderbilt said. "The drunken driver's car was upside down and she was held in by the seat belt, screaming obscenities. When she was told later she had killed someone, she had no reaction."

"That renewed my dedication to the enforcement of the drinking and driving laws," Vanderbilt said.

During the years Vanderbilt has been a police officer, he's watched New York enact tougher laws and police departments adopt consistent procedures, all designed to make drunken-driving prevention and prosecution more effective.

"Around 1979 and 1980, there were 13 fatalities in Bethlehem,

nine of which were alcohol-related," Vanderbilt said. "Our average now is less than one a year for the last four or five years. There's been a complete shift."

In addition to stopping drunken drivers as a patrol officer and supervising his counterparts as a division commander, Vanderbilt has worked closely with the traffic safety committee on issues ranging from speed limits to the placement of stop signs.

As an example of the committee's role, Vanderbilt referred to Beaver Dam Road in Selkirk. "The road had a large volume of truck traffic and there was a speed problem," he said. "We recommended to the town board that the speed limit be reduced and that trucks over three tons be restricted. Since then, it's become a much safer road."

The committee responds to residents' concerns and looks for the best solutions to traffic problems, Vanderbilt said.

"We're proud of the fact that we try to look objectively at situations and not let emotions get into it," he said. "Many residents feel that if we put a stop sign on every corner, that'll fix the problem, and

that's not always the case."

The committee's latest project is the installation of a series of educational signs that read "Drive Safely" and "Check Speed." The committee gets permission to set up the signs on private lawns, where they stay for about a week. By moving the signs through town, Vanderbilt hopes to remind residents that speed is as much an issue in residential neighborhoods as it is on highways.

Vanderbilt said he has no regrets about leaving the force because his new job will allow him to spend more time with his children — ages 3, 5 and 6 — and to build a nest egg for his family.

"I have a job working in the locomotive shop at ConRail, but my goal is to advance through the company and see what I can achieve," Vanderbilt said. "I think my management experience (with the police) may give me a leg up."

Vanderbilt said he considers the upcoming transition a beginning, not an ending. "They call it a retirement, but it's really a career change," he said. "Fortunately, I'm able to collect retirement benefits from my first career."

## Holy Names honors local students

At The Academy of the Holy Names' recent graduation ceremony, Kate Semenoff of Delmar received the Home School Association Achievement Award and the Esse Quam Videre Award, which is given to the student who, in the opinion of her teachers, best exemplifies the school motto, "To Be Rather Than To Seem."

Alison Horgan of Delmar received the Barbara Catricala Award for outstanding ability in, as well as enthusiasm for, the realm of music.

Jeanette O'Donoghue of Slingerlands received the French Award, and Ashley Smith of Glenmont received the Art Award and the Sister Elizabeth Phelan Award, which is given to a student who exemplifies the school's values.

## Center offers program for men

A Center-For-Hope and Alternatives on Wolf Road in Colonie will offer an educational course for men who want to stop controlling, insulting, frightening and hurting their female partner.

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