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Bethlehem board reveals annual budget for 1999

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller and comptroller Judith Kehoe presented Bethlehem's tentative 1999 budget at last Wednesday's town board meeting. The budget now stands at \$22,676,118; \$7,292,549 of which is to be raised by taxes. This represents an increase of \$1,053,771 over the 1998 operating budget of \$21,622,447.

In her budget message, Fuller said, "We are proposing an increase in the general fund tax levy of 5 percent, or \$2.74 for a \$130,000 property. Highway, water and sewer fund levies will remain at 1998 levels.

Note that the four operating funds combined yield a tax increase of less than one percent."

The general fund appropriation for 1999 is \$10,977,000, \$537,000 more than 1998; the highway fund is \$4,131,000, an increase of \$169,400; the water fund is \$4,468,700, \$201,420 more than 1998; and the sewer fund is \$3,090,000, an increase of \$136,433. South Albany water, sewer and special sewer appropriations amount to \$9,418.

"The town's financial position is good," Fuller said. "The total long-term outstanding debt on Dec. 31, 1997, was about \$22,000,000, of which only about \$4,000,000 was subject to the town's constitutional debt limit. This means we are not relying extensively on bonding for our capital needs. At the end of 1997, the town had about \$3,000,000 in capital

reserves, which is available to fund improvements."

As to specifics, Kehoe said that the town continues to benefit from the state Retirement Systems' favorable investment performance, with a budgeted 1999 contribution of \$156,000.

The budget includes a 3 percent cost of living increase to its employees, and an increase in health insurance rates of about 5 percent. Health insurance rates for retirees have risen 16 percent.

The general fund appropriation, which supports things like the town's park facilities, senior services, hazardous waste day, the police force and its programs, and the town's telecommunicators, is up about 5 percent.

The 1999 highway department budget keeps the tax rate at its 1998 level, although expenditures have risen by 4 percent, Kehoe said. The residential water rate will remain at \$1.07 per 1,000 gallons and the industrial rate will rise to \$1.40 from \$1.36 per 1,000 gallons. Water

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The town's financial position is good.

Sheila Fuller

Fire skaters



Delmar Fire Department firefighters Tim Haverly, Steve Dorsey and Brian VanAernem were good skaters at Friday's parade hosted by North Bethlehem Fire Co. Elaine McLain

Two square off for V'ville school board seat

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Voorheesville Central School District voters will choose a new school board member and decide whether to establish a capital reserve fund of up to \$525,000 at a special election scheduled for

Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school lobby.

Fern Pivar and Joseph Pofit are both running for the school board seat vacated by Nicholas Faraone.

Long Island native Pivar and her husband Bradley moved to Voorheesville

from Cornwall, Orange County, seven years ago so that their son, Scott, could go to Wildwood School in Niskayuna. Their daughter Stefanie, 16, is a junior at Clayton A. Bouton High School.

Scott, now 14, was diagnosed with the neurological disorder Fragile X Syndrome when he was a year old, and Pivar has become well versed in the language of special education since then. She has been the parent member of the district's committee for special education for the past seven years, and spent two years at Albany Law School learning how to be a legal advocate for the disabled and disadvantaged.

She helped establish an adaptive swim program that pairs children in special education programs with other children for swim time at the high school pool and is currently working toward certification in



Pofit



Pivar

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Extended-day kindergarten up and running at ELC

By DONNA J. BELL

The Early Learning Center (ELC) at Slingerlands Elementary School is trying out an extended-day kindergarten class for some students this year.

The pilot program is intended to assist children who have language or gross motor skill needs. "This is something the district had begun looking at years ago," said ELC supervisor Helen Salamone. "When the full day/half day issue came up last year, we decided to develop an extended-day program that is rich in language development and motor skills."

She presented the proposal to the school board, and a committee consisting of Salamone, a speech therapist, kindergarten teacher, guidance counselor and occupational therapist worked out the details. The group also consulted

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Teacher Bonnie O'Shea helps Brittany Myers, left, Andrew Worgan, Brandy Deragon and Andrew Reilly with a baking project. Donna J. Bell

Family keeps values alive at annual harvest reunion

By Debbie Eberle

At first glance, the Redhorse Farm on Orchard Road in Delmar appears to be just another quaint spot to buy fall pumpkins and gourds. But Jim and Barbara Tate weren't thinking about pumpkins when they moved out to the country in June of 1984. In a day when family roots are deteriorating, these grandparents chose to make a difference.

The Tates said they didn't want their grandchildren to feel that visiting them was on obligation. Instead, they wanted to create a unique and positive experience so their children and grandchildren would want to visit.

With the family spread out in four different states, the Tates were concerned everyone would grow apart. They hoped that the Redhorse Farm would be a place that all family members would enjoy, where traditions would be born

and family values kept alive.

Jim's first crop was Christmas trees. Unfortunately the clay in the soil led to soggy roots and the demise of many trees. Jim decided to take a Master Gardener course and eventually started planting pumpkins.

"I started growing pumpkins primarily as an attraction for the little people," said Jim. "What child doesn't like a pumpkin?"

He remembers the first year they grew pumpkins. "After all the children got one, there were still some left over so we put them out by the road to sell." The business just took off from there.

For the past 10 years, the Tates have gathered their extended family and a few friends for a long weekend of work and play. Barbara's friend Martha Milton comes all the way from Chicago and "stations herself in my kitchen cooking her gourmet soups, apple



The Tate family grandchildren at this year's annual pumpkin harvest reunion.

Debbie Eberle

pies and chocolate cakes all day long.

The grandkids' fun begins on Friday night when their parents check in to a local hotel for some quality adult time.

The Tates then watch 12 kids under age 15 on both Friday and Saturday night. "This works out best for the children as well as their parents," said Jim.

Saturday morning starts with 10 dozen doughnuts from Indian Ladder Farms, lots of coffee and of course, juice for the children.

"They all come and work," said Jim. "We couldn't do it without them," added Barbara. "The little people," as Jim refers to them, "handle the gourds and the little larger ones wash the pumpkins. The other larger ones tend to sort them."

The children travel back and forth to the fields all day long, cutting, gathering and hauling pumpkins and gourds. A tractor gets everything back to the barn for washing, sorting and pricing.

The only time everyone stops is at noon when it's "feeding time and

we ring the bell," said Jim. Then back to work until sundown when all the kids, grandkids and friends enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner made with tomatoes from the garden.

"We are not trying to get rich selling pumpkins but rather to increase family values," said Jim. "We hope that someone will take a page out of our book about how we can best weld the family together and help our children feel a little more secure at the same time. We want to make a positive influence in their lives."

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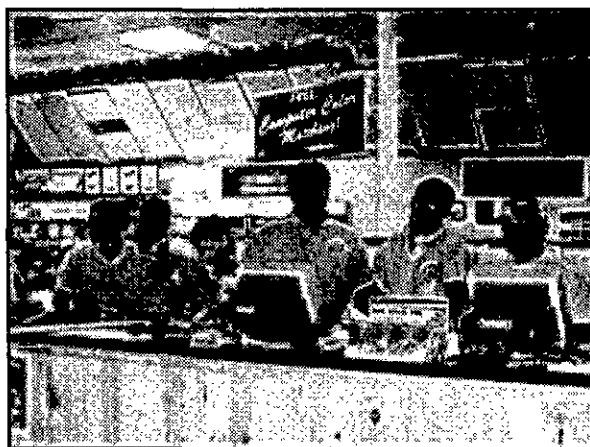
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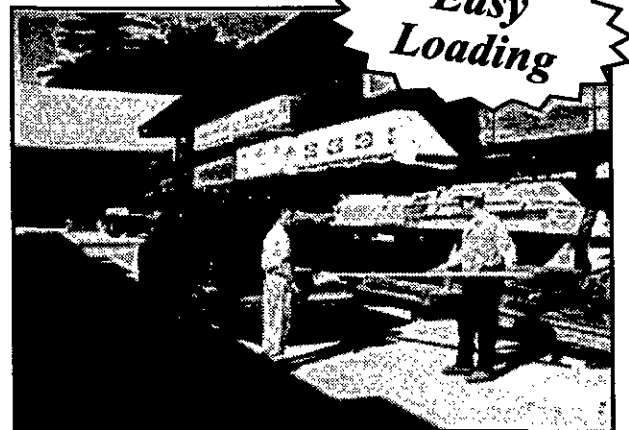
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Town limits parking near BCHS

By Katherine McCarthy

During a public hearing at last Wednesday's meeting, the Bethlehem town board limited parking on certain streets in the Brookfield development across the street from the high school.

Between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on school days, parking is limited to one hour on the west side of Wakefield Court from Longmeadow to the intersection of Dorset Street, including the cul-de-sac, and on the north side of Grantwood from the intersection of Brockley through the cul-de-sac to the intersection of Wakefield Court. High school students park on those streets and residents are concerned about safety and access.

Town traffic safety commissioner Walter Eck Jr. pointed out that the parking restrictions are for the welfare of residents and students. "We cannot get emergency apparatus through and the post office can't deliver mail there," he said.

Jeff Fudin, who lives on Wakefield Court, said that he had heard from students that they need to park close to the school to get to jobs on time. "I've noticed though, that the streets are full of cars from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and again from 1 to 2:30 p.m.," Fudin said. "If they are driving to school so they can get somewhere for lunch, I'm concerned about the safety to school-age children getting on and off buses. I'm also concerned that kids will now park back on Longmeadow and Summit. We

need to take a closer look at the streets all the way back. The safety of our children is more important than parking."

Joan Smith, who lives on Grantwood, said "I kind of started this," adding that she had hoped to avoid signage on her street. "If we have people coming to visit us, it kind of puts us under arrest."

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller said the final solution to the parking problem lies with the school district and invited concerned citizens, and especially high school seniors from the Participation in Government class who attended last Wednesday's town board meeting, to bring the issue to the school board.

Eck assured students that enacting the law was not a "knee-jerk reaction. We're not after you. You have to address this with the school board; the permanent fix is there."

The board also set a public hearing for Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. to consider another local law that will "sunset" the use of pesticides on town property.

"Fifteen years ago, we did away with regular mosquito spraying," Fuller said. "We're small users of pesticides, along our highways and guard rails. Now we feel that any pesticide use is too much use. This legislation will phase out pesticide use in 1999 and ban the use of pesticides on town property by the year 2000."

Fuller praised members of town departments and Bethlehem Pesticide Watch who met once a month at 7:30 a.m. "to bring this to the point of local law."

Town board member Doris Davis, who worked closely with Bethlehem Pesticide Watch, called the legislation "a good effort on the part of the community. This was a good example of the community working with government officials for everyone's good." Davis especially praised David Austin of the parks and recreation department and highway superintendent Gregg Sagendorph.

Caŷ McEneny of the Bethlehem Pesticide Watch was pleased with the board's action. "I want to thank the board members and the town supervisor for taking the responsibility in a significant human health and environmental issue," McEneny said.

The board also accepted the resignation of senior assessment clerk Polly McIntyre, who is retiring Dec. 1 after more than 20 years of service. Per diem telecommunicator Richard Hotaling is resigning to take a position with the Albany County Probation Department.

The board also changed some of its regularly scheduled meetings. The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11, has been changed to Thursday, Nov. 12, and the meeting scheduled for Nov. 25 has been moved to Nov. 24. The Dec. 9 meeting will be the board's only meeting that month, as the Dec. 23 meeting is cancelled. The board will hold its 1999 organizational meeting on Jan. 13.

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In the bag



Kaitlin Hammer, left, Paige Sutton and Sarah Schenmeyer have a neat way of promoting the bag sale at the bazaar at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

Elaine McLain

New class goes the distance with kids at Clayton A. Bouton

By Katherine McCarthy

The future is now in room 105 at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School in Voorheesville, where Brian Hunt teaches an advanced placement economics class on BOCES' distance learning network.

Fifteen Voorheesville students sit in front of him, and one Cohoes student and three Scotia-Glenville students join the class via one of eight interactive television monitors in the room.

Advanced placement economics is the first class being taught in

Voorheesville's distance learning classroom, which was completed this summer. In addition to the television monitors, there are two cameras, intelligence audio, a microphone for every two students, an amplifier, fax machine, overhead projector and laptop computer. Hunt projects outlines from the computer onto monitors instead of writing on a blackboard. He even uses a "telestrator" to draw supply and demand curves.

The classroom was designed especially to accommodate the distance learning network, which has been offered by Capital Region BOCES for the last five years. Curtains keep daylight from reflecting on the television screens, carpeting helps the acoustics and air conditioning maintains the equipment.

So far, the class gets a thumbs-up from students. "This is my favorite class," Tyler King said. "It's easy to concentrate, and makes you want to learn."

"You don't have to worry about seeing over other people's heads," said Brian Kern. "It makes it easier that everything's on computer."

Krysta Berquist is looking forward to the variety of classes that could become available on the distance learning network. "Like there's one about women writers,"

she said. "There would never be enough interest just in this school, but this would be a way to get the class."

Hunt, who worked with the distance learning network for three years in Duanesburg be-

This is my favorite class. It's easy to concentrate, and makes you want to learn.

Tyler King

fore returning to Voorheesville, said that currently, mostly small schools take advantage of distance learning.

"Right now, nine high schools and two Votec are part of distance learning," Hunt said, "which is mostly electives. That's logical, especially for smaller schools, which can't offer every single elective. For the most part, bigger schools haven't picked it up yet. But they will."

Hunt said all the technology associated with distance learning motivates students to learn. "They're comfortable with it, and

learn well," he said. "The students are really motivated here. Kids are always stopping by to see what this room is."

Hunt said that the distance learning network will help open students up to the wider world, and that kids who take classes together by television develop a sense of collegiality. "This is helping to prepare them for the outside world, as they get ready to break out a little bit," he said.

An image of Hunt is usually visible on at least one of the computer monitors, and he said he has gotten used to seeing himself. He also said that the students at the receiving schools adjust quickly. "At first, they think it's weird," Hunt said, "but after a while, they're used to it. I think they're right here in the room." The only drawback, he said, is that the off-site students can't see him after school. "I encourage them to call me at school or at home," he added.

Distance learning classes are limited to three sites, with a maximum of 24 students. An adult is always present at the receiving sites, and the host school supplies texts and handbooks. Voorheesville is the host school for Hunt's advanced placement economics class; in the second

semester the school will receive a public speaking class.

Hunt is excited about the possibilities of distance learning. "I'm very anxious to have adult education classes," he said, explaining that some high schools have worked with community colleges on the distance learning network. "I think it would be a great asset to the community, to offer college credit, or certification, credits for a job, or for someone to just be able to work on their degree."

Hunt pointed out that distance learning could also be an asset with new teacher training regulations going into effect. "Teachers need 175 hours of training every five years," he said. "Being able to take those classes here brings it to the community."

Hunt said there have been some minor software glitches and adjusting students' schedules has required some maneuvering, but it has worked out well so far. "There are also some upgrades that can come in the future," Hunt said, "Like a camera that can zoom in on the students when they participate."

It's clear that Hunt is excited about distance learning. "I'll do everything I can to make sure this succeeds," he said.

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There's nothing as fulfilling as a Macintosh apple

By Katherine McCarthy

Is there anything in the world as wonderful as a fresh Macintosh apple?

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One last long look, then finally to the teeth, which have to work to get through the skin, piercing it with a precise "pop." Juice should run down your chin, maybe offer up its clean scent to your nose, and your mouth would pucker at the tartness, if it wasn't still full of apple.

This is autumn, the feel, scent and taste of the season that ushers in radiant colors and brisk days, bridging the full heavy green of

summer and thin, stinging blue of winter. Autumn is a time for remembering, not just the past summer, but years gone by, as things change all around us.

COMMENTARY:
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Word**

Last week I saw some of that change in the new distance learning classroom at Voorheesville high school. It is so cool, all those TV monitors and notes via computer. I left the school with my head reeling at the possibilities: special electives; adult education; teacher training; there's no end to it. It's bound to move into our homes too, with the Internet on cable and television phones appearing on the market. Our world is expanding all the time.

I thought about this as I headed from the high school to that autumnal mecca, Indian Ladder Farms. We haven't been apple picking yet this year, and the incentive is down, now that the Macs are off

the trees.

All thoughts of the modern world left my head as I pushed open the door to the cold room and smelled that cidery-winey odor that heralds a fresh crop of apples and made me think of other autumn days.

I picked up a dull Mac, exam-

Autumn is a time of remembering, not just the summer, but years gone by, as time and things change all around us.

ined its shape and brought it up to my nose. No Jonamacs for me; I wanted the real McCoy, in this case a half bushel of real Macintosh apples. I stopped at the cider, which along with the bricks of Cheddar cheese, brought specific memories into focus. Like pre-computer days at Middlebury College when you went to the library to look stuff

up, scuffing fallen leaves along the way.

Sometimes on a Saturday, my friend Marcy and I would forsake the dining hall to feast on apples, cheddar and cider overlooking the Green Mountains. We realized even then that these could be the best days of our lives.

Years later, my husband Chris and I and 16-month-old son Christopher took a two-week vacation in Vermont. Starting from my grandmother's house on the 12th of September, we ushered summer out in charming bed and breakfasts that had bowls of fresh Macintosh apples on foyer tables. We ended up back at grandma's house on an autumn day so chilly she'd shut the windows. The warm smells of cheddar broccoli quiche and a baking apple pie wrapped themselves around us.

Later that week, back in the urban apartment we then called home, my son looked at me from his high chair after a lunch of chopped-up turkey and sliced bananas and uttered in a hopeful tone: "Pie?"

The first autumn our younger son Cormac could walk, he toddled cheerfully through the apple orchard, thrilled with the windfall apples, which he sampled before putting into our bags to bring home.

What sort of world will they live in, my apple-cheeked children? If we can reach far-off schools by television, what inventions and developments will they see? Voyages to Mars; colonies under the sea? I can only guess at their future, but I know I can help make their memories, which means a trip to the apple orchard after all.

They already know the huff, rub, huff, rub routine, and will try to rush through it. I'll touch their hands to slow them down, noticing the feel of their skin and color of their eyes. The future is coming fast, so right now we need to slow down and savor every bite.

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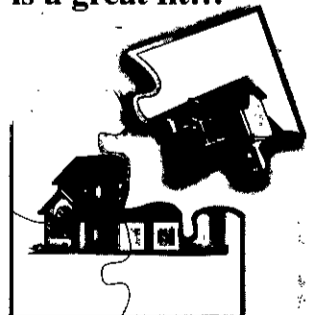
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Citizens group has made Bethlehem streets safer

By Susan Graves

A grass-roots group promoting pedestrian safety in the town of Bethlehem has made great strides since it began just two years ago.

Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety was founded following the deaths of teen-agers Andy Jukins, Leslie Baron and Sarah Whiting in unrelated car/pedestrian accidents.

"I kept waiting for some kind of action to prevent this from happening again, but no one was saying we have a plan to prevent future tragedies," said Lynn Finley, who founded Bethlehem's Citizens for Pedestrian Safety. The group actually started in Finley's living room when about 25 Bethlehem residents joined her to share their concerns about making town roadways and streets safer for pedestrians.

"I'm not a public speaker. I was terrified," Finley said of the initial meeting. She overcame her fears, however, and the group eventually started to get things done.

Town Councilwoman Doris Davis, who was at the initial meeting and continues to be a part of Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, said as a result of residents' involvement, "Some very worthwhile interests have been taken to the town."

Several members of Bethlehem



Town Councilwoman and Citizens for Pedestrian Safety member Doris Davis takes a break by one of the new Walk Left, Ride Right signs in town.

Elaine McLain

Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, including Davis, sit on the town traffic safety committee, which also includes members of the town Police Department, State Police, town highway department, the town board and a representative from the Capital District Transportation Committee.

Davis said a number of concerns have been addressed through the efforts of both groups, including the crosswalk at the Delmar Post Office, signage throughout the town and magnets and bumper stickers advocating pedestrian safety.

"Sidewalks really have become a major issue (in the town) as a result of the citizens' group, Davis said. She said the town recently hired Clough Harbour & Associates to do a study of where sidewalks most need to be placed and what the cost would be.

"There are also more signs — 'Walk Left, Ride Right,' which help increase awareness, and that there is more compliance with traffic/pedestrian rules, Davis said.

"We have a very good working relationship with the town," Finley said.

Fran Stevens said she got involved with the citizens group for two reasons: first as a link to the school board — her husband Dennis is on the board — and second

because of her professional experience. Fran Stevens works for the state Department of Health and spent some time in its injury control program. In addition, she said, "My daughter was in school with the three kids who were killed."

She, like Finley and Davis, is delighted with the town's responsiveness to the citizens group. "Working with our town government has been wonderful. As a result of Sheila's (Supervisor Sheila Fuller) involvement and pulling together pieces of town government that need to pull together," a lot of progress has been made, Stevens said.

"We will play whatever roll we can, she said of the citizens group. "We function as a sounding board."

One of Steven's concerns is that more needs to be done to educate children about the rules of the road for pedestrians. "I have done surveys — our kids don't know the rules of the road." She said in one classroom she visited more than half the kids didn't know the rules.

Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian safety has only one source of funding. In the spring, Bethlehem Central High School students organize and participate in the Sarah Whiting Run-a-thon and the money is donated to the group.

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Matters of Opinion

BC earns A for the day

Although some parents might argue that full-day kindergarten should be available for all children, Bethlehem Central School District deserves credit for the extended day program it established this year at the Early Learning Center.

The program will help about 15 students develop motor and language skills and has far-reaching implications for these kids who will spend more time each day in school.

Whether or not this is the right thing to do for all kindergarteners was a hotly debated issue last year, between parents advocates who wanted to keep a half-day program in place and those who insisted a longer day was critical to a child's development at this age. The outcome of that debate is still to be decided. But for the kids in the current extended-day program, it is clearly the right thing to do. BC teachers and Early Learning Center director Helen Salamone are to be commended for their commitment to this important program. These educators are looking ahead and their actions now could likely make major differences in children's lives.

The district deserves credit for supporting programs like this and making sure they happen in a timely fashion. BC most certainly earned an A for the extended-day program.

Papers sport new look

Spotlight Newspapers all have a new look this week. We modernized our logos, including our flag — the way the paper's name appears on Page 1 — to make our publications easier to read and more visually appealing. We are also in the process of honing our paginating capabilities to help with this process.

While we are excited about these changes, we want our readers to know that we haven't changed our commitment to the communities we serve. Local news continues to be the meat and potatoes of Spotlight Newspapers. We encourage you to let us know how we're doing; we always like to hear about what we do right, but we also like to hear about what we could do better. Remember, we still publish engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.

Call us at 439-4949 or write a letter to the editor so that we know what's on your mind. That's the only reason we're here — to serve you and your community.

Editorials

Third place holds hidden benefits

By Beth McCarthy

The writer is a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

In the age of the hurried child, I am a hurried adult. A two income family with two young daughters, my husband and I divide most of our time between work and home. I contend there is a third place to be, that is a worthwhile investment of your time and energy. This place has potential benefit for all who enter. It is your house of worship, synagogue or church. A faith community can be an oasis in the desert of a complex society.

The need to belong is a basic human need. Transient neighbors, lack of extended family, spread out suburbs and isolation in the workplace are just some examples of situations that detract from our sense of belonging. A faith community meets this need in a variety of ways, the most significant being worshipping together. This act helps you identify with a group of people. Your beliefs bond you with people all over the world, past and present.

I am Irish Catholic. Being Catholic is a religious and cultural experience for me. It is part of who I am. Even when I don't agree with something that someone who is sharing the pew says, it doesn't matter. I belong to a church that has survived differences of opinion for nearly 2,000 years.

In every congregation, there are rituals that have excited all five senses for generations. A bar mitzvah, confirmation, bris, baptism, wedding or funeral, all contain traditions on which we build our lives. If you are choosing a denomination that's different from

Point of View

your childhood one, you are choosing new traditions to pass along. Each sacred ritual, no matter how often it is repeated, deepens our essential sense of belonging.

In any congregation, faith-filled events are linked with fun-filled ones. Kosher pizza night, a picnic or fashion show, are all examples of a community inviting you to relax and have a good time. I recently overheard my 8-year-old telling a friend how much she enjoyed a trip to a major league baseball game with "my church." At this early age she has realized that her church is not a building but a community of people with whom she shares things like Sunday Mass or a baseball game. In youth ministry activities, children experience fellowship that over time leads to a more meaningful connection with the entire community.

We know that everything that is good for us is not always comfortable. In a world where anything goes, church is a place that challenges us on moral issues. I admit there are times when my conscience goes to sleep and needs waking up. I need this kind of stimulation and so do my kids. This third place also emphasizes gratitude, to counteract the all too frequently held notion that we are entitled to all that we have now and want next.

Few people would argue that doing something for someone less

fortunate positively effects individuals, groups and our entire society. Some of the best service opportunities are organized by various religious congregations. Someone has done all the legwork, all you have to do is show up and help. Another way to serve is within your community itself. Watch for a while and then pick a spot that suits you. Soon this third place starts to feel like a second home.

It also broadens your support system when tragedy or illness throws you an unexpected curve. It could be your clergyman's surprise visit when you are hospitalized or people who attend your father's funeral because they know you, even though they didn't know him, or perhaps a member of your congregation who gives you a line on an employment opportunity when you've lost your job. It could be as simple as a great listener who doesn't charge by the hour.

The good times are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. Marriages, births and anniversaries have so much more meaning when celebrated in a place you belong, instead of someplace where you just dropped in. But if you do drop in, you will be welcomed and invited to stay.

I am writing this article because I know many wonderful people who deserve, but do not yet have, this third place. I ask them to check their ambivalence at the door and give the third place a try. Invest a little time. It has all the benefits I've mentioned and many more.

Boy seeking support for bar mitzvah project

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am going to ride my bicycle to all seven Bethlehem Central schools in order to raise money for Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU).

It is my hope that the money will be used toward building a community center for the residents of Bethlehem. If a community center is not going to be built, the money will be used to help support BOU programs within the schools.

The bike ride will take place on Sunday, Oct. 18. I am asking for pledges of at least 50 cents a mile. According to the route I plan to take, my ride should be approximately 28 miles. I will ride from my house to the high school to Hamagrael, then to the middle school, Elsmere, Glenmont, Clarksville, Slingerlands and back to my home.

I chose to do this bicycle ride as my mitzvah project, which is required before I become a bar mitzvah. The project is supposed to help the community in some

way, and it is my choice to help BOU.

I hope you will support my project by calling me with the amount of your pledge per mile. My telephone number is 439-0991. I appreciate your help.

Michael Sanders
Delmar

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Your Opinion Matters

Reader heaps praise on writer's commentary

Editor, The Spotlight:

I write to commend your staff writer, Katherine McCarthy, for her excellent commentary headed "Clinton scandal makes parent's job harder," in the Sept. 23 issue of *The Spotlight*.

It was written with a full measure of human appreciation of all the diverse elements in this most difficult, far-reaching social dilemma. I know from conversations I've had in the past few days that her essay is being very well received.

The additional label that was placed on the front page portion, "Mom's the Word" leads to the hopeful thought that this may be only one of a forthcoming series. If so, we can expect to read more of Ms. McCarthy's common-sense wisdom, very effectively and insightfully expressed.

James C. Ross
Delmar

Editor's note: "Mom's the Word" is a new column that will appear on an occasional basis in The Spotlight.

Administrator: Boosters appreciate fund-raising support Views were writer's own

Editor, The Spotlight:

The thoughts which Dr. Yelich expressed last week in *The Spotlight's* Point of View column regarding Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and the use of Ritalin are only his.

Dr. Yelich's viewpoint does not represent the position of the Bethlehem Central School District, our special education department or our school psychologists.

Dr. Leslie Loomis
BC superintendent

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Aug. 29, Bethlehem Central Soccer Booster Club held its annual car wash to support the school district's boys and girls soccer teams.

On behalf of the booster club parents and players, I want to express our gratitude to the Bethlehem Community who generously supported us in this fund-

raising event.

Our special thanks to Framingham Associates for the use of the Main Square parking lot and to Windflower Florists in Delaware Plaza for balloons that helped make the event more festive.

Dave Jukins
Bethlehem Central
Booster Club
president

Kiwanis flea market was rousing success

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Sept. 12, Delmar Kiwanis held its seventh annual Flea Market and Craft Fair. It was a great success and raised more than \$1,500 for youth and senior projects in the town of Bethlehem.

The Kiwanis Club featured a rummage booth, which was stocked with merchandise donated by members and generous people from the Tri-Village area.

Many items donated were left-

overs from garage sales. To donate similar items in the future, contact Jim Krathaus at 439-6808.

We also thank *The Spotlight* for helping to publicize our event. Once again, the paper was a great help promoting and supporting our club activities.

Sue Matterson
Kiwanis Club president

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Talent search under way

Johns Hopkins University is once again seeking the country's brightest second- through eighth-grade students to participate in the Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth Talent Search (IAAY).

The search recognizes and serves students who demonstrate extremely high mathematical and verbal reasoning abilities.

Schools distribute applications and brochures to qualified students, or parents may contact the IAAY directly.

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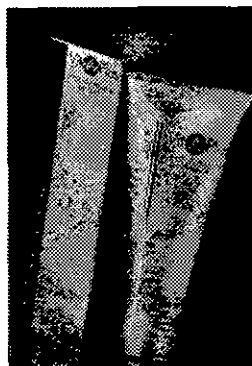
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Library publishes useful community materials

Thanks to staff initiative and some neat desktop publishing equipment, the library puts out several helpful publications as a service to the community.

The ever-popular *New Media Directory*, revised every summer, lists print media, TV and radio stations in the Capital District that carry press releases and public service announcements for community groups. Publication information, addresses and phone numbers are provided, as well as e-mail and Web addresses when available.

The *Bethlehem Town Directory* is updated in January in cooperation with the town. It contains in-



formation about various town offices, local school districts and other community services, as well as emergency phone numbers and a list of current government representatives.

This directory is also available on the Internet at the library's home page address (<http://crisny.org/libraries/capreg/bethlehem>).

Community Contacts, updated in the fall, is a A-to-Z compilation of information about more than 150

service and interest groups in the Bethlehem area. A handy subject index is included. The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Library contribute funds toward the production of this publication.

Each spring, the youth services department updates information on area summer camps. "Preschool Possibilities" is also updated yearly and contains short descriptions and contact information for facilities in the area.

New to the reference and youth services areas is a series of oversized bookmarks containing current Web sites for a variety of subjects including health, travel, pets,

music, media, genealogy, federal government, consumer information and children's sites. These are revised on a regular basis to keep up with the fluid nature of the Internet.

Each turn of the seasons brings another oversized bookmark listing new large-print books acquired by the library. Back issues of the lists are retained by the reference department. Appearing intermittently are helpful annotated bibliographies on subjects of current interest, and "Pageturners," a compilation of thumbnail book reviews by library staff members.

The media department's monthly lists of new A-V materials,

TV-31's program guide, various general introductions to library facilities and the bimonthly newsletters *Footnotes* and *YS Notes* round out the menu of takeout information available to the public.

Louise Grieco

Pesticide watch plans public forum at library

Bethlehem Pesticide Watch will present a public forum entitled "Back to School, Back to Basics: Pest Control Without Pesticides" on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

Dr. Hilaire Meuwissen will talk about the rising incidence of respiratory and allergic ailments among children.

Michael Surgan, chief scientist with the state Attorney General's Office, will report on documented use of pesticides in schools statewide and the health impacts associated with cumulative exposures.

And Claire Barnett, director of the Healthy Schools Network, will discuss how parents and citizens can mobilize schools to adopt pesticide reduction policies.

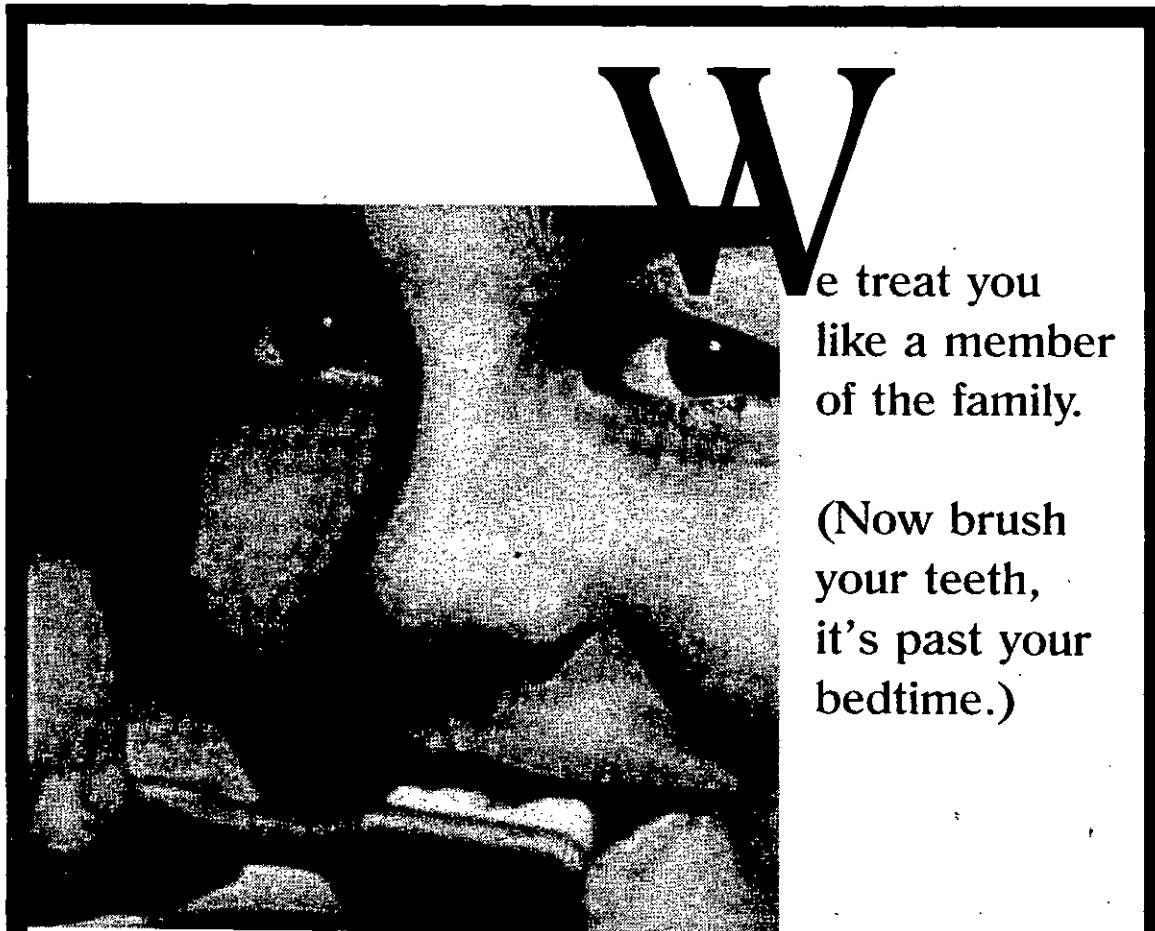
For information, call 439-5359.

Mitchell to speak

Former Sen. George Mitchell, architect of the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement and 1998 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, will speak on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at The College of Saint Rose Activities Center, 420 Western Ave., Albany.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$3 for college and high school students. There is no charge for anyone with Saint Rose identification.

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Group to discuss Cold Mountain

Charles Frasier's 1997 National book Award winner *Cold Mountain* is the topic of the Wednesday, Oct. 7, book discussion led by Suzanne Fisher. If you have never

permission slip, available at the library, is required.

The eight to 10 members of the Every Other Thursday Night Poets would like to round their numbers back up to a dozen, and this is a perfect time for new members to join. Writing experience is not important. Just bring something (short) to read and talk about with the group and be willing to comment on other writers' offerings.

The group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is Oct. 8.

Get ready — the first of the historical memorabilia sessions is set for Friday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. Start scouring your attics and closets for vintage items of interest to bring to the library for photographing, photocopying and recording.

Friends of the Library quilt drawing tickets are on sale at the circulation desk. Get yours now. Tickets are \$2 each.

Barbara Vink



participated in a discussion group, this should be a good book to get started with. It's not too late to stop by and sign up.

It's a scavenger hunt and puppet workshop at the first TLC meeting of the school year on Thursday, Oct. 8. The club provides a great opportunity for kids in grades four through six to get comfortable with their library while having fun and refreshments with youth services librarian Joyce Laiosa. The library club program runs from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and after school bus transportation is provided from the elementary school. Parents are responsible for pickup. A signed

Food pantry planning open house Oct. 4

New Scotland Community Food Pantry will hold an open house on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville.

The food pantry provides food and occasional utility subsidies to those in need who reside in the town of New Scotland or Voorheesville Central School District.

Formerly known as St. Matthew's Human Concerns, the pantry has been in operation for more than 20 years.

The group is looking for new members. Help is needed with food drives, the Holiday Giving program, Regional Food Bank and local pantry pick-ups and deliveries.

For information about the ecumenical organization, call 765-3806.

Open house set at P.B. Coeymans

Parents of students in kindergarten through second-grade at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School on Church Street in Coeymans are invited to attend an open house Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and exchange ideas.

Parents of students in grades three to four are invited to attend Parents Night on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

The school will host a book fair the week of Oct. 5.

Natural Helpers organization slates training

Natural Helpers training will take place at RCS Senior High School on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 4 and 5.

RCS Sports Association to meet at high school

Community members are in-

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invited to the monthly meeting of the RCS Sports Association on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W in Ravena.

Special education parents to meet at middle school

RCS Special Education Parent Support Group will hold its first meeting of the school year today Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria.

Pizza will be served.

Elks club to host Saturday night dances

Bethlehem Elks Club on River Road in Selkirk is beginning a series of Saturday night dances.

The club will host square, line and couples dancing Oct. 24 and Nov. 14 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

For information, call 756-8187 or 756-1805.

Samaritans to host '60s Greaser Night

The Samaritans of the Capital District Suicide Prevention Center will sponsor its second annual '50/'60s Greaser Night on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Bethlehem Elks Club at 1016 River Road in Selkirk.

Tickets are \$10 per person and includes prizes, hot and cold appetizers, beer or soda and a dance contest.

For information, call 459-0196. The Samaritans of the Capital District is a nonprofit community service agency.

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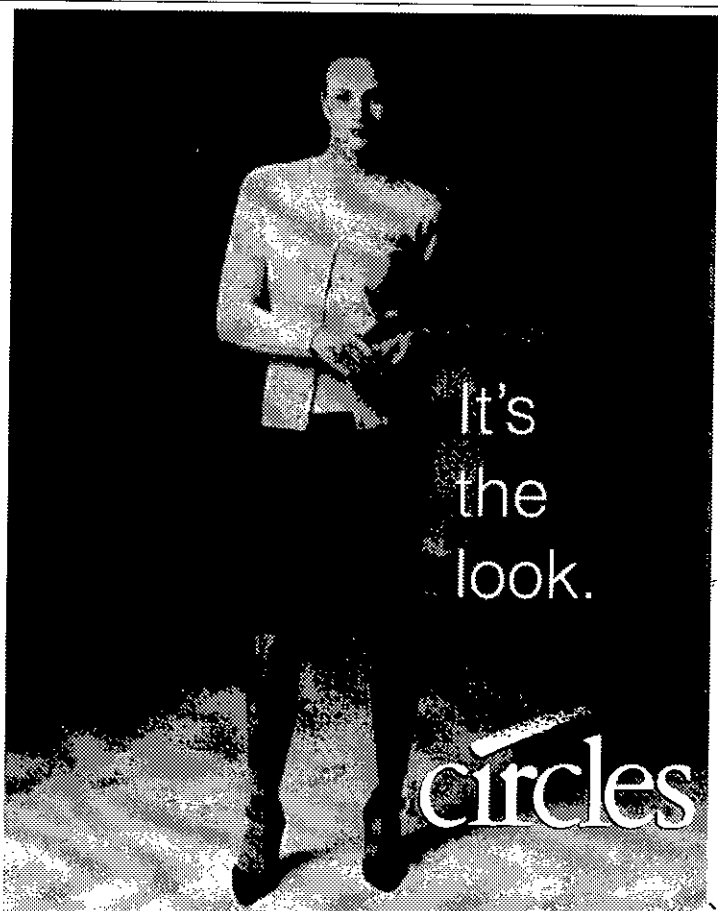
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RCS school taxpayers can expect lower bill

Many RCS property owners will get a pleasant surprise when they receive their tax bills.

Tax rates are lower than originally projected in the budget "Chalkboard" in three of four towns because the district received additional state aid. The school board decided to use a portion of the money to offset taxes.

The board also established a Tax Certiorari Reserve to protect against potential losses related to assessment challenges from Owens-Corning, Powell-Minnock Brick, Albany Water Board, Niagara Mohawk and Central Hudson.

The tax bills are broken down into two lines—one for school taxes and one for the RCS Community Library.

School taxes are based on a total expenditure of \$28,188,450 for the 1998-99 year.

The school tax rates for the three towns in which the tax rate decreased are (all amounts are per \$1,000 of assessed property):

- town of Coeymans, \$391.33 (down from an estimated \$394.36)

- town of New Baltimore, \$305.21 (down from an estimated \$307.61)

- town of New Scotland, \$19.84 (down from an estimated \$19.99)

Due to changes in the state determined equalization rate, however, tax rates for the town of Bethlehem have risen to \$17.97 (up from an estimated \$17.87).

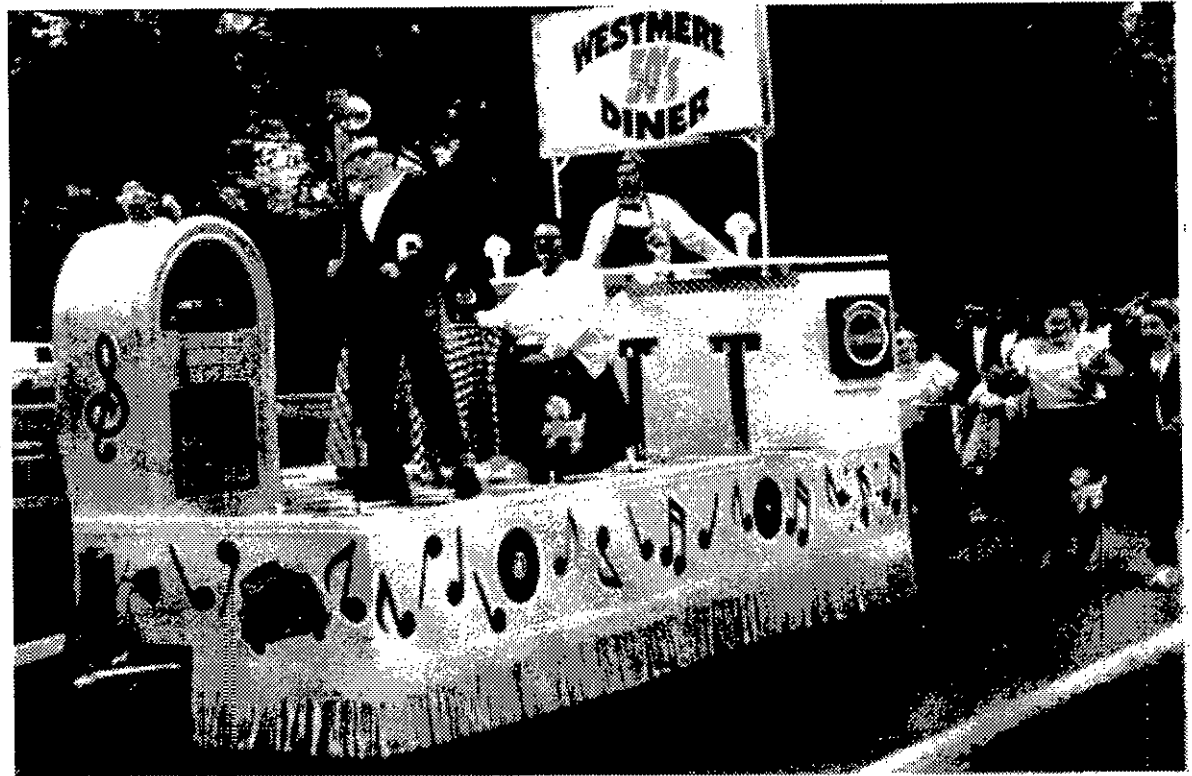
Tax rates for RCS Community Library are (all amounts are per \$1,000 of assessed property):

- town of Bethlehem, \$0.18
- town of Coeymans, \$3.98
- town of New Baltimore, \$3.07
- town of New Scotland, \$0.20.

Board to meet at earlier time

Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m., a half hour earlier than usual. For information, call the library at 439-9314.

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Westmere Fire Department went back to the '50s in its float for the Mardi Gras parade last weekend.

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American Sign Language. She has also been active in the PTA, drama club and music and sports programs.

Pivar made it clear that she is not running for the school board solely on a special education platform. "I'm running to make sure the commitment I've given to all the kids continues," Pivar said. "I work well in an educational environment. People know me as honest, realistic and imaginative."

Pivar said the Voorheesville school district's strengths are the compassion and commitment it shows to children. "Even with all the new teachers, residents and curriculum this year," Pivar said, "the district hasn't changed its main issue: the children. Our kids are so great, but you really have to listen to them. I think there should be a kid on the school board; they're the ones we're doing this for."

Pivar said she would like to see students have the opportunity to expand into externships and internships, be exposed to diversity and become more acquainted with the outside world.

"I think distance learning will be a great way to expand the kids' opportunities," Pivar said. "The school could also have an artist in residence, or bring in more authors, or architects, or draw on our older residents who have more time, to teach along with our teach-

ers. Maybe kids could do interships in the Senate, or a legislator could come in."

Pivar said the district's Friend to Friend program, which her daughter Stefanie initiated, has given a lot of kids a unique look into the world of the disabled.

Last year, 20 10th-graders spent two-and-a-half hours with Wildwood students twice a month, following their schedule, yet remaining responsible for their own work. "I think it was an eye-opening experience that changed a lot of those 20 kids," Pivar said.

Friend to Friend led to the creation of the adaptive swim program, and Pivar is hoping to start an adaptive riding program soon.

Pivar said that her perspective would be useful on the school board. "I've been in the parents' position," she said, "and worked with the administration as part of the CSE (committee on special education)."

Pivar, who has a degree in graphic arts from Indiana State University, worked as an art therapist in the Cornwall schools and is familiar with the teachers' viewpoint. Law school, and her legislative experience working with state Sens. Neil Breslin D-Bethlehem and Catherine Abate D-Manhattan, has shown her the legal perspective on educational issues.

But Pivar sees motherhood as her main role nowadays, and the

main reason to vote for her. "I'm a mom," she said simply. "My family comes first. What better person to sit on a board than a mom? How many hats do we wear, after all?"

Joseph Pofit and his wife Martha moved to New Scotland Road in Slingerlands from Loudonville, specifically so that their four daughters could attend Voorheesville schools. Allison, 13, Ashley, 10, Kimberly, 8, and 7-year-old Katherine had attended the Albany Academy for Girls until the family moved two years ago.

"I looked at the rankings of the school district, and I work at St. Peter's Hospital, so Voorheesville looked pretty good to me," Pofit said. "Other people I knew had moved to Voorheesville and were happy there."

"I've got a lot at stake, with four children in school," he said.

Pofit essentially has a four-point platform. "I know that Voorheesville is a blue ribbon school," he said. "I want to know what that means in detail, and how to maintain and enhance the performance of the district."

Pofit said he is also interested in engaging Voorheesville's parents even more in the school system. "I'm so impressed with the parental involvement in the school system," he said. "All the parents have skills, and I'd be interested in initi-

ating approaches to draw even more on those skills."

Voorheesville's expansion plans warrant consideration, Pofit said. "Taxes are always an issue," he said, "and I'm interested in substantiating and verifying new construction. I'm not interested in overbuilding or underbuilding."

Pofit said he'd also like to take a look at what other school boards are doing. "I know that school districts across the state have programs sponsored by the school boards. I'm interested in seeing what they're promoting and what their overall role is in the community, and whether they've implemented anything unique."

Pofit said his work experience, which includes strategy planning, program development, construction and government relations, along with the many boards he already sits on, make him a good candidate for the Voorheesville school board.

Pofit is on the board of LaSalle School in Albany, a group he was asked to join based on his work at St. Peter's. He is also on the boards of Maternal Infant Care Network of the Capital Region and McAuley Living Services in Albany. He is a member of a number of task forces working on state policy, and is on the board of St. Peter's Physician Hospital Organization.

Pofit said exceptional faculty is one of the Voorheesville Central School District's strengths. Another is the high level of parental involvement. "The interest is there by parents to see the best education possible for their children," he said. "I think that drives a lot of what goes on."

Pofit said there's a need for a three- to five-year plan for the district. "I'm not sure there is one, but there should be and the community should be aware of it," Pofit said.

Pofit graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and Northeastern University. He also has a master's in science from Northeastern, and an master's in public health from Columbia University. Before moving to the Capital District, he was the associate director of Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown.

Being relatively new to the district is not a hindrance to his candidacy, Pofit said. "I know a lot of the parents in the school district and some of the school board members," he said. "In my job, I work closely and well with people. I'm also not one to sit back and just be quiet. I do a lot of questioning."

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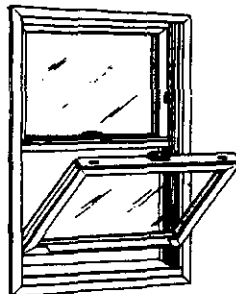
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Sports

Strong Blue Devil running attack downs Bethlehem

By Len Tarricone

When the Bethlehem Eagles football team left the field at halftime trailing 6-3 to Columbia High School on Sept. 25, there was much reason for optimism in the home bleachers. After all, this Eagles team has proven that, if the game is close, they will find a way to win.

Unfortunately on this night, the Blue Devils' talented backfield of Tyler Springer and Steve Slater proved too much for the Eagles in the second half, and Columbia ran off with an 18-3 victory in Delmar.

"Our concern was that they would be able to get outside," said Bethlehem head coach John Sodergren, and justifiably so.

Running behind an unbalanced line that exploited Bethlehem's right side, Springer ran for 84 of his 113 yards in the second half, when Slater added 91 of his 104.

"They didn't do anything we weren't prepared for. We just couldn't stop them. Springer is a

quality back, probably one of the better ones in our league, and they have a lot of experience at the skill positions," Sodergren said.

The Eagles controlled the ball most of the first half, running 35 offensive plays to the visitors' 20.

Tailback Dan Heenan shouldered most of the load, carrying 16 times for 60 yards. He had 10 carries during a 14-play drive that ended with James Cooney's 22-yard field goal that barely cleared the crossbar with 7:43 to go in the second quarter.

The plodding march, which covered 62 yards in seven minutes, epitomized the Eagles' offense.

"We felt like we could run the ball on them, but we just didn't have any big offensive plays," said Sodergren.

Bethlehem made 14 first downs but could not sustain any pressure. Twice in the first half the Eagles were stopped on fourth down deep in Columbia territory, the first time

when quarterback Pat Hughes was pulled down a yard short of a first down at the Blue Devils' 25.

With 2:30 left in the half, Pat Hoogkamp was tackled at the Columbia 18, two yards short of a first down on fourth-and-13. Yet another chance went by the boards at the end of the half, when, on a first down from the Blue Devils' 19, Hughes' pass was picked off with 16 seconds to go.

Columbia had offensive problems of its own, but made just enough plays to gain a slim half-time advantage.

Immediately after the Eagles field goal, the Blue Devils drove to the Bethlehem 32 behind the rushes of Bernie DeGiule and fullback Sethkyra Vath. On third-and-11, DeGiule scrambled to the 24, and then hit a wide-open John Curran on fourth down to the two-yard-line. Springer punched it over on the next play and, with five minutes left in the half, the Blue Devils were in front to stay.

Having pulled out numerous close games over the past two years, including two cliff-hangers to start this year, the Eagles had a little history to ponder at halftime.

"I told them, we've got them right where we want them," said Sodergren. "It's a close game, we're running inside, and we're getting the second half kickoff. Unfortunately, we didn't finish the drive and it swung from there."

On that first drive of the third quarter, Bethlehem used three carries from Heenan and two from Hughes to drive to the Columbia 30. But a motion penalty set them back, and on third-and-15, a half-back option pass from Heenan just eluded the arms of Cooney, who had gotten behind the Blue Devils' secondary at the five-yard line.

The subsequent punt put Columbia back at its 13, but this is where the Blue Devils asserted their running game. Springer took a pitch right and gained 20 yards, then Slater ran the exact same play for 26 more. Springer took it in from 14 yards out five plays later.

For the Eagles, it was all downhill from there, as interceptions and injuries plagued them in the second half. With fullback Eamon

McNiff already out of the game with a shoulder injury, Heenan left with a charley horse with two minutes to go in the third quarter. This necessitated moving Hughes to tailback and inserting junior Bob Hazen at quarterback for a series.

After Bethlehem punted, Vath capped a 13-play drive with a one-yard touchdown run to end the scoring.

Afterward, the Eagles took some consolation in that they were able to move the ball consistently.

"I'm pleased with the offense," said Heenan. "The holes were open, I was hitting them hard, but just could not get an outside gain."

However, Sodergren is concerned about the team's mental state.

"In the first two games we made our mark by having goal line stands to hang in and win, and it takes a lot of heart and energy to do that," he said. "We're struggling right now to get that state of mind back. I was a little disappointed in the demeanor at end of this game with some kids hanging their heads."

Bethlehem, 2-2 overall and 1-2 league, will try to get back on the winning track at Niskayuna Oct. 2. Game time is 7 p.m.



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Blackbirds flying solo atop Buckley after big win

By Len Tarricone

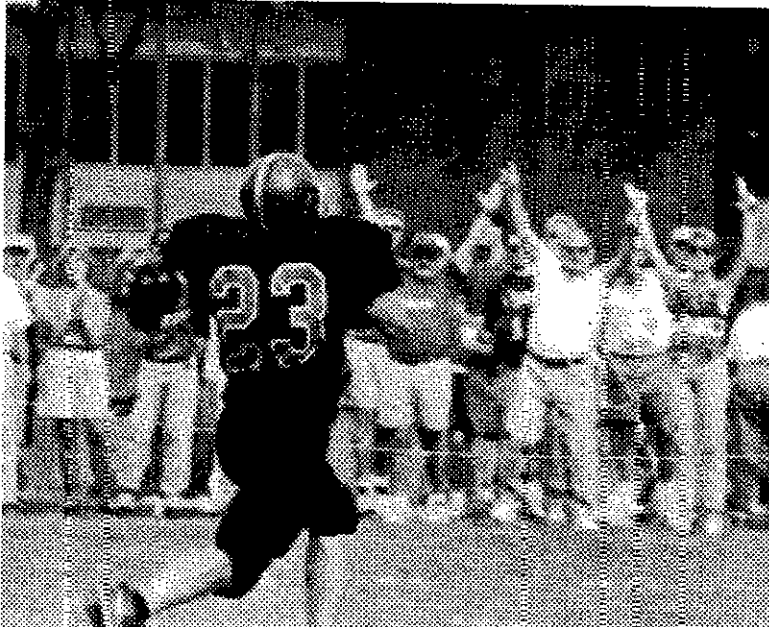
There are a lot of descriptions that could be applied to Clayton A. Bouton High School's convincing 41-6 victory over highly-touted Watervliet High School Sept. 26. One word that should not be used, though, is "upset."

By completely dominating the visiting Cannoneers, the Blackbirds made an emphatic statement about who is ruling the roost in the Buckley Division of the Capital Conference, and justified their confidence against the second-ranked Class C team in the state.

Earlier in the week, Blackbirds head coach Joe Sapienza said his team's defensive strength and overall line superiority would be key factors and felt that his running game would have some success. He anticipated a close game, and had his team drilling the two-minute offense.

With Watervliet, two years removed from a state title and riding a 30-game league winning streak, coming to town, the need might arise to pull out all the stops, but that was not the case as the Blackbirds turned a close contest into a runaway in the second half to improve their record to 4-0.

The Blackbirds came right out and began moving the ball effectively behind their big, senior-laden offensive line, just like they have done against every team they have



Jubilant Blackbirds fans await Pat St. Denis as he heads toward the end zone on his 41-yard interception return for a touchdown. Elaine McLain

played this year.

Twice they drove inside the Watervliet five-yard line, only to come away empty, but did manage one first-half score, a short burst by reserve fullback John Mosley that was set up by a 32-yard pass from quarterback Andy Corcione to wideout Aaron Benedict.

"That play, I think, opened up our offense for the second half," Sapienza said. "They were starting to stack the line to pressure the run, and Andy needed to complete one to keep their defense honest."

But the missed opportunities left Vooheersville only up by 7-6 at intermission.

After a spirited halftime speech by Sapienza, Vooheersville's defense came out and set the tempo for a second-half onslaught that would leave the Cannoneers reeling and the home faithful jubilant.

On the second play of the third quarter, Cavanaugh deflected Watervliet quarterback Tim Murphy's pass into the hands of Pat St. Denis, who took it the other way for a 41-yard score.

Sapienza deemed it the play on which game turned, and it heightened the Vooheersville confidence and set the floodgates in motion.

"That play got everyone excited," said St. Denis, who kept the good times rolling by scoring twice more in the quarter from his tailback slot.

Corcione hit Benedict again for yet another third quarter score to up the lead to 35-6, and the Cannoneers were left to fathom how it could have all gone so bad.

The Blackbirds gained 271 yards on the ground, and Corcione added 78 more through the air on five of seven passing.

Defensively, the interior line, anchored by two-time all-league defensive tackle Eric Papandrea, limited the Cannoneers' rushing attack to 68 yards and put the heat on Murphy.

St. Denis, who gained 163 yards on 26 carries for his fourth straight 100-yard rushing game, said he "had a lot of dreams about this game," and his coach echoed his team's anticipation.

"Watervliet is the measuring stick; we had to beat them to get to the next level," Sapienza said.

Having outscored their opponents this season by 179-19, the Blackbirds are at a pretty high level right now.

They will make the two-hour trek to Taconic Hills Oct. 3 for a 1:30 game to try to sustain their momentum.

Teams seek players

The Bethlehem Young Skaters Program is looking to complete rosters for its travel teams at the PeeWee and Bantam levels.

Mike Mullen, president of the Bethlehem Hockey Boosters, said that the teams are looking to carry 17 players each and are short a few spots at each level.

Children must have been born between July 1, 1985 and June 30, 1987 to be eligible for PeeWee and between July 1, 1983 and June 30, 1985 to be eligible for Bantam.

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Indians keep rolling with convincing win over Hudson

By Len Tarricone

Although their biggest weapon was again inactive, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians still had plenty of guns in the arsenal to shoot down the visiting Hawks of Hudson High School, 44-8 on Sept. 25.

Ravena continued to display its diversified attack by scoring three times from the ground and three via the air, with four different players cracking the end zone.

After opening the season with a 27-0 win over Broadalbin-Perth, the Indians have averaged 52 points per game in their last three outings in improving their record to 4-0.

And they have done it the last two weeks without tailback extraordinaire Gary Jones, who has been sidelined with a knee injury. Coach Gary VanDerzee said that an MRI was performed on Sept. 25 and that the results were unknown as of this writing. He said Jones is moving on the leg,

and that his demeanor is real good.

Jones scored 34 touchdowns a year ago while rushing for over 1,800 yards, and he was off to a brilliant start this year. But the Indians have "rallied around him" according to VanDerzee, and proven that they are anything but one-dimensional.

They welcomed junior Brad Palmer back to the offense against the Hawks after he missed two weeks with a hamstring injury, and he promptly got the Indians on the board with a 12-yard run in the first quarter.

He finished with 67 yards on 12 carries while backfield mate Keith Albano carried the heavier load and responded with 128 yards and a touchdown on 21 rushes.

Wide receiver Tony Tucker added a rushing touchdown on an 11-yard end-around and tallied two others off and 27 yards off passes from quarterback Minard Carkner.

Carkner, who completed 11 of 17 passes for 138 yards, also hooked up with tight end Jim Glasstetter on a ten-yard score in the third quarter.

The Indians amassed 228 yards rushing on 46 carries to complement Carkner's passing yards.

"If I had to pick right now, we are right where we want to be with our pass/run balance," said VanDerzee.

Defensively, Ravena did the job

against Hudson, 2-2, a team which concerned VanDerzee because of their offensive strength and skill in running the option.

"We were successful because we took their fullback out of the option," he explained. "Kevin Reinisch, Lee Kittle, Glasstetter and Albano took away the run inside," he said, and this enabled the Indians to hold the Hawks to 159 yards in total offense.

The Indians will travel to

Lansingburgh, 1-3, Oct. 2, where the Knights will try to put the first blemish on RCS' record.

"They always play us tough. They're always well-prepared, and they have a talented quarterback in Bill Freer and an outstanding back in J.R. Williams," said VanDerzee.

In his most recent game, Williams rushed for 213 yards in a win over Cohoes.

Game time is 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Pop Warner wins two out of three

Tah-Quan Jackson scored two touchdowns for the second game in a row and Bethlehem received defensive contributions from a host of players as the Midgets downed host Belmont 14-0 Sept. 26.

Darnell Douglas added a two-point conversion and Jorge Luis Reyes accounted for 32 yards of offense for the Midgets, who improved their record to 3-0.

In shutting out the Raiders, Bethlehem got an interception from Shane Cassidy and strong defense from Chris Regal, Dev

Nolan, John Davis, Jerry Saliba, Mark Gansky, Jeremy Irving, Anthony Livreri and Alex Lux-Maggio.

Offensive standouts included Ryan Livingston, Joe Siniski, Terrance Polk, James Wheeler, John Sterrett, Brian Danchetz, Patrick Traynor, Nate Panucci and Alfonso Hill.

Elsewhere, Bethlehem's Pee Wee Falcons defeated Burnt Hills 6-0 behind a late touchdown by Matt McKenna.

Neal Plummer keyed a su-

perb Falcon defensive effort with an interception and several downfield tackles.

He was aided by strong play from Brian Nolan, Scott Heighton, and Erik Russo.

In addition to Plummer, Bethlehem got offensive contributions from Geoffrey Wilcox, Shawn Budowski and Matt Carroll.

The Falcons' record is now 2-1 this season.

In one other contest, the Junior Pee Wee Bethlehem Condors struggled against a tough Belmont Patriots defense, losing 6-0 on a 57-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

The Condors' defensive front of Justin Irving, Matt Johnson, David Sterrett, and Chris Abriel played big in stifling the Belmont attack most of the day.

Offensively, Bethlehem was able to move the ball behind the efforts of Eric McLeer, Mike Lansing, Brian Hoeg and Ryan Paratore, but could not dent the end zone.

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V'ville school board to conduct special election

The school board will hold a special election to fill the seat vacated by Nicholas Faraone on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school foyer.

Fern Pivar and Joseph Pofit are on the ballot.

The board has scheduled a foreign language focus forum for Monday, Oct. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Parents night set

Parents night for fourth-, fifth and sixth-grade is Thursday, Oct. 1, at the elementary school.

The evening starts with a general session for fourth- and fifth-grade parents in the large gymnasium. The general presentation for sixth-grade parents will be at 7 p.m. Parents will then proceed to their child's classroom.

Open house for the computer room, art, music, Learning Lab and library is from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and the PTA will sell Entertainment Books. The Ultimate Book costs \$40 and the Value Book is \$20.

Community food pantry to host open house

New Scotland Community Food Pantry will hold an open house on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's parish center on Mountainview Street.

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Historical association slates first program of season

Bill Massoth will present the first in a two-part series on the history of the Erie Canal at a meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

Massoth will show slides to accompany his talk. The topic is of special interest to residents New Scotland as much of the rock used in building the canal came from the town.

Discussion and refreshments will follow the program. For information, call Marion Parmenter at 765-4652.

Nursery school to start Oct. 7

Parents of morning students at Community Nursery of the First

United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will set up the classroom on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

A visitation day is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 6, and Wednesday, Oct. 7, is the first day of classes.

Join elementary school for River Rats opener

Celebrate opening night with the Albany River Rats on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pepsi Arena.

Elementary school night tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Return order and contest entries to the PTA mailbox in the school office by Oct. 2.

For information, call Jeff Klembczyk at 765-9120.

Tree expert to address garden club

Local tree expert Tom George will give a short talk on trees and shrubs at the next meeting of the Helderview Garden Club on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the community room of Voorheesville Public Library on School Road.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. New members are always welcome.

The club, in conjunction with the village of Voorheesville's cen-

tennial committee, will sell daffodil bulbs on Saturdays, Oct. 3, 10 and 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue.

Everyone is encouraged to plant the bulbs now so they will be in bloom during centennial celebrations in May.

Picture day set at high school

Don't forget to look your best for school pictures on Thursday, Oct. 1, at the junior/senior high school.

Extension offers composting workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will conduct a home composting workshop Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. at Rice Center on Martin Road.

For information and to register, call 765-3500.

St. Matthew's slates inquirer's meetings

St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street will hold inquirer's meetings for anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith on Sundays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 10 a.m. in the parish center library.

The group process of discus-

sion and instruction leads to reception of the sacraments of Holy Communion, confirmation and, if needed, baptism.

For information, call 765-2805.

Continuing ed classes still have openings

There are still openings in several continuing education classes. Adult CPR, Basic First Aid and Infant and Child Saver all have openings, as do Defensive Driving, Your Perennial Garden in Fall, Accent on Accessories and Know Your Car.

Calico Christmas, holiday mini courses and herbal craft classes also have openings.

For information, call Jim Hladun at 765-3314.

Recent graduates

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Recent Clayton A. Bouton High School graduates, Sarah Abbott, Matthew Baron and Philip Erner qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award.

Joseph Arena, Ariel Belasen, Zach Malloch and Justin Rymanowski qualified for the AP Scholar Award.

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Budget

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purchases from the city of Albany have increased \$165,000.

Taxes paid on water facilities in the town of New Scotland have risen 70 percent in the last two years due to New Scotland's assessment revaluation, which Bethlehem is contesting, said Kehoe.

The sewer fund's tax rate will also remain flat, Kehoe said, although the water use surcharge is anticipated to increase about 2 percent.

Kehoe said requests from community groups were not included in the budget that was presented last Wednesday, but will be considered during budget workshops. Workshops are scheduled for Oct.

6 and 7, beginning at 7 p.m. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Oct. 28 at 8 p.m., with budget adoption expected to take place at the Nov. 12 board meeting.

Copies of the budget are available at the town clerk's office in town hall, or on the Web page at www.townofbethlehem.org.

Church to dish up turkey dinner Oct. 10

Clarksville Community Church on Route 443 will serve a turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Saturday, Oct. 10, with seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Dinners come with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, rolls, relish tray and homemade pies.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under age 5 eat for free.

For reservations, call 768-2424. Walk-ins are welcome, and take-outs will be available. There will also be a bake sale.

Glenmont to host fest with steakhouse fare

Glenmont Elementary School on Route 9W will feature The Outback Steakhouse at its first Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 4, from noon to 4 p.m.

Richard Cooney, owner of The Outback Steakhouse on Wolf Road in Colonie, and his team of outbackers will be serving a full menu donated by the restaurant to help raise funds for the school.

The menu includes chicken-on-the-barbie; the steakhouse "steak" special; Caesar salad; bloomin' onions; bread and refreshments.

There will be two meal seatings along with games, line dancing and a raffle drawing for Beanie Babies donated by Roberta's gift shop in Glenmont.

Meals cost \$12 for adults and \$7 for children ages 3 to 12. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Peggy Carroll at 434-3473.

Historical group plans autumn bus excursion

Bethlehem Historical Association will sponsor a bus trip to Locust Grove, the estate of Samuel F.B. Morse in Poughkeepsie, on Thursday, Oct. 22. Lunch will be at The Brass Anchor on the Hudson.

On the return trip, the group will stop at the Fred J. Johnston

House/Museum. Johnston was a renowned collector and dealer in 18th and 19th century antiques.

The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from the museum on River Road in Selkirk and return about 5 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person.

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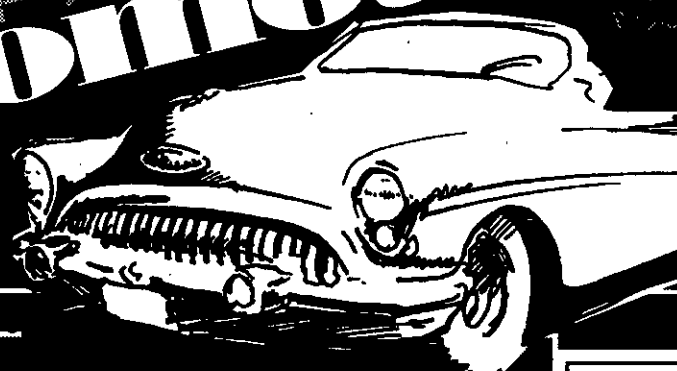
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Obituaries

Bernadette Wagner

Bernadette C. Wagner, 80, of Selkirk died Sunday, Sept. 27, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Utica, she had lived in Albany before moving to Selkirk.

Mrs. Wagner was a data entry operator for the state Department of Corrections before she retired. She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

She was the widow of Howard S. Wagner.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Services will be today, Sept. 30, from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany at 8:30 a.m. and St. Patrick's Church in Ravena at 9:30 a.m.

Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

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

Filomena Kondrat

Filomena "Fannie" Kondrat, 73, of Glenmont died Saturday, Sept. 26, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

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

She was the widow of John A. Kondrat.

Survivors include a daughter, Joanne Saleh of Glenmont; a son John Kondrat of Glenmont; four brothers, Joseph Forenzo, Anthony Forenzo, Louis Forenzo and Charles Forenzo; a sister, Angie Lussier; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 8:15 a.m. today, Sept. 30, from the Dreis Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany and St. James Church at 9 a.m. where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Lowell Gypson Jr.

Lowell H. Gypson Jr., 79, of Delmar died Sunday, Sept. 27, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Gypson was a regional sales manager for Smith, Kline & French Pharmaceutical Co. for many years. He was a retired court officer for the town of Bethlehem.

He was the first president of Delmar Rotary Club and a founding member of the Automobilists of the Upper Hudson Valley. He was a former PTA president.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Knox Gypson; a daughter, Barbara Fitzgerald of Poughkeepsie, two sons, the Rev. Lowell H. Gypson III of Middleport and John W. Gypson of West Dover, Vt.; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was private. Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Senior Services, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Ernestine Talimo

Ernestine Quenneville Talimo, 88, of Elsmere died Thursday, Sept. 24, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

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

Mrs. Talimo was a licensed practical nurse. She had worked at Albany Medical Center Hospital, the Albany Home for the Incurables, Ann Lee Home and Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home.

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

She was the widow of Joseph Talimo.

Survivors include two sisters, Antoinette Quenneville and Noela Zapisek.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

James J. Gray Jr.

James J. Gray Jr., 57, of Albany and formerly of Bethlehem, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

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

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended the University at Albany.

He was a retired administrator for the state Department of Social Services. Mr. Gray was the author of several books on child abuse, which are in the state Library.

He was active in local theater groups and was a critic.

Survivors include his parents, James and Ethel Dascher Gray; two sisters, Gail Gray MacIntosh and Joan Gray Polak; and two brothers, Timothy Gray and Jonathan Gray.

Services were from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

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

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran School, 75 Whitehall Road, Albany 12209 or

the Doris Day Animal League, 227 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20002.

Barbara D. Kaherl

Barbara De. Kaherl, 73, of Selkirk died Monday, Sept. 21, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Millinocket, Maine, she was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mrs. Kaherl was a homemaker. She was the widow of Herman E. Kaherl.

Survivors include two daughters, Pamela Boehlke of Colonie and Cheryl Dumicich of Glenmont; two brothers, Carl Harvey of Hampton, N.H., and Danny Harvey; four sisters, Marie Bright of Westbrook, Maine, Isabelle Pressley of Kissimee, Fla., Sharon Beane of Durham, Maine and Sally Hart of Hampden, Maine; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Light's Funeral Home in Schenectady.

Burial was private.

Nancy Ann Scott

Nancy Ann Boski Scott, 50, of Selkirk died Tuesday, Sept. 22.

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

For the past 11 years, she was an aide to handicapped children at Glenmont Elementary School.

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

Survivors include her husband, Richard G. Scott; her mother, Mary Poniatowski Boski of Albany; a son,

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

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

Jason C. Scott of Selkirk; a daughter, Jennifer L. Scott of Selkirk; and a brother, Robert Boski of Arlington, Texas.

Services were from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

Richard Lefavour

Richard Lefavour, 66, of Feura Bush died Tuesday, Sept. 22, at his home.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Fitzpatrick of Albany; two sons, Daniel Lefavour and Lawrence Lefavour, both of Waterford; and a sister, Leona Lefavour of Albany.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Donald F. Graham Jr.

Donald F. Graham Jr. died Monday, Sept. 14, in Tallahassee, Fla.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he had lived in Delmar until 1993, when he moved to Texas.

He was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy. Mr. Graham attended Union University and the University of New Hampshire. He was the owner of Graham Systems.

He was recently named Outstanding Community Educator by the Texas Community Education Association. He taught computer skills in Texas before moving to Florida this year.

He was secretary of the Lake Travis Rotary.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Beebe Graham; a son, Seth Graham of Moscow, Russia; a daughter, Molly Graham of Babylon, Suffolk County; and a sister, Dianne Graham Parker of Austin, Texas.

Services were in Austin, Texas.

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Christopher and Anne Manzella

Mineau, Manzella marry

Anne Mineau, daughter of Robert and Rosemary Mineau of Delmar, and Christopher W. Manzella, son of Alfred and Maureen Manzella of Slingerlands, were married April 17.

The Rev. John Bradley performed the ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany. A reception followed at the Franklin Plaza in Troy.

The maid of honor was Amy Marafino. Bridesmaids were Emily Seager and Sarah Mineau, sisters of the bride, Kathleen Saso, sister of the groom, and Mikko Von Ronne.

The best man was John Weklar.

Ushers were Michael Manzella and Matthew Manzella, brothers of the groom, Yasuo Saso, brother-in-law of the groom, and Adam Rose.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Binghamton University and Rochester Institute of Technology. She is an art teacher in Bethlehem Central Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Cobleskill. He is co-owner of CM Landscaping in Delmar.

After a wedding trip to Italy and Paris, the couple lives in Albany.

Slingerlands man wins award

Albert Desmoines of Slingerlands recently received a Prudential Community Champions Shining Star Award of \$1,000 for the Horizon Center in Albany.

Desmoines is a representative for Prudential Insurance and Financial Services in East Greenbush.

The awards program recognizes employees and retirees who excel in volunteer commitment, leadership and service in their communities.

The Prudential Foundation provides grants to the organizations in which the winners volunteer.

Elsmere student named semifinalist

Ariane Cohen of Elsmere has qualified as a Semifinalist in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Cohen is a senior at Germantown Academy in Fort Washington, Pa. She qualified for the distinction on the basis of her performance on the 1997 PSAT exam.

She is the daughter of Arline Cohen.

RCS graduates named AP Scholars

Eleven recent graduates of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School were named AP Scholars by the College Board.

Emily Janssen and Meredith Wyche qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award.

Kathleen Roark qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award, and Megan Bailey, Louis Barrios, Crystal Conrad, Courtney Endres, Mark Foulger, Christine Hardisty, Melanie Jeune and Andrea Myers received the AP Scholar Award.

Delmar woman studies in Spain

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Shannon Cornelius of Delmar is participating in St. Lawrence University's International Study Program in Spain this semester.



William Fischer and Laurie Strasser

Strasser, Fischer to wed

Laurie Lynn Strasser, daughter of Samuel Strasser of Delmar and Carolyn Eigenmann of Lake Placid, and William Anthony Fischer, son of Dolores Fischer Morgan of Lawrence, N.J., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Middlebury College.

She is a staff writer at the

Rutland Daily Herald in Rutland, Vt.

The future groom is a graduate of Franklin K. Lane High School in Ridgewood and earned certification as a recording engineer at the Center for the Media Arts in New York City.

He is a prepress technician for Primary Color in Manchester, Vt.

The couple plans an Oct. 10 wedding.

Allision Bennett's history books reprinted in one volume

Allision Bennett's local history books, *Times Remembered* and *More Times Remembered*, were recently reprinted into one volume by the Higginson Book Co. of Salem, Mass.

The books contain information about area homes, schools, churches, baseball teams, Dutch barns, toll gates, ice houses, cem-

eteries, roads and railroads, river boating, mills and people.

Bennett is also the author of *Dutch Architecture Near Albany* and *The Peoples Choice, A History of Albany County in Art and Architecture*.

All of her books are available at local bookstores and museum shops.

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Community

Glenmont School Fall Festival features Outback steaks

Glenmont Elementary School on Route 9W will feature The Outback Steakhouse at its first Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 4, from noon to 4 p.m.

The steakhouse donated a full menu and team of servers. There will be two meal seatings, along with games, line dancing and a Beanie Baby raffle.

Meals cost \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Peggy Carroll at 434-3473.

Family ENTERTAINMENT

SPOTLIGHT ON CALENDARS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



The New York State Museum exhibit on bears features the creatures in a variety of lifelike situations and also as a giant toy. The exhibit will be on view at the museum through Jan. 3.

people or other animals. The bears are shown walking, cavorting with their young and even sleeping.

Although the exhibit's interactive aspect is minimal, one exciting element is the inclusion of several patches of bear fur that patrons can touch. Black bear hair is soft and fine; grizzly hair is more coarse but still smooth. In a similar vein, the exhibit features disembodied parts like feet and skulls that can be studied closely.

Because it's more about education than entertainment, the exhibit includes a lively selection of texts on subjects like hibernation. Reading these, patrons learn factoids like, "During hibernation, heart rate and respiration slow down, and the flow of blood to limbs is reduced."

By presenting information like this in concert with dioramas featuring real bears, the exhibit keeps its information from seeming dry and clinical; instead, the facts feel real and significant.

The star attractions of the exhibit — the bears — come from various places. Some were legally killed by hunters, some died in captivity. The disparate origins of these beasts reflects the myriad places where bears thrive, and such habitats are the subject of several text pieces and a colorful map of Yellowstone National Park.

Several nods are made to young and casual patrons of the exhibit. For kids, there's a nine-foot-long couch made to resemble a giant teddy bear; for those who don't want to explore the scientific angle of the exhibit, there are several short video presentations that play on loops.

One of the most interesting of these is "Bears in the Movies," which presents clips from *Yogi Bear* and *Winnie the Pooh* cartoons alongside scenes from flicks like *Across the Great Divide*, a 1978 howler that depicts a bear knocking over a 20-foot observation tower in order to attack an armed ranger.

This presentation, along with text pieces about hunters, conservationists and another video piece filled with testimonials about bear encounters, complement the actual bears and the other elements of the exhibit to paint a vivid picture of how bears fit into the environment.

Perhaps nothing captures the playful spirit of the exhibit better than a "Mother Goose and Grimm" comic strip that's featured on one of the walls of newspaper items about bears. In the strip, a bear is depicted writing a letter, the text of which reads, "Dear Abby — Is it OK to hibernate on the first date?"

Bears is open through Jan. 3. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for students and seniors and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Children age 2 and under are admitted free.

The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 474-5877.

Bearing it all

Exhibit separates fact from fiction about bears

By Peter Hanson

From the fairy tale about Goldilocks to movies like *The Edge*, in which a grizzly menaces two men trapped in the wilderness, bears have held a towering stature in the popular imagination for centuries. But the truth about these animals lies somewhere between nightmares about hungry Kodiaks and sweet dreams of cuddly teddy bears.

Bears, an exhibit on view at the New York State Museum, is designed to replace myths with facts. Using video presentations, text pieces, artifacts and, most dramatically, a host of actual bears preserved by taxidermy, the exhibit reveals information about bears' habitat, behavior and biology.

One of the most surprising things about the exhibit is the size of the bears on display. All are grizzlies and black bears, but they're about the size of adult humans, a far cry from the freakish monsters portrayed in songs, books and movies.

The designers of the exhibit apparently went out of their way to show bears doing everyday things instead of creating sensationalized dioramas of bears attacking



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WEDNESDAY
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LENTEN COMMUNION SERVICE
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-1531.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 1

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. in a local home, children's program and nursery provided for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS
4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush Road, 7 to 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 2

BETHLEHEM

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3

BETHLEHEM

RETIREMENT PARTY
Lieutenant Richard Vanderbilt of the Bethlehem Police Officer's Union, Normanside Country Club, 132 Salisbury Road, Delmar, 6 p.m. information, 439-4955.

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

AL-ANON MEETING
The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF JMP ENTERPRISES, LLC
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company the "Company" hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York the "LLCL", certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is JMP ENTERPRISES, LLC.

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

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is c/o McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 75 State Street, P.O. Box 459, Albany, New York 12201-0459.

FIFTH: The company is to be managed by one or more members.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 15th day of September, 1998.

Richard A. Langer
Attorney-in-Fact
(September 30, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CENTER ISLAND SOUTH, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. FIRST: The name of the com-

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4

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DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
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Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

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Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10 :30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

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pany is: CENTER ISLAND SOUTH, LLC.

SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.

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

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is:

105 Old Niskayuna Road
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FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

Sixth: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more managers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to on this 23rd day of June, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ E.J. Vandergift, Attorney in Fact.
(September 30, 1998)

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCTOLOGY CENTER OF LATHAM, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed by the NYS Secretary of State on 8/19/98. Principal office is located in Albany County, NYS Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it to the PLLC, c/o Elsa Goldstein, M.D., 214 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110. The purpose of the LLC is the practice of the profession of Medicine.
(September 30, 1998)

Name of limited liability partnership: FERRARO CHOI ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK, LLP. Certificate of registration filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY: 9/11/1998. Principal office located : Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against LLP may

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

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

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

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be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process to c/o Fox, Charles & Kowalewski, LLP, P.O. Box 958, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065-0802. LLP's business: architecture. (September 30, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION NATIONAL TRADING COMPANY

NAME: ALLIANCE FOR FAMILY VALUES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY) on 09/18/98. 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 process to the LLC, c/o Lawrence A. Kirsch, Esq., 90 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
(September 30, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: ALLIANCE FOR FAMILY VALUES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY) on 09/18/98. 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 process to the LLC, c/o Lawrence A. Kirsch, Esq., 90 State Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
(September 30, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION MEDICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, PLLC

1. The name of the professional service limited liability company is Medical Pain Management Services, PLLC.

2. The articles of organization were filed with the New York State Secretary of State on May 7, 1998.

3. The office of the company shall be located in Albany County.

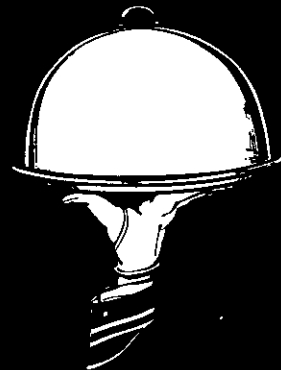
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process against it may be served, and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against him is 63 Shaker Road, Suite G05, Albany, New York 12203-4103.

5. The professional service limited liability company is formed for the purpose of practicing the profession of medicine.
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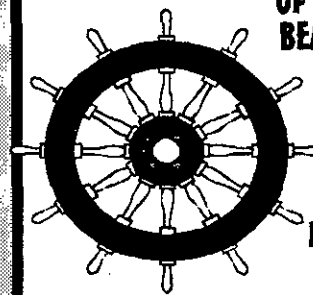
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NOTICE OF FORMATION COLUMBIA GBG, LLC
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Columbia GBG, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 17, 1998. 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. (September 30, 1998)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Couse Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Dated: August 26, 1998 (September 30, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LAWYERS NEW YORK LLC was filed with SSNY 08/17/98. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 30 E 40th St, Ste 605, NY NY 10016. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity. (September 30, 1998)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION RIDGE COMPANY LLC was filed with the SSNY 09/02/98. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o The LLC, 170 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act/activity. (September 30, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is On The Lake Associates, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 25, 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. (September 30, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CENTER ISLAND SOUTH, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. FIRST: The name of the company is: CENTER ISLAND SOUTH, LLC. SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. THIRD: The latest date on which the Limited Liability Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2047. FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served

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upon him or her is: 105 Old Niskayuna Road Loudonville, New York 12211 FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State. Sixth: The limited liability company is to be managed by 1 or more managers. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to on this 23rd day of June, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. s/ E.J. Vandergift, Attorney in Fact. (September 30, 1998)

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCTOLOGY CENTER OF LATHAM, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed by the NYS Secretary of State on 8/19/98. Principal office is located in Albany County. NYS Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it to The PLLC, c/o Elsa Goldstein, M.D., 214 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110. The purpose of the LLC is the practice of the profession of Medicine. (September 30, 1998)

Name of limited liability partnership: FERRARO CHOI ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK, LLP.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION

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NOTICE OF FORMATION MEDICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, PLLC

1. The name of the professional service limited liability company is Medical Pain Management Services, PLLC. 2. The articles of organization were filed with the New York State Secretary of State on May 7, 1998 3. The office of the company shall be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process against it may be served, and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against him is 63 Shaker Road, Suite G05, Albany, New York 12203-1030. 5. The professional service limited liability company is formed for the purpose of practicing the profession of medicine. (September 30, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Mediterranean L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 27, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any 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 c/o John K. Sullivan, 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12212-2753. (September 30, 1998)

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

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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is NORTHROCK REALTY, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on July 15, 1998.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 2 Birch Lane Voorheesville, NY 12186

FIFTH: The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve is based solely on events of dissolution set forth in the New York limited Liability Company Law (the "LAW").

SIXTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to invest in real estate and engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Law. (September 30, 1998)

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FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is GUARDIAN STORAGE OF BOYNTON BEACH, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on Sep-

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tember 9, 1998. THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: Guardian Storage of Boynton Beach, LLC, Building No. 2, Pine West Plaza, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.

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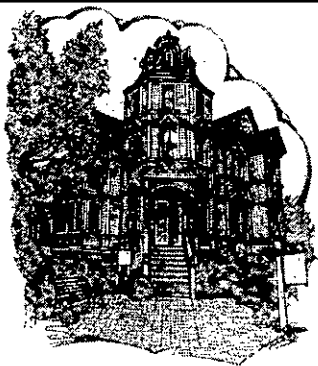
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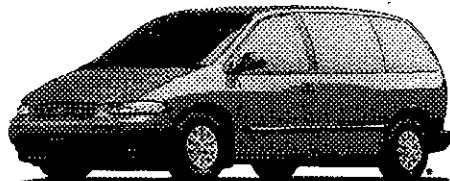
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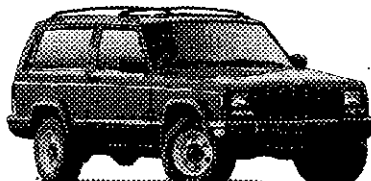
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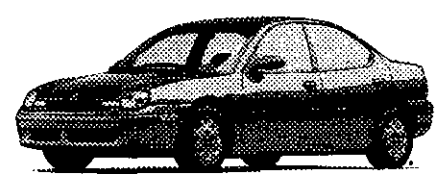
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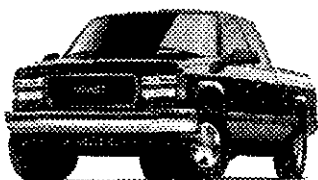
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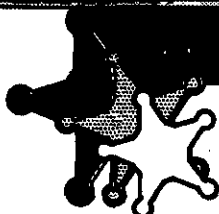
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Kindergarten

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with a school psychologist.

ELC teachers Bonnie O'Shea and Patty Skiba are conducting the two classes — one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each class consists of no more than 15 children, a teacher and a student intern from Russell Sage College.

Jayne Panto, who is working on her bachelor's in education, will be the ELC intern for the year.

"With a smaller class you have more hands-on," Salamone said. The classes have been designed to meet the children's different learning styles. She added that while some children learn better with visual cues, others may be better auditory or hands-on learners. Most of the children in the program go to half-day kindergarten then spend the rest of the day with either O'Shea or Skiba.

The two experienced teachers

had some special training and worked this summer to develop the curriculum, which is designed to complement the regular half-day program, Salamone said.

O'Shea, who has been teaching for the past 19 years, is excited about her new duties. She and Skiba work closely with speech and occupational therapists who come into the classroom on a regular basis. O'Shea finds that interacting with the therapists is also instructional for the teachers.

"Patty, Jayne and I learn skills from the therapists that we can translate to the rest of our classes," O'Shea said. "I think it has made me a better teacher. I've learned about the motor skills needed for tasks such as cutting with scissors and the physical components of making certain sounds and how to model them in the classroom. It's truly an integrated approach to teaching."

Five-year-old Renata Reitz, whose original language is Hungarian, is participating in another aspect of the program. While she isn't attending the classes conducted by O'Shea or Skiba, she attends kindergarten all day.

"They offered Renata a full day because she is a non-native speaker of English," said her mother Geraldine Reitz. She said that Renata didn't begin to speak English until she was 4, but in the past year has picked up the language quickly. Renata is enjoying her kindergarten experience, added Reitz. "By going all day she is exposed to more English."

O'Shea said that the first week of school everyone needed to get used to kindergarteners eating lunch in the cafeteria. She quickly learned the importance of correctly twisting thermos tops back onto the bottles. "The first day we

dripped milk all the way from the cafeteria to the classroom."

O'Shea finds merit in the experience, adding that this group of kindergarteners will enter first-grade with lunch-room experience.

The district will keep track of the extended-day program and will assess it again at the end of the year.

Delmar library plans "Frankenfest"

Monster fans age 12 and up are invited to compare excerpts from Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* with old and new film versions at Bethlehem Public Library's "Frankenfest" on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. Registered participants may pick up a copy of the book at the youth services desk beginning Oct. 1.

To register, call 439-9314.

Delmar library sets family program

Pediatrician Dr. Holly Swanson and storyteller Joni Goldberg share stories and songs about water in "Wet and Wild," a family program set for Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

To register, call 439-9314.

Garden club schedules meeting

Helderview Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the community room of Voorheesville Public Library on School Road.

Local tree expert Tom George will talk about trees and shrubs.

Refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome.

Books discussion set at town hall

Helen Adler will lead a discussion of Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* on Friday, Oct. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

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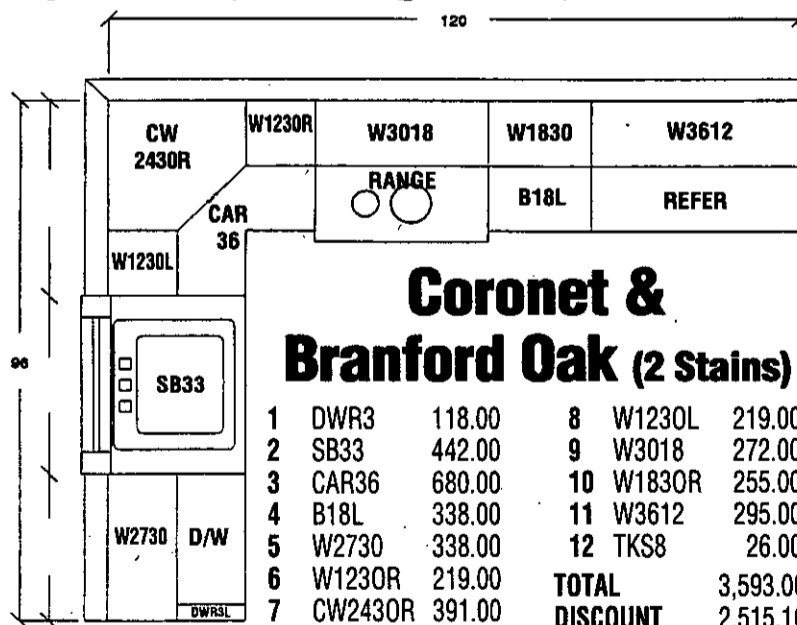
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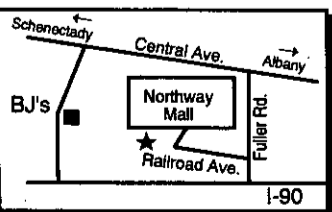
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