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Go long



Bethlehem Central Eagle quarterback Bobby Hazen gets ready to toss a long one at a recent practice. Elaine McLain

Volunteer seeks variance to keep dogs

Gertrude Adair visits hospice with her animals

By Peter Hanson

Cradling a Pomeranian in one hand and a Beanie Baby in the other, Gertrude Adair celebrated her 73rd birthday by asking the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals for permission to keep four dogs at her home in Glenmont.

About 20 people, including seniors and employees of Community Hospice of Albany, attended the meeting in support of Adair, and several of them made statements urging the ZBA to grant her request.

Adair, who moved to Bethlehem last winter from Greene County, has four Pomeranians that she takes on visits to area senior housing facilities. During these visits, Adair passes the dogs around to seniors who pat and interact with them. The dogs also do some tricks:

Adair's appearance before the board stemmed from a town law that requires any resident with three or more dogs to get a use variance for a kennel. Adair discovered this law while licensing her dogs after moving to Bethlehem.

At her previous home south of Coeymans Hollow, Adair had a kennel permit, but she stressed to the ZBA that her house isn't really a kennel because she doesn't sell dogs or board other



Gertrude Adair and her Pomeranian, Oaki, demonstrate one of the tricks with which they entertain seniors. Elaine McLain

people's animals.

"It's not a kennel, it's merely that I have four dogs," Adair said. "I love them and they love me. And when you're alone, it's nice to have companionship."

Adair said she is a widow and has no children.

Adair said she asked for the use variance because, "I'd like to keep my four dogs and continue doing the volunteer work I do."

Adair said she isn't compensated for her visits to facilities including Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar and Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Gunderland.

"I started doing this therapy work about 10 years ago," Adair said. "It makes for a few smiles and stuff when I go into senior homes."

To demonstrate what she does, Adair asked her seven-pound dog, Oaki, if he wanted the Beanie Baby. Oaki responded by grabbing the toy with his front paws and hugging it to his chest, a trick which

□ **DOGS/page 5**

Delmar athlete proves his mettle at games

By Bill Fonda

Jim Cole of Delmar, who recently won a silver and two bronze medals in the Empire State Games Masters Division, is a relative newcomer to the events he competed in this year.

Cole, 51, was a football player and swimmer in high school and he played a lot of tennis after leaving college, but said he got tired of that, so he kept himself in shape primarily through weightlifting and riding a stationary bike.

However, that wasn't enough for Cole, an assistant attorney general with the state, so he decided to take up track and field last year because the Empire State Games were coming to Albany.

"I was looking for something else to do that was competitive, and I was in good shape," he said.

He started with the discus, but could not locate information about technique until he found articles on discus, shot put and javelin at the University at Albany library.

He also received some coaching from two-time Empire State Games Masters champion Geoff Brown, who warned him that throwing a discus was not easy.

"I soon found out that was true. I man-

□ **METTLE/page 5**



Jim Cole

Bird lover's boxes give bluebirds safe haven

By Peter Hanson

People caught in rush-hour traffic on Route 85 near Blessing Road in Slingerlands probably don't notice the small wood box attached to a fence surrounding the former Blue Cross-Blue Shield building. But for one female bluebird, the box provided a safe haven in which to incubate three eggs until they produced hatchlings.

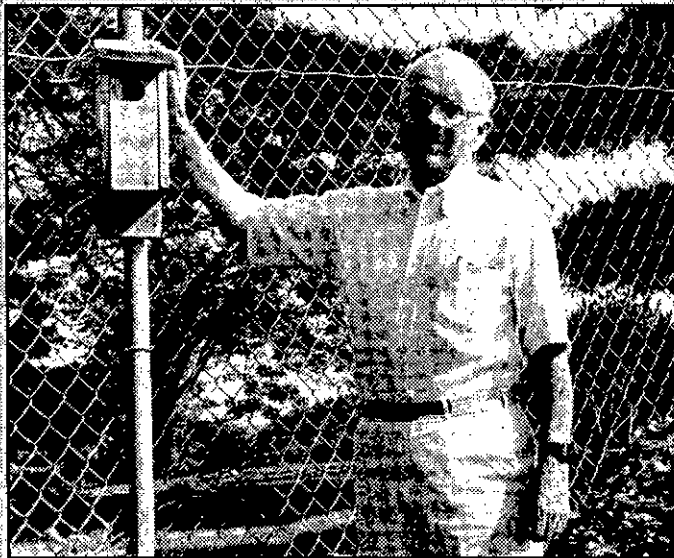
The box near the Blue Cross building is one of about 20 that bird enthusiast Ellsworth Amidon of Slingerlands currently maintains throughout the Capital District.

Amidon, who has enjoyed watching and caring for birds since his boyhood in Vermont, has been building birdboxes in the Albany area since about 1986.

Amidon's favorite birds are insect-feeding migratory breeds like bluebirds, which he said benefit from assistance because of their competition for nesting places with "nuisance" birds like sparrows and starlings.

"Their habitat has been destroyed in the last 100 years," Amidon said. "Their natural habitat is holes in dead trees, and those have been removed for development."

□ **BLUEBIRDS/page 28**



Slingerlands resident Ellsworth Amidon installed this box, on Route 85, in which a bluebird hatched three babies. Elaine McLain

Bethlehem police nab two on DWI charges

Bethlehem police recently arrested two people on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Kathleen Marie Urrea, 27, was arrested for DWI Thursday, Aug. 20, at 12:09 a.m.

According to his report, Officer Jeffrey Vunck observed Urrea driving 71 mph in a 55 mph zone of Route 85 in Slingerlands. Vunck stopped Urrea and administered several field sobriety tests, which Urrea failed. A Department of Motor Vehicles records check revealed Urrea was driving with a suspended license.

Urrea is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 4 p.m.

David Evan Bebb, 49, of 69 Methodist Hill Road in Rensselaerville, was arrested for DWI Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 8:48 p.m.

According to his report, Officer Christopher Pauley observed Bebb driving west on Delaware Avenue in Elmsmere without his seat belt on. Pauley stopped Bebb in the parking lot of the former Skippy's Music storefront and administered several field sobriety tests, which Bebb failed.

Bebb is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 4 p.m.

Lab School plans giant garage sale

Bethlehem Central Lab School will be sponsoring a huge garage sale Saturday, Oct. 17., so start saving your useful household items, toys, clothes and furniture to donate to this fund-raiser. For information, call 439-9363.

Golf fund-raiser set at Normanside

A Celebrity Golf Classic and dinner will be held Monday, Aug. 31, at Normanside Country Club in Delmar. The event will benefit sports celebrities/Aim High.

Sports celebrities scheduled to appear are: Adam Oates, Olaf Kolzig, Byron Dafeo, Peter Mahovich, Marcel Dionne and Gary Cheevers.

In addition, Congressman Mike McNulty, Sen. Neil Breslin and Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings will be featured.

For information, call 476-4726.

Schools to hold open house Sept. 1

The A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans elementary schools will host an open house for all students and parents who would like to see the location of their student's rooms. The open house at both schools will be Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 to 11 a.m.

PSAT practices slated at library

Kaplan Educational Centers will conduct a free PSAT practice test on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. The session begins at 5:30 p.m.

To register, call 439-9314.

BC announces tax rates

By Peter Hanson

Bethlehem Central School District officials recently announced school tax rates for the 1998-99 academic year. Residents in Bethlehem and New Scotland will both see increases in their annual tax levies.

In Bethlehem, the 2.24 percent increase translates to a hike of 41 cents per \$1,000 of assessed home value, and in New Scotland, the 6.86 percent increase means residents will pay \$1.31 more per \$1,000 of assessed value.

"(The tax rate) is what we projected early in the process," said Steven O'Shea, BC's assistant superintendent for business. "It's right on target."

O'Shea said the increases in the two towns covered by BC are the result of changes in the equalization rate set by New York state. This rate is supposed to ensure that homeowners throughout the district pay even shares for school taxes, so tax rates in New Scotland, where average property values are lower than in Bethlehem, are higher.

Were it not for the equalization rate, O'Shea said, Bethlehem homeowners would be burdened with paying the lion's share of BC school taxes.



With the new tax rates taken into effect, the actual 1998-99 tax rates for BC are \$18.53 per \$1,000 of assessed value in Bethlehem and \$20.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value in New Scotland.

The district announced these rates in anticipation of September tax bills being mailed to residents. O'Shea said residents who pay their taxes in September do so penalty-free, but interest in the amount of two percent is added to payments received in October.

School taxes that remain unpaid by the end of the year are billed again in January along with town property taxes, O'Shea said.

O'Shea said the district tries to keep annual tax increases to a minimum by spending carefully and maintaining the district's largest investments, its buildings.

"We try to limit new programs and we try to look at continued investments in the physical properties to avoid spikes (in tax rates)," O'Shea said.

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Loose horses a problem on Waldenmaier Road

By Peter Hanson

An Aug. 11 accident in which a horse was killed after colliding with a Bethlehem police patrol car validated the concerns of Feura Bush residents who feel a horse farm on Waldenmaier Road has been "an accident waiting to happen" for about a year.

Approximately 20 to 30 horses are stabled at Walden Farm, which is operated by Karen Burrows of Meads Lane in Delmar. Burrows owned the horse that was killed Aug. 11, but most of the horses at Walden Farms are owned by other people.

Burrows trains riders at Walden Farm, which has a large, fenced-in riding area in which horses can trot and gallop out of the way of traffic, but residents of Waldenmaier Road said Burrows doesn't keep her horses safely confined within the facility's barn and paddock.

Burrows did not return calls requesting comments for this story.

"There are a lot of people who have nearly hit horses (near Walden Farm)," said Bob Laraway, whose house is next door to Walden Farm. "And it's not just loose horses. They use the road as their own private track. They go right down the middle of the street, and I question the legality of that."

Laraway and Christine Carrington, who lives across the street from Walden Farm, were upset by the Aug. 11 incident and by an article about the accident that appeared in last week's issue of *The Spotlight*.

The article, which inaccurately described Carrington's house as part of Walden Farm, included comments from Bethlehem police Lt. Fred Holligan, who said, "(Burrows) doesn't have a history of loose animals as far as I know."

Laraway and Carrington both called Holligan, who later said police calls to Walden Farm would be handled by state troopers or deputies from the Albany County Sheriff's Department, which is why Bethlehem Police would not have records of such calls.

When Laraway spoke with Holligan, he asked the lieutenant about whether it's legal for Burrows and her students to ride horses on the pavement of

Waldenmaier Road.

"Lt. Holligan said it's legal as long as they're on the side of the road riding single-file," Laraway said. "But these people are out there in pairs or in posse formation."

Laraway said he has neither confronted Burrows about her horses nor contacted local officials to fix the problem. "I have to live here, so

I'm not going to get into (an argument) with her," he said. "I'd just as soon give (the matter) to the cops and let them deal with it."

Laraway said things have gone from bad to worse in the months Burrows has been boarding horses at Walden Farm.

"Everyone was trying to be a good neighbor about (the problem), but I guess she's getting pretty arrogant about it," he said.

"We almost hit these horses all the time," Laraway added. "They're all over when (Burrows) runs her little academy."

Carrington said she's given up trying to talk to Burrows about loose animals because Burrows doesn't seem to care. Carrington said that when she confronted Burrows about one particular loose horse, Burrows said it wasn't her problem because she didn't own the horse.

Carrington said she's lived on Waldenmaier Road about nine years. She bought her home and six acres of land from Ted Sprinkle, a veterinarian who used to own Walden Farm and subdivided it for sale.

According to Carrington, Burrows took over the horse portion of Walden Farm in August or September of last year, and, "Right after they put horses in there, they started getting loose," she said. "It got to be almost a daily occurrence."

"I would go to bed at night and hear horses (running) on the street," Carrington said. "I would run out and look, because I've got horses and I would think one of ours got loose."

Carrington said that in the nine years she's had horses on her property, "I could count on one hand the number of times one of mine has gotten loose."

Carrington is frustrated because Burrows doesn't appear concerned that her horses are endangered every time they cross the street. "(Burrows and her staff) are really not horse people," Carrington said. "When horses are loose like that, it's an accident waiting to happen."

I would go to bed at night and hear horses (running) on the street.

Christine Carrington

Common thread



Kasey Agneta, 10, works on a project with Shirley Gramhan of the Embroiders Guild of America during a recent workshop that was held at Bethlehem Public Library.

Elaine McLain

Local businesses pass muster during underage alcohol sales sweep

By Peter Hanson

Although a recent sting operation by the Albany County Sheriff's Department resulted in the arrests of nine people who allegedly sold alcohol to underage customers without checking their ID, the sting also proved several retailers in Bethlehem are following the letter of the law.

Of the eight stores "swept" by police during the Aug. 13 sting operation that are located in the Bethlehem-New Scotland area, only one failed the test. An employee of Pixies Place Tavern, located on Route 32 in Feura Bush, was arrested and charged with one count of selling alcohol to a minor, a misdemeanor.

But at the seven other local stores, the two underage males who helped police by attempting to purchase alcohol were denied their purchases because they did not have ID proving they were over 21.

The seven stores at which employees obeyed the law were: the Stewart's Shops in Feura Bush and Voorheesville; the Mobil gas station in Voorheesville; Mead's Tavern in New Scotland; Clarksville Mini-Market; Smitty's Pizza Tavern in Voorheesville; and Houghtaling's Market in Feura Bush.

Anna Houghtaling, one of the owners of Houghtaling's Market, said she's happy her clerks passed

the ID-checking test with flying colors.

"We have some local girls that are cashiers, and most of them know the local kids," Houghtaling said. "But come summer, we get some of the kids from other areas who try to buy alcohol, so we try to be careful."

Houghtaling said human error probably makes it impossible to maintain a perfect record with regard to alcohol sales, but she's happy the efforts her clerks make is paying off.

"We have instructed our girls to card people," Houghtaling said. "But everybody makes a mistake, so I'm not bragging. We're just one of the lucky ones."

"(The ID laws) are very hard on proprietors," Houghtaling added. "When one clerk slips up, it looks bad for the proprietor when it's not really their fault. It's just a bad thing to get caught at."

Tom Haggerty, owner of the Mobil station in Voorheesville, said he takes every preventative measure possible because of the severe repercussions for breaking the law regarding alcohol sales.

"We tell every new employee that if they sell (to a minor), they're the one who's going to get arrested, they're the one who's going to pay the fine and they're the one who's going to lose their job," Haggerty

said.

"We're at the mercy of our employees," he added. "Our reputation is based on what they do, so we take (alcohol sales) very seriously."

Haggerty said he didn't want his store singled out for obeying the law. "There are a lot of people out there that try to curb the problem," he said. "It's not just us."

Although Haggerty doesn't want acclaim for doing the right thing, he's proud of his store's record. "We've been hit (by police stings) a number of times," he said, "and we always seem to come through."

Jon McLellan, co-owner of Smitty's Tavern, said police sweeps are something he dreads.

"I have never been a fan of sting operations," he said. "I believe it to be some form of entrapment."

McLellan said he's been lobbying for several years to have police include the names of stores that "survived" stings, as well as those at which arrests were made, in press releases about sweeps.

"If you're stung, there's an arrest made and you get bad publicity," he said. "Why don't we recognize when people do the right thing?"

The Aug. 13 sting involved stores throughout rural parts of Albany County. Arrests were made in Coeymans, Guelderland, Feura Bush and Ravana.

Residents prepare legal action over board's CMI decision

By Peter Hanson

Delmar residents who disagree with the Bethlehem town board's decision to rezone a Delaware Avenue parcel for CMI Senior Housing & Healthcare proposal for an assistive living facility are preparing to take legal action against the town.

Anne Moore of Borthwick Avenue, whose property abuts the currently vacant woodland where CMI wants to build its \$10 million, 94-unit facility, said she expects paperwork on the legal action to

be filed by the end of this week.

"We're in the process of doing what we said we would do," she said.

When the town board held a public hearing about CMI's proposal July 8, more than 100 people turned out to speak for and against the plan. Opponents presented a petition with 99 signatures, but a pro-CMI petition had 753 signatures.

Opponents to the plan say the proposed 69,000 square foot building is too big for a residential area

and worry about traffic issues related to emergency traffic and visitors.

Primarily, opponents question the legality of granting CMI a zone change simply to facilitate the construction of a building that will benefit a private concern. Several residents — as well as two members of the town's planning board — claim this is illegal spot zoning.

For that reason, Moore and her husband, David, along with other residents, retained legal counsel to draft what will probably be an Ar-

ticle 78 lawsuit. Such a lawsuit would force the town to prove the legality of its zone change in court, and if the court decision went against the zone, CMI could lose its zone change.

Moore said she didn't want to discuss the specifics of the legal action until after paperwork is filed, but said the "legalities of the zoning change" are the main focus of the action.

More details about this story will appear in the next issue of *The Spotlight*.

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BC student will carry lifelong memory of Costa Rica

Robyn Scherer's Point of View column did not run in its entirety last week. We apologize for the error. What follows is a complete version of her article.

By Robyn Scherer

The writer will be entering her junior year at Bethlehem Central High School in September.

To the average American, the name Costa Rica probably conjures up an image of coffee, bananas and tropical rain forests. This tiny country, comparable in size to West Virginia, has become the hot tourist spot for American and European nature lovers in the past few years due to its abundance of rain forests, beaches and wildlife viewing opportunities. I'll admit that while I had other reasons for choosing Costa Rica, the beautiful pictures of rain forests and waterfalls are what initially drew me in.

As I stepped off the plane at Juan Santamaria National Airport in Alajuela, Costa Rica, I had no idea what lay in store for me over the next six months, but I knew I

was willing to take some risks. I was extremely anxious to meet my host family and view the town I would be living in throughout my experience.

Since I had filled out my application for the American Field Service six-month exchange program to Costa Rica more than 12 months ago, millions of pictures had floated through my head of what life in Costa Rica might be like. While a tiny part of me was hoping I would be placed in a family who live on a thousand-acre estate with an Olympic-size swimming pool, I also knew that was not what the "AFS experience" was all about.

As I think back to that day months ago when I first set foot on Costa Rican soil, I realize that while many of my hopes and expectations have not become realities, I can honestly say that it has been an amazing adventure which I would gladly relive in an instant.

Although there is no way to fully understand the way of life in Costa Rica without coming down here and experiencing it for yourself, I'll

try to explain a little about my living situation.

I live in a "city" called Turrialba which is set in the central valley of Costa Rica, surrounded by a picturesque ring of mountains. Within Turrialba there are about 10 "barrios" or neighborhoods, which are spread out to surround the town center. In the center you can find small clothing stores, butchers, bakeries, pharmacies, music stores, a few restaurants, ice cream shops, four banks, a theater, the post office and a discotheque.

The centerpiece of Turrialba, as well as every other town in Costa Rica, is a large Catholic church. Across the street is a small park where teens gather on Sunday night after services to socialize with their friends.

Although Turrialba itself is not much of a vacation spot, it has become famous over the past few years as a haven for whitewater rafters who come to battle the mighty Reventazon river, arguably one of the best whitewater rivers in the world. Turrialba is also home to many sugarcane and coffee plantations and its very own volcano.

There are obviously not many opportunities for teen-agers to go out, which I was slightly concerned

about when I first arrived. However, I quickly realized just how friendly "ticos," as Costa Ricans call themselves, are and that they are more than happy to invite you over to their houses or to simply sit on the front porch and engage in friendly conversation. Ticos also love to have parties, big or small, for any type of occasion imaginable, where they spend hours dancing to salsa, meringue and reggae music. They are fanatical about sports events, especially soccer, and the World Cup games were shown on every TV set available, including at the high school library and the bank.

One of the wonderful things about Costa Rica is the relaxed, stress-free lifestyle. You can even notice this in the pace at which ticos walk, which is two or three times slower than the American fast-paced strut. An expression that clearly defines this laid-back lifestyle is "tico time," which refers to the fact that a party which is set to begin at 7 p.m. usually doesn't start until about 8:30!

Tico families are extremely close, and parents are respected and revered by their children. Extended families often live within walking distance and visits from

aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents are generally a daily occurrence.

My Costa Rican family is made of my mother, father and three brothers. Although my father works five-to-six days a week, my mother spends all day doing house chores and cooking, and my oldest brother studies at the university, we manage to spend many hours together during the week.

Whether visiting national parks, spending the day picking coffee, or just sitting in the living room watching television, family time is very important. In my family, as well as in many others that I have visited, guests are treated with such warm hospitality that it is easy to feel like a member of the family.

Costa Ricans love to share what they have, and it fills them with pride and joy to offer a home-cooked meal to anyone who stops by. It is unlikely for a foreign guest to leave a Costa Rican home without a full stomach and a newfound appreciation for the warm and giving nature typical of ticos.

The friendliness of the residents as well as the relaxed living style have helped me to feel right at home in Turrialba. I feel so comfortable and welcome in my family, school, and community that it is almost as if I have a second life here. Turrialba has become a second home to me, and it makes me angry to see an American tourist getting agitated at a souvenir shop. They don't quite understand that the lifestyle here is very different than their own. Now I realize that it is not possible to completely understand another culture without living with the natives and becoming engrossed in community activities.

Reflecting on my experience, I know that it is one I never could have imagined as the plane touched down at Juan Santamaria Airport six months ago. It has been an enriching and rewarding experience so far and, while I have been fortunate enough to visit many different areas of the country, the most fulfilling part of the journey has been the people I've met, friendships I've made, and lessons I've learned which I will take with me throughout the rest of my life.

Lions gearing up for journey fund-raiser

Bethlehem Lions Club will sponsor the Lions Journey for Sight fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Central High School parking lot.

The fund-raiser is a four-mile walk, and everyone is invited to participate. This year, the Lions are hoping to raise \$10,000. The money raised will be used for eye and hearing exams, diabetes testing, eye glasses, equipment and research.

The money will also be used for scholarships and for community events and programs, including the Vial for Life program, the annual Bike Rodeo and local SADD programs.

Rob O'Malley and Mike Durant are co-chairmen of the event.

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Dogs

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delighted Adair's supporters and drew amused laughter from ZBA members.

ZBA chairman Michael Hodom asked Adair several questions to determine how badly she needs the use variance. Adair said she's in the process of selling her Greene County house and has gotten rid of most of the furniture from that home, so moving back there isn't practical.

Adair said she never leaves the dogs outside unattended, adding that the only time neighbors might hear the dogs is if she leaves the house for several hours with a window open so the dogs get fresh air.

"I put them out in the morning (in pens) so they can stretch their legs a little bit," she added.

Board member Robert Wiggand asked if Adair planned to get more dogs or if a family member might continue Adair's work when she stops doing it; Adair said no to both questions.

Hodom said the reason the board has to tread carefully with use variances is because they become tied in with parcels of land, so if the variance was granted, whoever purchases Adair's home would be allowed to board four dogs.

"If we were going to consider something like this, we would have to put some serious restrictions in there," Hodom said. "You wouldn't be allowed to have more dogs than you have now."

Adair said if she doesn't get the variance, she'll move someplace

where she can keep her dogs, which she said would cause her a considerable financial hardship.

Adair said she was unaware of the law governing three or more dogs per household when she moved to Bethlehem, and said she's willing to have restrictions put into her variance that would confine her to owning four Pomeranians that are registered with Therapy Dogs International, which is based in New Jersey.

When Hodom opened the floor to comments from the public, several of Adair's friends commended her generosity and compassion, as well as the way she takes care of her animals.

Martha Brown of Glenmont said Adair's dogs lifted the spirits of her brother-in-law, who was a patient at St. Peter's Hospice.

"Trudy would come in with the dog and get (my brother-in-law) to communicate a little with her," Brown said.

Similarly, Mary Noble of Glenmont said visits by Adair's dogs helped the mood of her daughter, who went into a hospice at age 33 with cancer.

Frances Boehlke of Alcove, near Coeymans Hollow, offered to have one of Adair's dogs registered in her name if it would help circumvent the need for a use variance. Boehlke said Adair does useful work and her dogs aren't a nuisance.

"She takes better care of her dogs than some people take care of their children," Boehlke said, "and her dogs are better behaved than some children."

Boehlke claimed to know of a family in Bethlehem that has 13 dogs without a kennel permit, which echoed a comment by Gordon Carville of East Greenbush, who said Adair could have bent the rules by not telling the town she has four dogs, but did so out of honesty.

Eileen Clinton, a bereavement consultant with Community Hospice, said Adair's dogs cause a positive "psychological reaction" in seniors, and two of Clinton's colleagues attested to the special place Adair and her animals occupy in the hearts of hospice patients.

Adair, who was visibly embarrassed by all the compliments being paid to her, said it bothered her that if the use variance is granted, it will become part of the property.

"I really don't think it's fair that I have to go through all this and then someone can buy my property and just do whatever they want," she said.

Hodom said he and the other board members will consult with ZBA counsel Peter Bishko to learn what leeway there is regarding kennel regulations. Hodom said the ZBA has about two months in which to render a decision, and added that nothing forbids Adair from conducting business as usual while she awaits the decision.

Once the hearing closed and Adair and her supporters filed out, board member Richard Lewis commented, "It's not often a meeting turns into a testimonial, but such was the case tonight."

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aged to qualify, but I also learned it was a very difficult event so I decided to try javelin as well," Cole said.

Cole had to order his javelin through the mail, and remembered going into his backyard the day it arrived to try it out, with no success.

"I figured, if you have a good throwing arm, you just throw it," he said.

Cole persevered and started attending weekly track meets in Colonie, where he was able to observe, practice his technique and get some free coaching from his fellow competitors.

"One thing that I really like about these sports is the camaraderie. It's been great because I've made a lot of contacts with a bunch of really nice people," he said.

The practice allowed Cole to qualify for the Empire State Games in the javelin and shot put last year, but he was not pleased with his performances.

"Once you start competing and you're competitive, just qualifying is not enough," he said.

Undaunted, Cole continued practicing the javelin and took up the long jump. He captured bronze medals in both events at this year's Empire State Senior Games in Syracuse, and also won a silver medal in the 100-meter dash, even though he had never participated in that event before.

Cole's performances qualified him for the National Senior Olympics in Orlando, Fla. in 1999 in all three events.

His return to the Empire State

Games, held in Rochester this year, was successful even though he could only stay for one day because he had to take his daughter to the University of Wisconsin.

So how did Cole go from being a complete novice in his events to a medal-winning athlete in less than one year? He credited good-old-fashioned hard work.

"Believe it or not, I love to go out and practice these things," he said.

Aside from developing his sprinting, Cole plans on concentrating on the javelin and long jump in the future, as he said he feels he has the most potential in those two events.

Delmar doctor to work at Memorial

Delmar resident Carol Henderson Roeder recently joined the emergency department physician staff at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Roeder received her medical degree from Albany Medical College.

She completed postgraduate training in emergency medicine at the Medical Center of Delaware in Wilmington.

Delmar student wins silver medal

Dania Zalen of Delmar, an eighth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, was a member of the Adirondack Open Women's Synchronized Swim team that won a silver medal in the Empire State Games in Rochester on July 26.

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Give us a real break

For one brief shining week, Capital District residents will enjoy a sales tax-free break on the purchase of clothing and this year, for the first time, shoes.

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Beginning Sept. 1, shoppers will be able to save 8 percent on purchases which should help many families shoulder the cost of back-to-school attire. Clothing merchants, too, are happy about the week and would like to see sales tax vanish forever. Many merchants bemoan the fact that many local people can easily do their clothes shopping in Massachusetts, where there is no sales tax.

Dropping the state and county sales tax on clothing will be a smart move for everyone concerned. Shoppers, obviously, would prefer to browse in their own backyards and merchants would be more than happy to accommodate them. And removing such a visible tax on a necessity could only help debunk New York's image as a tax guzzler.

We'd like to see legislators do even more to ease the sales tax bite. Reducing sales tax on clothing under \$110, as will happen Dec. 1, 1999, is a good beginning, but more needs to be done.

With '90s prices, a \$110 ceiling is too low for many who must wear professional clothing to work, clearly as much of a necessity as children's jeans.

Let's see if lawmakers can move on this as fast as they did when they voted to increase sales tax from 7 to 8 percent in Albany County several years ago. That increase was supposed to be for one year only, and has exceeded that deadline considerably.

Legislators, both at the state and the county level, should give their constituents a reason to spend their money, bolstering the economy and creating jobs, right here in New York.

Kudos to service groups

Albany County legislator Dom DeCecco, a dedicated Kiwanian, writes about a resurgence of interest in community service groups, and that is good news indeed. Dedicated women and men in Kiwanis and other groups like the Lions and Rotary clubs make good things happen. We urge everyone to support their fund-raisers, where just about 100 percent of the money is used to directly help a local cause or project.

We are fortunate to live in a region where people don't mind pitching in for a good cause, and we're happy to see more of them willing to get involved in groups like Kiwanis.

Here at The Spotlight we have observed over the years, that service club members do more than just raise money — they actually have fun working on numerous projects. You might want to check one of the groups out for yourself.

Town should go to dogs

Seventy-three-year-old Gladys Adair is someone we should welcome to the community with open arms. She and her four Pomeranians, who recently moved to Glenmont from Greene County, are volunteers extraordinaire.

The therapy dogs minister to hospice patients and to seniors in nursing homes. They bring hope and joy to some people who have very little of either in their daily lives.

And for Adair, a widow, the dogs are her companions as well as her fellow volunteers.

The only problem is Adair is breaking the law in the town of Bethlehem where residents are allowed to have only three dogs at the max. Adair and her neighbors pleaded the case before the zoning board last week.

We hope board attorney Peter Bishko can find a way to put the welcome mat back on Adair's porch. If anyone deserves a variance to keep one very small extra dog at her home, it's Adair.

A renaissance of community service

By Dom DeCecco

The writer is a retired Bethlehem Central High School teacher and social studies supervisor and an Albany County legislator.

In the 1950s and 60s community service organizations thrived because of the number of adults who felt that it was their moral obligation to return something to their communities before they departed this earth.

The Puritan Ethic was alive and well, and the beneficiaries were service organizations in town which were either exclusively male or female. During the 70s and 80s, with the increase in two-income families and an increase in moonlighting jobs, service organizations found it difficult to attract and retain new and younger members. Most clubs in Bethlehem reached their lowest point in membership during this time.

As the 90s come to a close, we are seeing increased interest in service organization membership. I'm not sure what societal changes have taken place, but there seems to be a return to community activism which can benefit our local service clubs. As a member of Delmar Kiwanis Club, I've seen an increase of 10 new members in the past year. There are a number of reasons for this increase.

First, we accommodated ourselves to the new realities of the 90s by holding meetings twice a month instead of every week. We used to meet every Monday for dinner and a program. We found that with the busy schedules our working members had that we could attract and retain them if we followed the trend of other service clubs which meet twice a month. We were concerned that the fellowship aspects of our club might suffer, but this has not happened because we have increased the number of service projects which enables fellowship to grow. We currently meet the first and third

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Mondays of each month at 6:15 p.m. at Days Inn in Glenmont.

Second, we opened our membership to women, a move which has invigorated the club with new ideas and new perspectives on issues. We currently have four female members, one of whom is our president. We would welcome more.

Third, we planned interesting speakers for our meetings and promised that meeting and dinner would be over by 8 p.m. in time for Monday night football. This has also forced us to be a bit more organized with our schedule, which is a good thing.

Fourth, we demonstrated our commitment to kids by revitalizing the Key Club at BCHS, by supporting IDD which raises money for children with iodine deficiency in underdeveloped lands, by providing free immunization programs for pre-school children in our area and by supporting Kiwanis Young Children Priority One programs. We also donate clothing to CHOICES in Ravena, help the Salvation Army raise money at Christmas and participate in the Toys for Tots Program. We finance the purchase of Christmas food baskets, donate special items to Bethlehem senior citizens and youth programs, contribute to the Bicycle Rodeo sponsored by the Bethlehem Police, and sponsor one deserving youth to Kamp Kiwanis. We also collect soup labels for local schools for equipment purchases.

Fifth, we developed the "Bell of Life" fund-raiser to benefit the Pediatric Trauma Unit of the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, raising \$40,000 over the past two years. This program involved individuals and businesses in Bethlehem and the Capital District. People gave willingly of their time and money because we assured them that every penny raised went directly to our local hospital to benefit local children. Kiwanians throughout the

region donated countless hours of their time because children are our first priority. The Bell of Life is a unique program which was developed by me with the help of the Delmar Club. We have seen it expand from Crossgates Mall to Clifton Country Mall and this year into Rotterdam Mall. The district Kiwanis clubs have made a commitment to raise \$500,000 dollars for pediatric trauma over the next five years, and we are well on our way toward reaching that goal.

Sixth, we sponsor local fund-raisers which help us raise money to benefit our local projects. We have a pancake breakfast each spring, a flea market which will be held at the Days Inn on Route 9W on Saturday, Sept. 12. This year, the response from the community for items donated to our Flea Market was so great, that we are having a Barn Sale on Saturday Aug. 22, at Geurtze's Farm to sell off some of the items before the flea market.

Again, all of the money raised is used to help kids in one way or another. For example, we sponsor members of Key Club to attend local, state and national conferences. We also participate in the Adopt-a-Highway Program by picking up trash along Route 9W, and we give away litter bags to try to keep litter in its place.

Seventh, we engage in numerous social activities which help us maintain fellowship with Kiwanians in the area. Business people like the idea that they can network with Kiwanians in the region, state and internationally on a social as well as business level.

The Delmar Club has participated in inter-club visits with all 10 of the Kiwanis clubs in the Capital Division. The Capital Division is a part of the larger New York District which is a part of Kiwanis International. We have a night at the River Rats, meetings which include spouses, a picnic and a banquet. This year we are participating in a Black and White Ball at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs to try to raise another \$40,000 for the Pediatric Trauma

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Library pres explains policy

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Public Library is a flagship library in the Capital District. It is heavily used by many people who appreciate its bountiful materials and services. This important resource is well funded by residents of Bethlehem Central School District.

Town and County taxes do not support this library. State funds represent only a minor portion of the library's budget — approximately one percent.

Bethlehem Public Library is chartered as a school district library. By some quirk of history, the school district boundaries are different from the town boundaries. As a result, some people reside with the town of Bethlehem but are outside of Bethlehem Central school district.

Best selling books are in extremely high demand at the library.

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To meet this demand, the library buys or leases best selling books and places them on a special "new books" reserve list, where they remain for at least six months or longer, if the demand exceeds that time frame.

The library board recently decided to make these bestsellers available by reserve first to the taxpaying residents of the school district. Once a book leaves this special status, it becomes available to resident and non-resident borrowers alike.

Bethlehem town park facilities are not available to non-residents, and the schools serve only the residents of the district. There are many other instances where various services are only avail-

able to residents.

In contrast, the library and almost all its materials and services are available to just about anybody, but in this case we limit reserves of bestsellers to residents of the school district first. This policy is not designed to be discriminatory, but rather as one small way to say thank you to the people who so generously support this library.

Susan Birkhead

Bethlehem Public Library
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The amazing thing is how our relatively small club has done so much for our community without undue burden on our members. Our members are only asked to do what they can for each of these events, and their response has been magnanimous. We try to structure our activities so that the burden is spread throughout the membership, and it has worked well so far.

As a member of Kiwanis International, Youth Courts of the Capital District, Bethlehem Youth Court and the Albany County Land Conservancy, I can attest to the fact that people in our community are ready and willing to give freely of their time if they can see results as a part of their effort.

I would like to invite anyone interested in joining a service organization to look us over. Kiwanis International has more than 9,000 clubs in 80 nations. The Kiwanis Club of Delmar has been in existence since 1940 as a contributing member of the community. If you would like information about Kiwanis, please call me at 439-2437.

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Reader thinks time is right for community center

Editor, The Spotlight:

I've been thinking — thinking of us as parents, thinking of my town, thinking of my future and thinking the time is right for a community center.

With the Southgate developers' decision not to pursue a mall across from Glenmont Elementary School, let us pursue a community center at the site for all of us.

I cannot help but think that those people who opposed Southgate Commons would applaud an environmentally friendly community center. Additionally, siting a community center there

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would enhance property values, ensure future use and eliminate concerns about unknown future development.

Modeled after existing facilities, this could be an academic, athletic and intellectual gold mine for our community. Environmentally engineered for efficient operation, the facility would, hopefully, pay for itself and could provide the following — an ice hockey rink, which in the summer could be open for out-

door concerts, swimming and diving areas, basketball and other floor sport areas, a library, conference rooms, a viewing theater, a computer center, snack bar and restaurant, exercise rooms and skate boarding, roller skating and outdoor track facilities.

The Southgate folks have owned the land for about 20 years. Maybe the town could make a deal. Maybe the library could move from its current location to the new complex (sports and education aren't mutually exclusive) where there would be lots of room for expansion with no parking problems. And maybe the current library could be used as a senior center, utilized by the town for additional offices or both — who knows?

Now is a great time to act. Whoever had the foresight for Elm Avenue Park deserves lots of credit. Line Drive is a home run. We need all kinds of facilities and facility expansions. We need swimming facilities, we need library space, we need ice skating facilities, we need conference and meeting rooms — we need a high tech, well thought out community center.

Let's do it. Let's join together with BIG and develop a community/private facility that we all can be proud of.

Cyrus C. Cady
Delmar

Family says thank you to community

Editor, The Spotlight:

Ed, Judy and Wendy Languish would like to thank the entire Bethlehem community for the outpouring of love and support gotten to us during Betsey's recent illness and since her death.

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Ambulance responded too our 911 call instantly and efficiently. All of the people at St. Peter's Hospital, many of whom live in Delmar, were exceptional. The congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church took us under its wings and helped us immeasurably during this most difficult time.

Hundreds of community family and friends have visited, brought food, sent flowers, donated to the Skidmore Polo Club, sent cards and generally shown what a caring and supportive community this is. Thank you so much for everything.

Ed, Judy and Wendy Languish

Officer was helpful

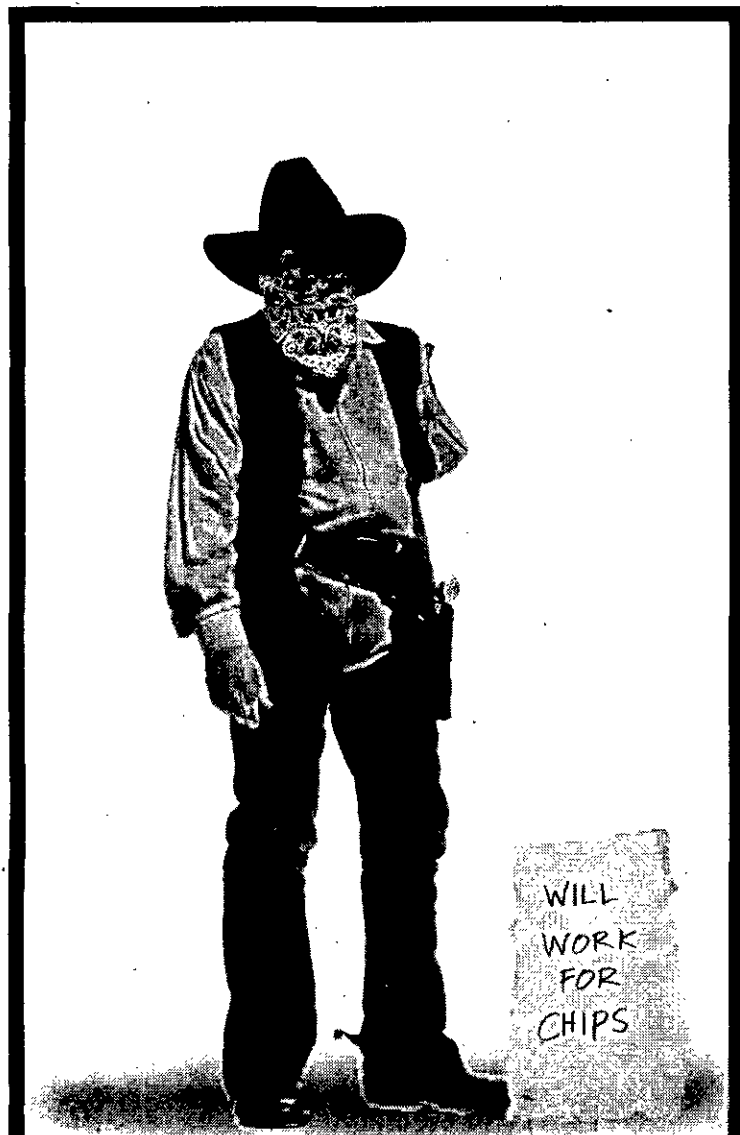
Editor, The Spotlight:

My wife and I have a new appreciation for our town's animal control unit, especially as represented by officer Richard Watt who gave us much help and good advice on Aug. 14, when our old cat Tasha was mauled by a raccoon.

Tasha, injured and terrified, fled and was later located by Officer Watt. He captured the cat and carefully placed her in an animal carrier and then advised us of the location of the nearest emergency veterinary office.

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Legion committee proud of Boys State delegates

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Every year, the Blanchard American Legion Post No. 1040 sponsors a high school junior to represent the Bethlehem community at the American Legion Boys State event at SUNY Morrisville during the summer.

The 1997 delegate was Tim Kavanagh, who came to our February meeting with his parents and gave us an excellent report of his experience.

He spent six days there learning about the ways that government functions, which includes first-hand training in how elections, caucuses, conventions, courts, legislative assemblies, law enforcement and public welfare actually work. So compacted and intensive is the training that the boys are escorted everywhere during their stay by the Marines.

In 1998, two delegates appeared before our five-member committee. The boys were Kevin Powell and Tobi Cushing. We were only allowed to choose one and the decision was extremely difficult.

Their appearance, their verbal response, their future goals and their written resumes left the committee thrilled, very impressed and yet puzzled about making the decision. Fortunately, like an answered prayer, the American Legion Post of Altamont, which had no delegate, offered to sponsor the alternate delegate from Bethlehem, and both boys were able to go.

Boys State chairman Richard Welch was overjoyed, as were all of us on the committee, when we got the news just hours before the final papers had to be filed and the check forwarded to our county officer.

On Monday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m., Kevin and Tobi will present themselves at the post meeting and tell

us all about their experiences this summer. This is an open meeting, and the public is welcome.

Please come and visit with these two wonderful young men.

Donald J. Geurtze

Blanchard Post committee member

Fire official says thanks for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The members of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 in Glenmont would like to express a sincere thank you to the management and tenants of Town Squire and in particular Kmart, Mayone's Liquor Store, Radio Shack, Angela's Pizza and Pasta, Fleet Bank, Rick Sweeney's Boxing & Fitness Center, Bethlehem Police Department, officer Jeffrey Vunck, Bethlehem Auxiliary Police and J. Wiggand &

Sons for their cooperation during our recent flea market and fair.

Thank you also to Family Farm Insurance, Casa Mia and Glenmont Community Church.

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Youth group grateful for support

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Recently, the youth group from Bethlehem Community Church journeyed 12 hours squished in vans to the mountains of West Virginia. Our mission was Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity. We were responsible for supplying basic tools and all food we would use there. Without the aid of our community, we couldn't have made it.

We are very grateful to all the

businesses that helped to make our trip a success. We'd like to thank Curtis Lumber, Price Chopper, Grand Union, Hannaford, Dunkin' Donuts, Kmart, Taco Bell, McDonald's, Mary Kay, Sam's Club, the Glenmont Mobil, BJ's, Crawfish Pella, Pepsi, Keebler, Frito-Lay and Blue Circle Cement for their more than generous donations.

We are so grateful for all the support that enabled 21 youth from our community to do something positive.

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Bethlehem Community Church youth group and chaperones

Safety Day at park was rousing success

Editor, The Spotlight:

The 11th annual community Safety Awareness Day was very successful. On behalf of Air Products, Bethlehem Fire Safety Officers Association, BOC Gases, Conrail, GE Plastics, Owens Corning Fiberglas and Selkirk Cogen, who sponsored the day, we would like to thank the many businesses and individuals participated.

This year, Safety Awareness Day featured information and safety tips on how emergency response agencies interact with and aid the community.

Our thanks to Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department, Albany Med Flight and Bethlehem Vol-

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unteer Ambulance for an excellent demonstration.

Just in time for the start of school, Bethlehem Education and Awareness team was on hand to provide information on school bus safety. Several buses gave parents and children the opportunity to ride the bus together. Thanks to the team and Nancy Westcott, supervisor of transportation.

Thank you Dan Lowenski, chairman of Albany County Local Emergency Planning Committee, for performing some enlightening experiments. Understanding the different types of emergencies firefighters face and how they respond was fascinating.

Congratulations to our Safety Passport and coloring contest winners.

We would also like to thank Bethlehem Police Department and in particular officers Jeff Vunck, Vince Rinaldi, Wayne LaChappelle and K-9 Aaron.

Also our thanks to Sharon Fisher, Bethlehem recycling coordinator, for illustrating environmental safety.

The afternoon would not have been possible without the help of Dave Austin, Bethlehem Parks & Recreation administrator.

If you have suggestions for next year's program or safety information you would like to receive, call me at 475-5112. Have a safe year.

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Friendship Festival to light up Ravena this weekend

Come on down to Ravena this weekend for Ravena's 15th annual Friendship Festival. This year, the festival promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The festival will kick off with a children's parade Saturday, Aug. 20, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School and conclude at Mosher Park.

Children are encouraged to participate, wear funny hats and decorate their bicycles, skateboards and in-line skates.

Main Street merchants will be holding sidewalk sales and a hole-in-one contest will be sponsored by the *News-Herald* and held at Mosher Park. Also, a basketball contest featuring a three-on-three tournament with playoff games and an all-star game will be held.

The festival will include carni-

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val rides and games as well as entertainment, craft and food vendors, along with fireworks on Saturday evening.

Little Red Schoolhouse plans open houses

The Little Red Schoolhouse Historical Society of Coeymans Hollow will begin its weekly series of open houses Sunday, Sept. 6.

The museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays to provide visitors the opportunity to see an

old-fashioned schoolhouse.

A display of antique lamps will be on view Sept. 6 and Sept. 13. On Sept. 20 and Sept. 27, wall hangings will be on display.

Local artists will display their paintings Oct. 4 and Oct. 11.

The museum is located on Route 143 in Coeymans Hollow. Its exhibits are free and open to the public.

Family picnic set

Members of the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Company are invited to a family picnic Saturday, Aug. 29, at Joralemon Park.

Students, parents invited to school open house

Parents and students from A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary schools are invited to

an open house that will be held Sept. 1 from 9 to 11 a.m.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to meet the teachers, locate their classrooms and lockers, and get prepared for the new school year.

Ravena swim meet makes a splash

Ravena hosted its first-ever international swim meet Saturday, Aug. 15, in Mosher Park. Four swimmers from each team in the Rip Van Winkle League competed against the Southern Saratoga YMCA Barracudas.

The following members of the Ravena team finished in first place: Louis Barrios, Ashley Burns, Ashley Chicaretti, Drew Duncan, Laura Persico, Eric Scott and Jennifer Van Etten.

Second place winners included Louis Barrios, Jennifer Bruno, Greg DeLuca, Drew Duncan, Ashley Finke, Brian Hart, Jennifer Van Etten, Andrew Wilsey and Katie Wilsey.

In third place were Jennifer Bruno, Ashley Chicaretti, Jill Marie Ganley, Brian Hart, Mark Leach, Heather Parmalee and Andrew Wilsey.

Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-place winners were Geoff DeLuca, Greg DeLuca, Joe Farrell, Jill Marie Ganley, Tim Ganley, Chuck King, Mark Leach, Heather Parmalee, Sarah Stott, Anna Cross, Ashley Finke, Brian Hart, Johanna Scalzo, Jamie Breedlove and Alyssa Finke.

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V'ville coaches to meet parents

Meet the coaches for Voorheesville varsity and junior varsity teams tonight, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Athletic director Dick Leach will introduce members of the coaching staff. Coaches will meet with parents to explain specific team practices and schedules and also to answer questions.

Parents and guardians of all fall varsity and junior varsity athletes and cheerleaders are urged to attend. All parents are invited to join Voorheesville Sports Boosters. Look for the group's calendar of school and sports events in local stores.

New staffers to join V'ville school staff

Students at the junior-senior high school will welcome 10 new teachers. They are: Daniel Calhoun and Charles Gockley, technology;

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Patricia Greenwood, English; Peter Hume, Shane Clary and Brian Hunt, social studies; Michael Paolino, business; Kenneth Mostert and Melissa Precopia, foreign language; and Marie Decker, music.

The elementary school has hired three staff members. They are: Mary Anne Milano, computer teacher; Suzanne Pelletier, counselor; and Tamara Hammes, reading teacher.

Kathleen Fiero will return from maternity leave to teach math in the Learning Lab and Mary Jackstadt will move to fifth-grade. Other assignments will stay the same for the

coming year. The school year starts on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Soccer skill clinics set for Sept. 1 and 3

Two optional skill clinics will be held for children registered in the Kiwanis fall soccer program. The clinics will be devoted to teaching fundamental soccer skills.

The first clinic is set for Tuesday, Sept. 1, and the second for Thursday, Sept. 3.

All players must wear shin guards. Cleats are not required.

The fall soccer season runs from Sept. 8 through Oct. 25. For information, call Mark Casolo at 765-4402.

Taste Treat to host live acoustic concerts

Tom's Taste Treat, located on New Scotland Avenue in Slingerlands, will host performances by Michael Eck on Friday, Aug. 28, and Motherjudge on Saturday, Aug. 29, both from 6 to 9 p.m.

PTA gears up for fall

The PTA is gearing up for the start of school. Thanks to the success of last year's fund-raiser, the group will sell gift wrap again this fall. Parents as Reading Partners is being planned for October.

The first PTA meeting of the school year is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. at the elementary school. Petra DeSalvo is the incoming president. The PTA reminds everyone to collect box tops and labels. Box tops are purple and have either no date or the year 2000 on them.

Library recognized among top 5 in United States

The library is proud to announce that we have been recognized for the second time as one of the five top libraries in the United States by *Library Journal*, a national trade magazine. The library was acknowledged for leadership, creativity and innovation. Thanks go to our hardworking, service-oriented staff and the support of our community. It is a distinct honor to be a recipient of this competitive award.

Assemblyman Jack McEneny recently announced a \$2,000 grant from the special legislative project of the State Education Department for the development of library services. The money will be used to enhance the computers available for library operations.



Over the past year, the library met several times with the town of New Scotland, the village of Voorheesville, the school district and the New Scotland Historical Association to discuss our mutual interests regarding local records and history. In July, the library was granted approximately \$8,000 from the state Archives and Records Administration to microfilm certain local records housed at village and town offices. When the process is complete, a copy of these records will be available for public access.

The library has also received a mini-grant from the New York Council for the Humanities to become a partner in the State Humanities Month in October.

The library will host two programs entitled "Our Lives Together How Your Life Becomes History" under the direction of historian R. Beth Klopoff. Details of the programs will appear in the next issue of the Bookworm.

Barbara Vink

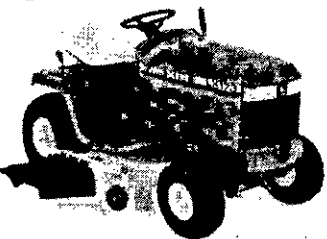
V'ville student wins scholarship

Marc Lawson of Voorheesville recently received a \$4,000 presidential scholarship from SUNY Oswego. The award recognizes a student's past academic achievements and potential for success.

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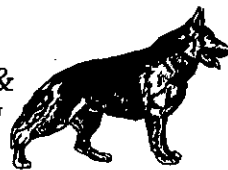
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Retailers excited about Tax Free Week

By Peter Hanson

Bargain hunters are probably already drawing up their shopping lists for New York state's latest Tax-Free Week, which begins Tuesday, Sept. 1, and ends Monday, Sept. 7. But for bargain hunters and everyday shoppers alike, Tax-Free Week will also be a preview of things to come, because state government is removing all taxes from small clothing purchases beginning in December 1999.

"I initiated this effort to reduce the sales tax burden in 1995 because I was convinced that both consumers and retailers would benefit," said state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan).

"I advise shoppers to patronize their hometown stores," Silver added. "When you save and they prosper, we all prosper."

Following last year's first Tax-Free Week, which took place in January 1997, Gov. George Pataki issued statewide figures indicating that shoppers saved about \$20 million in taxes while retailers took in approximately \$175 million above the norm for the period.

Retailers said they look forward to Tax-Free Week, during which taxes are waived on purchases of clothing and shoes totalling \$500 or less, because it provides an unusual incentive for customers to patronize their businesses.

"We're thrilled about Tax-Free Week," said Ellen Sellnow, manager of the Saratoga Shoe Depot store at 255 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. "We'd be crazy not to be."

Sellnow is especially excited because 1998 is the first year in which taxes are being waived on shoes, which should provide timely relief for parents planning to outfit their children's feet for school.

"With a lot of our back-to-school things, like Dr. Martens boots and shoes that cost \$100, cutting out the tax means saving \$7 or \$8 right there," Sellnow added.

Sellnow said the average price of shoes at her stores is in the \$45 range, so the average savings customers will realize during tax-free week is about \$3 to \$4.

Sellnow, whose shop is currently expanding to assume the 900 square feet vacated when Skippy's Music closed earlier this year, said she isn't offering any special promotions to coincide with Tax-Free Week.

"We discount year-round anyway, so everyone gets a deal every time they come in," she said.

Tirina Collins, manager of Cramer's Armory & Safety Supply at 4 Johnson Road in Latham, said she's particularly pleased sales tax will be lifted from clothing across New York state next year. Beginning in late 1999, sales taxes will be dropped on purchases of clothing and shoes totalling \$100 or less.

"If everyone can save a nice eight percent on top of what we can save for them, that's great," Collins said. "Maybe it'll help us get back the people who go out of state to save on taxes."

But until clothing sales become permanently tax-free in New York, Collins said she looks forward to Tax-Free Week because it draws frugal shoppers to her store. "It



Colleen Tripp and Leah Demo show off some of the latest in footwear at the Shoe Depot in Delmar. This year shoes will be added to the items available during Tax Free Week, which saves buyers eight percent. Elaine McLain

helps us out a lot because it brings people in that like to save a little money," she said.

Robert Eisenbrown, assistant manager of the S & K Menswear store in Northway Mall in Colonie, said Tax-Free Week pulls "a lot more people" than usual into his store. He also said customers are more inclined to buy "more expensive items" during Tax-Free Week than at other times in the year.

As an example to the savings

Tax-Free Week will provide his customers, Eisenbrown said the average price of a business suit at his store is about \$200, so customers will save about \$16 by not paying tax.

"Tax-Free Week is very good for business," he said.

For more information on Tax-Free Week and next year's changes to the sales tax code, visit the state tax department's website at www.tax.state.ny.us.

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Delmar man accepts partnership

Jerry Pittz, the Edward Jones investment representative in Delmar, recently accepted a limited partnership offering in The Jones Financial Companies, the holding company for the St. Louis, Mo., based financial-services company.

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Sports

Challenges abound for young Eagles in '98 season

By Len Tarricone

If one thing is certain about the Bethlehem Eagles coming into the 1998 football season, it is that nothing is certain.

At this time in 1997, a talented squad packed with senior leadership was confidently working the practice fields, fueling lofty expectations that were met by a Suburban Council Gold Division championship.

Practically every game was an excruciating nail-biter, with the victories usually secured via late-game heroics.

The team gained the moniker "Cardiac Kids" and had the experience, swagger and cohesiveness to believe that they would always

find a way.

Seventeen of them are gone now, and in the wake of their departure, there remains a huddle of question marks in helmets and pads.

Head Coach John Sodergren, in his 17th season at the helm, has faced tough challenges before and this certainly qualifies as another.

There are no returning starters upfront, offensively or defensively; at tight end, or on the flanks. Only one starting linebacker returns, with two holdovers in the secondary and no varsity experience at quarterback.

The one area of some strength is at tailback, where senior co-cap-

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Members of the Bethlehem Central Eagles work on their offense during a recent practice.

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Obituaries

Thelma L. Russo

Thelma L. Russo, 86, of Voorheesville died Saturday, Aug. 22, at her home.

Mrs. Russo was a longtime resident of Albany before moving to Voorheesville in 1991.

She was an executive secretary for the New York State Harness Horse Breeders retiring in 1985. She was a former member of the CBA auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Charles R. Russo; a son, Peter F. Russo of Voorheesville; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

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

John Calaban

John Calaban, 76, of Bedell Avenue in Elsmere died Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Syracuse, he was a longtime resident of Elsmere.

Mr. Calaban was a service repairman for Monroe Business Machines in Albany for 35 years retiring in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Yolanda Cassiano Calaban; a son, Michael Calaban of Berne; a daughter, Victoria Calaban; four sisters, Virginia Barbagallo, Genevieve Grevelding, Jane Masters and Anne Chesbro, all of Syracuse; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Leonard J. Cummings

Leonard J. Cummings, 73, of Elsmere died Thursday, Aug. 20, at his home.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., he was a graduate of Syracuse University. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Mr. Cummings was a vice president and account executive at Merrill Lynch in Albany for 21 years, retiring in 1987. He had formerly been a salesman for Duofold of Mohawk.

He was a flight officer in the

Army Air Forces during World War II. He was a member of Albany Country Club and Riverbend Country Club in Tequesta, Fla. He was also a member of Albany and Utica curling clubs. He was a former deacon of First Presbyterian Church in Utica and a past president of the Investment Society of Northeastern New York.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Miller Cummings; a son, David E. Cummings of Alcove; three daughters, Cathy Haker of Selkirk, Margaret Viviano of Delmar and Susan Williams of Snyder, Texas; a sister, Irene Eddy of Alexandria; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Maurie Flanigan

Maurie G. Flanigan, 88, of Slingerlands died Thursday, Aug. 20, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in France, she was a graduate of Academy of the Holy Names in Albany. Mrs. Flanigan was post mistress of Slingerlands Post Office for many years.

She was a member of Bethlehem Senior Citizens and the Bethlehem Womens Club. She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

She was the widow of John H. Flanigan.

Survivors include three sons, John H. Flanigan of Slingerlands, Richard E. Flanigan of Safety Harbor, Fla., and Michael D. Flanigan of Hilton Head, N.C.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-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 Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Building Fund, 45 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Mary M. Kalkbrenner

Mary M. Karlen Kalkbrenner, 98, of Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home in Delmar and a former Albany resident, died Friday, Aug. 21, at the nursing home.

Born in Utica, she was raised in the Adirondacks on the Whitney Preserve on Long Lake.

She worked for the state De-

partment of Taxation & Finance for 10 years.

She was the Widow of Charles P. Kalkbrenner.

Survivors include a son, Robert J. Kalkbrenner of Albany; and a granddaughter.

Arrangements were by the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home in Albany.

Graveside services were from Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Emma Blabey Smith

Emma Blabey Smith, 92, of Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar died Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the nursing home.

Born in Albany, she worked in the family business, Blabey's Candy Factory & Ice Cream, for many years. She was a member of Delmar Presbyterian Church.

She was the widow of Charles Shaxby and Lyman Smith.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy I. Blabey of Delmar; and a stepdaughter, Betty Clifton.

Services were from the Tebutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Delmar Presbyterian Church or Good Samaritan Lutheran Home.

Benjamin F. Pearsall

Benjamin F. Pearsall, 77, of Slingerlands died Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

A lifelong resident of the Capital District, he was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II.

Mr. Pearsall was an engineer for New York Central, Penn Central, Conrail and Amtrak for 38 years before he retired.

He was a member of the Albany

Elks Lodge, the Melvin Roads American Legion Post and the Troy Amateur Radio Club.

He was the husband of the late Elizabeth Mathis Pearsall.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes Bernaditus Pearsall; a son, Lee Pearsall of Voorheesville; a sister, Grace Higgins of Rensselaer; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Jerusalem Cemetery in Feura Bush.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Charles Carroll Jr.

Charles Austin Carroll Jr., 57, of San Antonio, Texas, and formerly of Delmar, died Friday, Aug. 14, at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Syracuse University and received a master's degree from Webster College in health facilities management. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Mr. Carroll was commissioned from ROTC active service from 1964 to 1967 and served in Okinawa. He then completed a tour of duty in Vietnam with the Special Forces. After Vietnam, he served as a tank commander at Fort Hood, Texas.

He then began a career in banking. He was vice president of First National Bank of Central Square. Mr. Carroll then became vice president and director of Oneida National Bank & Trust Co. of Central New York.

In 1975, he returned to active duty serving as operations and

training officer. He then was with the Army recruiting command as an assistant inspector general. From there, he was stationed at the Pentagon where he worked for the director of accessions. His last assignment was as inspector general of the 90th Army Reserve Command at Fort Sam Houston. He retired in 1991.

He received a number of medals and decorations during his career. He was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Senior Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

He was a pilot and a member of the National Society of the Sons of the Revolution, life member of the Special Forces Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8541, life member of the Albany Masonic Masters Lodge, and life member of the American Academy of Medical Administrators.

He was active in San Antonio's World Affairs Council.

Survivors include his wife, Gretchen Seiter Carroll, and two sons, Charles Austin Carroll III and Robert Graham Carroll.

Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, 1156 15th St. NW, Suite 905, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Memorial service

A memorial service celebrating the life of Harold Hastings, a longtime resident of Delmar, will be conducted at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m.

Grief Tip

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Eagles

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tain Pat Hughes returns. However, as the sole returning starter on offense, Hughes is being given a look at quarterback, along with last year's JV signal-caller, Bob Haison.

Senior co-captain Dan Heenan will also play some tailback, after being strictly a defensive starter last year, and junior Eamonn McNiff appears to have the inside track at fullback.

"We only have eight seniors coming back," said Sodergren, "and few of them played much last year. We have some first-year seniors in camp, and it's tough because a lot more time has to go into teaching fundamentals than we had to do in recent years. We're moving kind of slowly right now."

Since most of the quality returnees are in the offensive backfield, Sodergren said he hopes to establish a running game to set up the pass.

"You basically throw the playbook at them in the pre-season, and as it goes along you start taking things out, determining what this particular group does better based on their skills and then accentuate those," he said. "The big question we have to answer is who is going to play the line positions."

That will be answered in camp, as will questions of team chemistry. A key to the success of the '97

club, in Sodergren's estimation, was the bonding they achieved during the year and the close-knit mentality that helped them get through some precarious situations.

This year, Sodergren will be counting on his few returning upperclassmen for leadership. They include Hughes, Heenan, Mike Kenneston, Jamie Berenger, Pete Bukowski, Josh Meyer, Jason Hesberg and Pat Hoogkamp.

Compounding the dilemma created by the lack of experience is the perennial problem of low turnout for tryouts. As one of the smaller Class AA schools, Bethlehem sees fewer candidates for the same number of roster spots as larger schools like Shenendehowa and Colonie.

The smaller talent pool has created a lack of depth. Last season, the Eagles dressed only 25 varsity players. The fact that they finished second only to powerful Shenendehowa — who beat the Eagles by a scant field goal — in the Suburban Council a year ago is a testament to the system and the work ethic in which the school prides itself.

"Because of our numbers problem, our expectation as coaches is very high. Our staff (which includes defensive coordinator Ron Smith and special

teams/offensive line coach Mike McMillen) tells our players that our demands upon them will be high. They have to know a lot about football and learn to play several positions," Sodergren said.

With so many unknown quantities on this edition of the Eagles, how the season might unfold is anyone's guess.

Sodergren, who denied a report last year that he might retire, has been around the game long enough to know that the wins and losses, while fun to keep track of, are measurements of only one aspect of success.

"I share the same excitement and feeling the players have before games," he explained. "This job is not an easy job but it has its moments, and when you put things into perspective in terms of working with young people in school and in the community and trying to make them better people for society, then I feel I'm making a contribution.

"When people just measure you by your record on the field," Sodergren added, "then I think they're overlooking a lot of the things that make this job challenging."

Bethlehem opens its season at Bishop Maginn on Friday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m. The first home game is against Gunderland on Friday, Sept. 11, also at 7:30 p.m.

Local pitchers star in tourney



Lucas Parks, left, and Avi Rasowsky helped lead the Schenectady Indians to a third-place finish in the RBI World Series.

Bethlehem Mickey Mantle pitchers Lucas Parks and Avi Rasowsky each won games for the Schenectady Indians during the recent RBI World Series at the Field of Dreams complex in Orlando, Fla.

The Indians played two games on the first day of the tournament. Parks pitched the first game, earning a 3-2 victory over Miami, while Rasowsky pitched three effective innings in a 10-4 win over Chicago in the second game.

Rasowsky, a left-hander who is a sophomore at Bethlehem Central High School, pitched a complete game in a 5-3 win over Tennessee. The Indians' victory eliminated Tennessee from the tournament.

Parks, a sophomore at Christian Brothers Academy, was the hard-luck losing pitcher in a 2-0 loss to tournament favorite and eventual champion Puerto Rico. He allowed only four hits and struck out six.

The Indians' 4-2 record was good for a third-place finish in the tournament for fifteen-year-olds, which was sponsored by Major League Baseball and featured 10 teams from across North America.

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- You are always your child's most important role model. At some point the peer group becomes important too, but parents are always the number one influence
- Always keep lines of communication open; listen, listen, and listen some more.
- Join groups that work on prevention issues such as Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Bethlehem Community Partnership
- Talk to your child about people who he or she can turn to for help with a problem such as a teacher, grandparent or friend, s parent.
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John and Kristi Hoffman

Ferris, Hoffman marry

Kristi Ann Ferris, daughter of Sabina Ferris of Wilton, Conn., and the late Thomas Ferris, and John David Hoffman, son of Christopher Hoffman of Loudonville and Carolyn Allen of Glenmont, were married May 9.

The Rev. Mark Grimes performed the ceremony in Sacred Heart Church, Georgetown, Conn., with the reception following at Shorelands in Norwalk, Conn.

The matron of honor was Mary Huminski, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Amy Hoffman and Joanne Hoffman, sisters of the groom, Shannon Whelan, Elaine Ferris and Denise Bleiler.

The best men were Mark Hoffman and Jim Hoffman, brothers

of the groom, and ushers were Tom Ferris, the bride's brother, Bill Huminski, Kevin Roohan and Mike Rourke. The junior usher was Geoffrey Allen, brother of the groom.

The bride attended Southern Connecticut State University and graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School. She is a travel consultant for Empire Travel Services in Guilderland.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended Herkimer College. He is director of fund-raising for Friendly Home Parties in Albany.

After a wedding cruise to Mexico, the couple lives in Guilderland.

Dean's List

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Sage Junior College — Kelly Ringler of Delmar (associate's in legal studies).

Glenmont student receives awards

Kevin Gallagher recently received the Jack Vastelica Family Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship and the Smeal College of Business Administration Alumni Scholastic Achievement Award at Pennsylvania State University.

He is the son of Thomas and Patricia Gallagher of Glenmont.

BCHS grads win foundation awards

The Community Foundation for the Capital Region recently announced that Bethlehem Central High School graduates Pamela Brannock of Glenmont and Shannon Bennett of Delmar are this year's recipients of the Lindsey Baron "Bubba" Foundation Awards.

They will each receive \$750.

BCHS graduate earns scholarship

Lucy Dunne, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, was recently awarded Price Chopper's Charles Pierce Memorial Scholarship, which provides \$8,000 over four years.

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Support group meetings

The Delmar Multiple Sclerosis support group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. at Delmar Presbyterian Church. For information, call 439-2146.



David Schulenberg and Mary Ann Oleskiewicz

Oleskiewicz, Schulenberg wed

Mary Ann Oleskiewicz, daughter of Leonard and Eleanor Oleskiewicz of Garrettsville, Ohio, and David Louis Schulenberg, son of John Schulenberg of Delmar and Shirley Seigle of Delmar, were married June 20.

The Rev. Jon Paulus performed the ceremony in The Church in Aurora, followed by a reception at the Aurora Inn in Aurora, Ohio.

As part of the service, the Bach wedding cantata "O Holder Tag" was performed by friends of the couple — Lucy Yates, Walter Mayhall, Marcellene Hawks and members of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra.

The maid of honor was Lisa Robinson, and bridesmaids were Katie Rietman, Julie Andrijeski and Kristen Shepard, the bride's niece. The flower girl was Kimberly Shepard, also a niece of the bride.

The best man was David Kopp, and ushers were Andrew Bergman,

Daniel Elyar, and Ted Schulenberg, the groom's brother. The ring bearer was Eric Shepard, the bride's nephew.

The bride is a graduate of Youngstown State University and Case Western Reserve University. She will receive her Ph.D. from Duke University this year. She recently received a joint appointment as curator of musical instruments at America's Shrine to Music Museum and as assistant professor of music at the University of South Dakota.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Harvard College, Stanford University and the University at Stony Brook. He is assistant professor of music at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is the author of several books on music.

After a wedding trip to the Finger Lakes, the couple lives in Carrboro, N.C.

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How's them apples?



By Peter Hanson

When Laura Ten Eyck arrives at work each morning at Indian Ladder Farms in Voorheesville, she sees acres of apple orchards, a cluster of farm buildings and more than 80 years of her family's history.

Indian Ladder, which Ten Eyck's great-grandfather founded in 1915, has also become a part of many other Capital District families thanks to regular events like Baby Animals Week every April and a birds-and-bees exhibition every May.

The next family-oriented event at Indian Ladder, Pick Your Own Apples, starts Saturday, Aug. 29, and extends through the fall. Ten Eyck said events like these are about education as well as entertainment.

"In this day and age, it's unusual for a kid to grow up on a farm, so kids don't have an awareness of where their food comes from," Ten Eyck said. "They're very interested in finding out the sources of their food, so that's one good reason to bring them to Indian Ladder."

Ten Eyck said Pick Your Own Apples is a good opportunity for children to learn about agriculture because patrons walk along rows of apple trees and pluck the fruit they want to eat, at a cost of \$7 per half-bushel.

"It's sort of a mobile operation," Ten Eyck said. "It moves to different parts of the orchard at different times. We have a big yellow sign that says 'Pick Your Own,' and people go out and look for the sign."

Ten Eyck said Indian Ladder grows about 30 varieties of apples, ranging from staples like Empires and Macintoshes to rarities like Gravensteins, which she said are tart-tasting apples best used for baking. Indian Ladder also grows pears, but apples are its mainstay.

"We also have a lot of experimental varieties that we grow to help the Geneva Experiment Station (in Geneva, Ontario County)," Ten Eyck said. "We ask

people to sample them and tell us what they think, as part of market research. You can't get more unique than these apples, which just have numbers instead of names. They're not even really varieties yet."

Ten Eyck said children treat picking apples at Indian Ladder as an outdoor adventure. "When families arrive, they open the door and kids literally explode out of the car," she said. "We have a lot of big, open space where the kids can run around and be wild."

Indian Ladder, which is open year-round, is comprised of elements including a cafe, a gift shop, a greenhouse and nature trails. The facility offers events in every season, and other 1998 events on deck include a children's Halloween party in October and an open house, set for the first weekend in December.

Ten Eyck said her great-grandfather, Peter Ten Eyck, founded Indian Ladder after the Ten Eyck family's Bethlehem estate, Whitehall, burned down. "My great-grandfather came out from Albany and bought a bunch of small farms, then put them together and called it Indian Ladder Farms," she said.

"He felt there had to be a place associated with the family," Ten Eyck added.

Ten Eyck's great-grandfather was, at various times, the state's agriculture commissioner, a Congressman and a New York gubernatorial candidate. "The farm wasn't really where he earned his living," Ten Eyck said. "It was really more of a hobby. It was a 'gentleman's farm' for him."

Ten Eyck's grandfather, also named Peter, took over the farm in 1930 after attending the agricultural school at Cornell University in Ithaca. Whereas her great-grandfather raised guernsey cows on the farm, Ten Eyck's grandfather began the transition from livestock to agriculture.

"In 1944, the dairy barn where the guernseys were kept burned down," Ten Eyck said. "Instead of rebuilding the barn, my grandfather decided to plant orchards."

Ten Eyck's father, another Peter, attended Cornell and harvested the first apple crop in the early '60s. "The farm was operated as a seasonal operation in the summer," Ten Eyck said. "My father got a cider press and we started selling cider."

The retail operation at Indian Ladder has grown substantially from the days when apples were sold off the porch of the farm's large barn. Today, the farm's retail store sells homemade apples, cider, cider donuts and other baked goods like apple and blueberry pies, plus dairy products from Meadowbrook Farms in Clarksville and foods like honey and syrups.

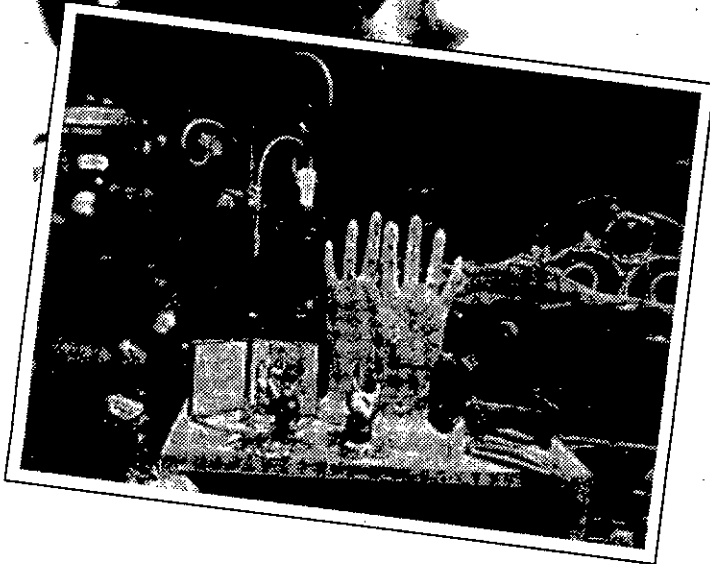
The store also sells fresh produce grown by Barkers Farms in Middelburgh, with items ranging from tomatoes and corn to eggplant and cauliflower. "They have everything imaginable," Ten Eyck said.

In addition, the cafe sells lunch fare like sandwiches, soups and salads, while the gift shop sells what Ten Eyck described as "an eclectic collection of things, mostly decorative items and toys, potpourri, candles and the like."

Because there's such a hodge-podge of things to see at Indian Ladder, Ten Eyck said she thinks the farm is an ideal destination for a family outing. For parents, there are unique produce items and gifts to purchase, and for kids, there are educational sights and entertaining distractions like the rabbits near the store that kids can observe and pet.

"Coming to Indian Ladder is something to do with your kids rather than going to the mall or seeing a movie," Ten Eyck said.

Indian Ladder Farms (765-2956) is located at 342 Altamont Road in Voorheesville.



Aside from the popular apple picking and other family-oriented activities at Indian Ladder Farms in Voorheesville, visitors can enjoy lunch in the cafe and check out the variety of items available in the store and gift shop.

Photos by Peter Hanson



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

PROMISES, PROMISES
musical romantic comedy, The Theater Barn, Route 20, New Lebanon, Aug. 27 to Sept. 9, Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 25 and 8:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m., \$16, \$15 Sunday matinee. Information, 794-8989.

HECUBA
starring Olympia Dukakis, Main Stage of Williamstown Theater Festival, Route 2, Williamstown, Mass., Wednesday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2:30 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., through Aug. 30, \$17-\$35. Information, 413-597-3400.

MUSIC

BLUES FESTIVAL
with B.B. King, Dr. John, the Neville Brothers, etc., Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, Aug. 29, 6 p.m., \$15-\$27.50. Information, 587-3330.

DANCE

RIVERDANCE
seminal Irish dance and music show, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, Sept. 2-4 at 8 p.m., Sept. 5 at 2 and 8 p.m., Sept. 6 at 2 and 7 p.m., \$15-\$55. Information, 587-3330.

FAMILY FUN

SARATOGA SUNSET BARBECUE AND FIREWORKS
sponsored by Saratoga Springs Rotary Club, barbecue from 5 to 10 p.m., music by Johnny and the Triumphs at 6 p.m., fireworks at 10 p.m., Congress Park, Saratoga Springs, Aug. 27. Information, 580-9587.

SCHAGHTICOKE FAIR
entertainment, midway rides and games and agricultural exhibits, routes 40 and 67, Sept. 2 to 7, \$5.50 adults, free for children under 14. Information, 753-4411.

CHATHAM FAIR

entertainment, midway rides and games and agricultural exhibits, routes 66 and 203, Sept. 3 to 7, \$6 adults, free for children under 12, parking \$2. Information, 758-1811.

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.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES
Linda Cross -- Shaping the Land, and works by Adrienne Klein, Martin Benjamin and David Brickman, through Aug. 28, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

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

CALL FOR ARTISTS

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-1603.

AUDITION

for Schenectady Light Opera Co. production of "Blood Brothers," Sept. 15 and 17 at 7:30 p.m., 826 State St., Schenectady. Information, 427-8792.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES
submit 10-20 slides of recent work, artist statement and resume by Sept. 15. Information, 462-4775.

AUDITION
for Capitol 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.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

CLASSES/LECTURES

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

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26

ALBANY COUNTY

THOUSAND ISLAND TRIP FOR CHAI CHAVURAH
Temple Israel Chai Chavurah, cost \$85. Reservations, 869-6590.

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.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

SARATOGA COUNTY
BEANIE BABY LUNCHEON
The Children's Museum, 36 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information, 584-5540.

THURSDAY
AUGUST 27

ALBANY COUNTY

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

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP
office of Drs. Jacobs & Lee, 62 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 783-5656.

LUNCHTIME SIDEWALK SALE
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
Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

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

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

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

SARATOGA COUNTY

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

FRIDAY
AUGUST 28

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

SATURDAY
AUGUST 29

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.

GREENVILLE COUNTY

QUILTER'S MARKETPLACE
Hollowbrook Lodge, Route 32, Greenville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 945-1243.

SUNDAY
AUGUST 30

ALBANY COUNTY

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION HOSTS RIVER BOAT CRUISE
three hour cruise on the Hudson River, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 458-9697.

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

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

MONDAY
AUGUST 31

ALBANY COUNTY

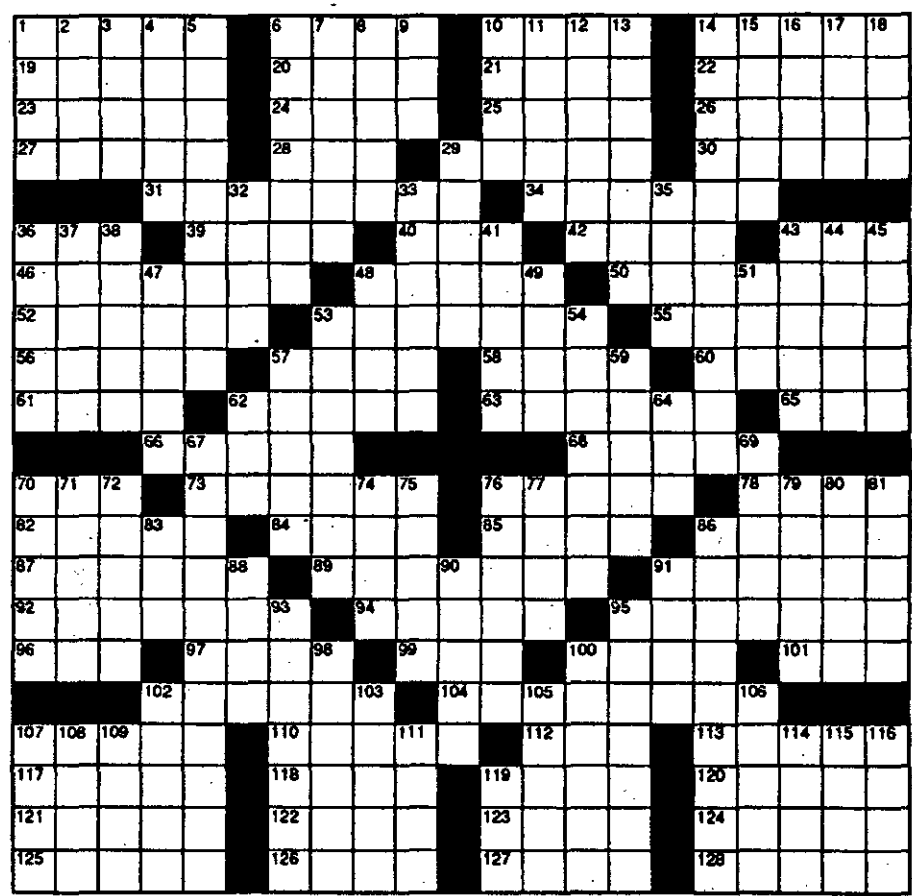
SENIORS LUNCHEONS
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

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1 Grating to the ear
6 "Cool" — Luke" (movie)
10 Fasten with a rope
14 Groucho's brother
19 Spanish province
20 Other, to Caesar
21 — Frita (river in Arizona)
22 Give by decision
23 Military fortification
24 Exigency
25 Bill or pipe starter
26 Fountain nymph
27 Drift
28 French nobleman
29 Made a boo-boo
30 Perfume measures
31 Sparkles
34 Take for granted
36 Maple-syrup base
39 Sister of Ares
40 Constant practice
42 Indulge in a drink
43 Narrow inlet
46 Prospero's slave
48 Asian weights
50 Yes-man's | chief function
52 Plowed lands
53 Small vase
55 Explore an idea
56 Part of a dynamo
57 Playwright
58 Curved
60 Gambler's concern
61 Chemical compound
62 Medieval tale
63 Deliberately malicious
65 Latin connections
66 Hiding place
68 Italian epic poet
70 Enjoy the slopes
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78 Embellish
82 Old World sandpiper
84 Sale condition
85 — in one's bonnet
86 Asian capital city
87 Kitchen gadget
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91 Type of hemp or paper | 92 Dark-red winter apple
94 Dormouse
95 Good luck present
96 Japan follower
97 Oil-producing country
99 Partner of substance
100 Orange-red chalcedony
101 Dangerous curve
102 Related on the mother's side
104 Plucky quality
107 "Witness" sect
110 Leverets
112 "Bonnie — Clyde"
113 English moor
117 Light, buoyant wood
118 — vincit omnia
119 Musical group
120 Sinus cavities
121 Strange Broadway
123 Baseball family
124 Prepare to be knighted
125 — and Deliver" (movie)
126 Unit of force | 127 It's opposed to starboard
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1 Lorenz of songdom
2 Allego
3 Carnival attraction
4 Informal language
5 Curved mustache
6 Submits, as a test paper
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8 Carolina, to Eunice
9 TV's "Major —"
10 Comedian Bert
11 Early Greek mail?
12 Most confident
13 Passes along
14 Second Hand Rose's wardrobe
15 Informed
16 Skate genus
17 Baby carriage
18 Race tracks info
19 Ancient chariot
20 Levin and Gershwin
25 — and difference
35 Word in a | fairy tale opener
35 Tiffany
37 Spelling or Copland
38 Greek philosopher
41 Nudge rudely
43 Long, narrow crest
44 Small bay
45 Dyer's vats
47 Baal, et al.
48 Small fruit pie
49 Norse legend
51 Edmond O'Brien suspense film
53 Drug from Indian hemp
54 More serene
57 Hostess with the mostest
59 Public warehouse
62 Narrow ship channel
64 Before the CIA
67 Assumes control of
69 He played
70 Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
71 French military caps
72 Dunne or Cara
74 Coin of Iran
75 Serfs, once
76 One Picasso | 77 Incite
79 Fragrant flavoring seed
80 Rhett, Scarlett, et al.
81 Dashboard indicators
83 Compass point
86 Informal seal of agreement
88 — avis
90 Some sedatives
91 Dark area on Mars
93 Poker player's dream
95 Prepared news release
98 Capital of Niger
100 Upperclassman
102 City in the Ruhr valley
103 Sing like Bing
105 Danny's daughter
106 Plant of the legume family
107 Desert garments
108 Brewer's need
109 Hip bones
111 White-tailed eagle
114 Sweet, pulpy fruit
115 Arborescent attraction
116 Arsenio or Monty
119 Dance like Hines |
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
 The name of the LLC is CO-LUMBIA TITLETOWN, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 29, 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (FLP)
 The name of the FLP is LLSN REAL PROPERTY PARTNERSHIP, 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 July 9, 1998. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of FLP is June 15, 1998. The principal office of the FLP is located at 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203, in the County of Albany. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against the FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is 2 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (FLP)
 The name of the FLP is MENANDS ASSOCIATES, 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 July 9, 1998. The jurisdiction of organization of the FLP is the State of Georgia. The date of organization of FLP is May 20, 1998. The principal office of the FLP is located at 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203, in the County of Albany. The NY Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the FLP upon whom process against the FLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the FLP is 2 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
 The name of the LLC is CO-LUMBIACLINTONGROUP, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 7, 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of Strong Enterprises, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 14,

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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 12 Newell Court, Menands, NY 12204. 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 LLC. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP
 Name of limited liability partnership is: CAPITAL DISTRICT UROLOGIC SURGEONS, LLP. Certificate of Registration filed with Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 6/16/1998. Principal office located: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against LLP may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process to 319 South Manning Boulevard, Suite 106, Albany, NY 12208. LLP's business: Medical Practice. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW
 FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") is BETHLEHEM ICE GROUP, LLC. SECOND: Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 22, 1998. THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law. FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is Bethlehem Ice Group, LLC, P.O. Box 160, Slingerlands, NY 12159. SIXTH: The propose of the Company is to conduct any lawful business permitted under the limited liability company law. SEVENTH: The Company's registered agent upon whom and at which process against the Company can be served is McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, PC, 75 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of Delmar Convenience Bakery, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 24, 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 shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 25 Mason Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159. 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 LLC. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of 879 Madison Avenue, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 27, 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 shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o P.O. Box 1341, Guilderland, New York 12084. 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 LLC. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of Henry F. Clas Florist, LLC ("LLC")

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filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 27, 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 shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 404 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. 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 LLC. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of Brett, Singer & Associates, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 23, 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 Ganz & Wolkenbreit, LLP, One Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203. 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 LLC. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MUNI-GEN, LLC
 MUNI-GEN, LLC filed its Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on June 24, 1998. (1) Its principal office is in Albany County. (2) The Secretary of State has been designated as its agent upon whom process against it may be served and its post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him or her is: Muni-Gen, LLC c/o Sara Miller, Regulatory Watch, Inc., 35 Tenbrock Street, Albany, NY. (3) The latest date of dissolution is December 1, 2020. (4) The purpose of its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Act. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP OF 93 BROADWAY LLC
 93 BROADWAY LLC has been formed as a limited liability company in New York. The Articles of Organization were filed on June 30, 1998 with the Secretary of State. The office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as Agent upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 37 Folmsbee Drive, Menands, NY 12204-1205 ATTN: James K. Patrick III. The purpose of the business of 93 BROADWAY LLC is limited to the ownership and operation of certain real property commonly known as 93 Broadway, Menands, NY. (August 26, 1998)

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(August 26, 1998)
NOTICE OF FORMATION LAKE VIEW PARTNERS, LLC
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Lake View Partners, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 21, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION DNR, LLC
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is DNR, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 21, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION COLUMBIA WOBURN GROUP, LLC
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia Woburn Group, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 22, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION SMB, LLC
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cess against the LLC is RD#2, Box 264G, Altamont, New York 12009. (August 26, 1998)
NOTICE OF FORMATION COLUMBIA MONTICELLO GROUP, LLC
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia Monticello Group, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 22, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION ADC, LLC
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is ADC, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 21, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION SFR I, LLC
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is SFR I, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 22, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is 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. (August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
 The name of the LLC is LDB, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 5, 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. (August 26, 1998)

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retary 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 John K. Sullivan, 52 Corporate Circle, P.O. Box 12753, Albany, New York 12212-2753. (August 26, 1998)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COLLECTOR'S NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that I have received the tax list and warrant for the collection of school taxes in the Voorheesville Central School District. I will receive all taxes for a period of 61 days beginning September 1, 1998 at the places listed below. During the 30 day period from September 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 inclusive there will be no penalty charge for the collection of the tax. From October 1, 1998 through October 31, 1998 in accordance with Section 2130 of the Education Law and Section 1328 of the Real Property Tax Law, penalty will be charged at a rate of 2% for the month of October. No collections will be made after October 31, 1998. Postmarks of October 31, 1998 will be accepted.
 Paying in Person:
 Voorheesville Branch of Key Bank
 Voorheesville Plaza
 Monday - Friday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
 Friday: 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.
 Paying by Mail:
 Voorheesville Central School District
 Tax Collector
 Post Office Box 201
 Voorheesville, New York 12186
 Make Checks Payable to:
 Voorheesville Central School District
 Marilyn B. Schaff, School Tax Collector
 Voorheesville Central School District
 Voorheesville, New York 12186
 (August 26, 1998)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS FROM THE VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 For those taxpayers who are having their school taxes paid through an escrow account, the district recommends contacting your bank to ensure proper payment. However, if you receive the tax bill and you have an escrow account, it is your obligation to contact your bank.
 Marilyn B. Schaff
 School Tax Collector
 Voorheesville Central School District
 (August 26, 1998)

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SO ALWAYS GO TO THE ROOT OF THINGS BY SEEKING THE REASONS AS WELL AS THE MECHANICS.

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LEGAL NOTICE

At an I.A.S. Term of Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Albany, at Albany, New York on August 5, 1998.

PRESENT: HON. HAROLD J. HUGHES, J.S.C. STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ALBANY SUPREME COURT JUANITA B. HILL, Plaintiff - against - EUGENE HILL, Defendant. AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION Index No. 4597-96

Upon reading and filing the affidavit of the plaintiff Juanita B. Hill, and of Paul T. Devane, Esq., attorney for plaintiff, both sworn to on April 28, 1998, the summons and verified complaint in this action for divorce, and it appearing that the present whereabouts of the defendant Eugene Hill, cannot be ascertained with due diligence.

NOW, upon motion of Paul T. Devane, attorney for the plaintiff, for an order directing service of the summons and verified complaint upon the defendant Eugene Hill, by publication pursuant to CPLR §315 and §316, it is

ORDERED, that the summons and verified Complaint be served upon the defendant Eugene Hill, by publication in accordance with the requirements of CPLR §316 by setting forth a copy of the summons bearing the legend "Action for a Divorce" and the relief sought herein and that said publication shall be made in the

English language in one newspaper, namely, The Spotlight, published at Delmar, New York, once each week on the same day for three successive weeks, which newspaper is most likely to give notice to the defendant, and it is further

ORDERED that the first publication of the summons herein shall be made within twenty days after the granting of this order and that the summons, verified complaint and all of the papers in support of this order shall be filed on or before the first day of publication, and it is further

ORDERED that the requirement of mailing a copy of the summons to the defendant be dispensed with, it appearing that there is no place that can be ascertained with due diligence where the defendant probably would receive thwastmail and that service as herein provided shall be good and sufficient.

Dated: August 5, 1998. Albany, New York s/Harold J. Hughes, J.S.C. (August 26, 1998)

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY SUMMONS WITH NOTICE Juanita B. Hill 230 Green Street

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Apt. 3A Unknown Address, Defendant Plaintiff Albany, New York 12202,

against

Eugene Hill Unknown Address, Defendant ACTION FOR A DIVORCE To the above named Defendant(s)

You are hereby summoned to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set fourth below.

Dated, October 8, 1997

Paul T. Devane, Esq. Attorney For Plaintiff Office and Post Office Address 112 State Street-Suite 1118 Albany, New York 12207

Notice: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds of the abandonment of the plaintiff, by the defendant. The relief sought is, A judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary relief demanded is

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, COUNTY OF ALBANY JUANITA B. HILL, Plaintiff, - against - EUGENE HILL, Defendant.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT Index No. 4597-96

Plaintiff, by her attorney, Paul T. Devane, Esq., complaining of the defendant herein, respectfully shows to this Court and alleges:

1. The plaintiff and defendant were both over the age of 18 years at the time of commencement of this action.

2. The plaintiff is now and has been a resident of the State of New York for a continuous period of more than one (1) year immediately preceding the commencement of this action.

3. The parties hereto were married on the 19th day of February, 1978, in New York City, Borough of the Bronx, and State of New York.

4. There are no issue of this marriage.

5. That heretofore and on or about March of 1980, the defendant abandoned the plaintiff herein with intent not to return, without any cause or justification and without the plaintiff's consent, and has

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continuously absented himself and abandoned her since the said date to the present date, a period of one (1) or more years.

6. The plaintiff can verily state that she has not taken, and does not intend to take, any steps solely within her power which would act as a barrier to the defendant's remarriage following this action for a divorce.

7. Upon information and belief, no judgment, decree or order of divorce, annulment or dissolution of marriage has been granted to the plaintiff against the defendant in any Court of this state or in any Court of any other state, territory, foreign country, or dependency, nor is there any other action presently pending for a judgment, decree or order of divorce, annulment, or dissolution of marriage in any Court of this state or in any Court of any other state, foreign country or dependency.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff demands judgment against the defendant, dissolving the marriage between the parties to this action, and granting such other and further relief as the Court deems fitting and proper.

Dated: October 10, 1997

YOURS, ETC., PAUL T. DEVANE, ESQ. Attorney for Plaintiff OFFICE & P.O. ADDRESS 112 State Street-Suite 1118 Albany, New York 12207 Tel.: (518) 462-2200

VERIFICATION STATE OF NEW YORK:

ss.: COUNTY OF ALBANY:

Juanita B. Hill, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that deponent is the plaintiff in the within action; that deponent has duly read the forgoing Summons and Complaint and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to deponent's own knowledge, except the matters therein stated to be alleged on the information and belief, and that as to those matters, deponent believes it to be true.

s/ Juanita B. Hill Sworn to before me this 10 day of October, 1997

s/ Paul T. Devane Notary Public, State of New York No. 6008050 Qualified in Albany County Commission Expires January 21, 2000

ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK:

ss.: COUNTY OF ALBANY:

PAUL T. DEVANE, a duly licensed and practicing attorney of the State of New York, affirms as follows under the penalty of perjury: that affiant is the attorney for the plaintiff in the within action; that affiant has duly read the forgoing Summons and Complaint and knows the contents thereof that the same is true to affiant's own knowledge, except the matters therein stated to be alleged on

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information and belief, and that as to those matters herein not stated upon knowledge, is based upon records forwarded to me by plaintiff.

I affirm the forgoing statements are true under the penalties of perjury.

Affirmed: October 10, 1997 s/ Paul T. Devane, ESQ. (August 26, 1998)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special election and vote of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School in said district on Wednesday, October 7, 1998. The polls will be open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Nicholas Faraone.

2. To vote on the following Resolution, dated August 3, 1998:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RESERVE FUND FOR VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3651 OF THE EDUCATION LAW.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, there is hereby established a reserve fund in and for Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York which shall be designated as the "Capital Reserve Fund" of said School District.

Section 2. Such Reserve Fund is hereby established for financing, in whole or in part, the following object(s) or purpose(s) of said School District:

For the reconstruction in part of, and the construction of additions to the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School and the Voorheesville Elementary School, including land purchase, furnishings, equipment and apparatus, and necessary alterations and ancillary work.

Section 3. The ultimate amount of such Fund shall be \$525,000, plus accrued interest.

Section 4. The probable term of such Fund shall be five (5) years.

Section 5. The source from which the funds for such Reserve Fund will be obtained is as follows:

Unappropriated Fund Balance as funds become available and unexpended funds from the 1998-1999 budget.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval thereof by a majority of the qualified voters of said School District voting on a proposition therefor submitted at the annual or a special district meeting of said School District, the details of which shall be specified by a further resolution

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of this Board of Education. Section 7. The form of the proposition to be so submitted shall substantially be as follows:

RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, is hereby authorized to establish a reserve fund (to be known as the "Capital Reserve Fund") in an ultimate amount of \$525,000, plus accrued interest, with a probable term of five (5) years, with the purposes and source thereof being as follows:

a. For the reconstruction in part of, and the construction of additions to the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School and the Voorheesville Elementary School, including land purchase, furnishings, equipment and apparatus, and necessary alterations and ancillary work.

b. The source of the funds for such Reserve Fund shall be as follows:

Unappropriated Fund Balance as funds become available and unexpended funds from the 1998-1999 budget.

Section 8. The above RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION may be presented to the voters in abbreviated form as this Board of Education shall direct in a further resolution to be adopted by it.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the aforesaid proposition and, upon such approval, no further action of this Board of Education will be required to perfect the establishment of such Reserve Fund.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District Voorheesville, New York 12186 Dated: August 19, 1998 Dorothea Pfeleiderer District Clerk

(August 26, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION COLUMBIA PHC GROUP, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia PHC Group, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 22, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is 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. (August 26, 1998)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION COLUMBIA SFH, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia SFH, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on July 21, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is 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. (August 26, 1998)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 18, 1998 Cart-away, LLC filed Articles of Organization of a limited liability company with the Secretary of State, effective that date. Its principal office is to be located in the County of Albany and State of New York. The purpose of Cart-Away, LLC is any purpose that is a lawful purpose for a limited liability company in the State of New York pursuant to Section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of Cart-Away, LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process to 44 Cause Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Dated: August 26, 1998 (August 26, 1998)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

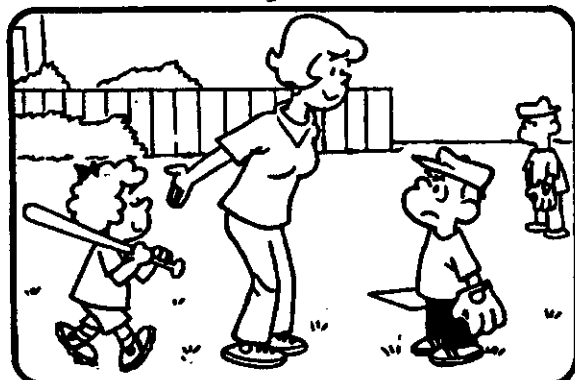
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 2, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Brian Herrington/ Bryan & Karoline (Harrington) Braun, 286 Beaver Dam Road, Selkirk, New York 12158 for Use Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-12, Residence A District of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to permit a nursery, pole barn and storage area for land-scaping business at premises 238 Beaver Dam Road, Selkirk, New York.

Michael C. Hodum Chairman Board of Appeals (August 26, 1998)

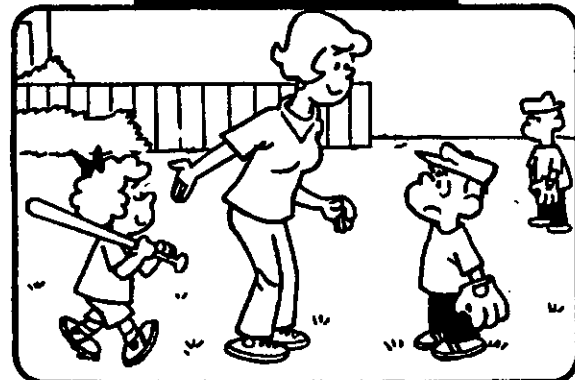
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, September 2, 1998, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Timothy O'Brien, 65 Meadow Lane, Albany New York 12208 for Use Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, Section 128-15 AR District (A) (C) and Article XX, Non-conforming Buildings and Uses, Section 128-88 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to permit the operation of a limousine service, motor vehicle repairs, towing service, used cars and living quarters at premises 704 Elm Avenue, Selkirk, New York 12158.

Michael C. Hodum Chairman Board of Appeals (August 26, 1998)



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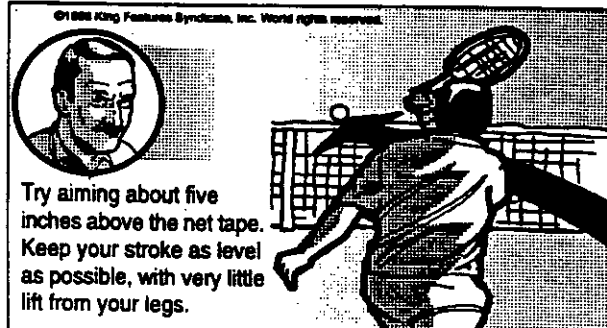
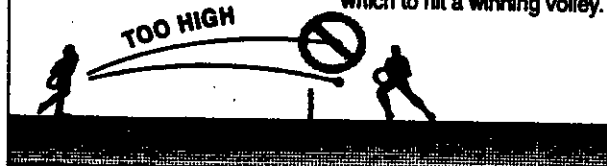
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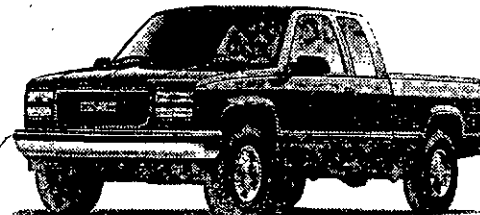
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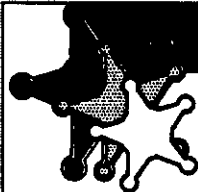
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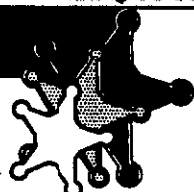
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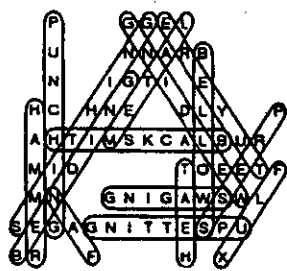
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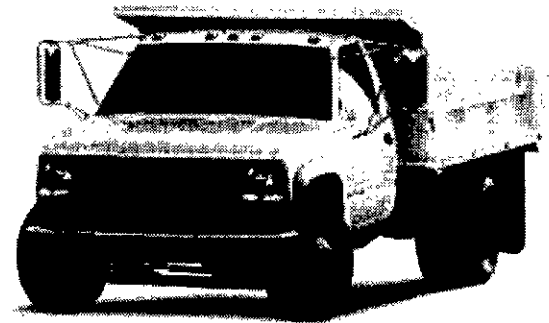
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Amidon added that when starlings and sparrows were brought to America from Europe during the last century, those birds usurped the prime nesting spots to which bluebirds would otherwise have gravitated.

Amidon said bluebirds are at a disadvantage because, as ground-feeders, they have soft beaks, whereas seeding birds like sparrows have tougher beaks.

"So when bluebirds come north looking for nesting places and they get into a fight with seeding birds, guess who wins?" Amidon asked.

Because of all the problems bluebirds face in the area, local bird enthusiasts like Amidon have set up various sanctuaries for bluebirds like the three handmade boxes Amidon installed along Route 85.

Amidon said that when he recognized the treeline between the Blue Cross building and Route 85 as an ideal nesting place for bluebirds, he contacted town Supervisor Sheila Fuller about how to get permission for putting a box on the fence around the Blue Cross

building, which is now owned by Picotte Companies.

Fuller referred Amidon to the state Department of Transportation, which governs the use of lands near its highways, including Route 85. Amidon said the state was amenable because the bluebird is a protected species and is also the state bird.

Once he received permission, Amidon built the boxes according to plans provided by the North American Bluebird Society, based in Silver Spring, Md.

The Route 85 boxes were installed in April, and sparrows immediately invaded. Amidon, who visits the boxes regularly, evacuated the sparrows' nest in time to catch a bluebird that migrated into the area in June.

By July, the bluebird had nested and laid eggs. Amidon said he counted three hatchlings before the adult bird and her chicks left the box late last month.

Amidon said it pleased him to see a family of birds nest in his box because he feels bluebirds have had a tough time in recent years.

"Back in the '50s, the advent of

DDT did a terrible job on insect-eating birds," he said. "The birds are beneficial to humankind. If we don't have them, we have to use pesticides, and that's just a round robin, because the insects get resistant to the pesticides."

But even though he's happy his project went well this year, Amidon warned amateur bird enthusiasts against building boxes without knowing what they're getting into.

"It's not just putting up bird boxes," he said. "The hard job is keeping them clean and clearing the hornets and wasps out of them."

Amidon said bugs won't invade a box once birds have settled there, but people who build boxes need to evacuate bugs and nuisance birds if they want to make a habitat for bluebirds.

But Amidon said it's a pleasure to see a bird box get used by its intended residents, as happened on Route 85.

"It's just nice to see because the birds are so rare," he said.

For information on bluebird boxes, call the North American Bluebird Society at 301-384-2798.

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