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BCUEA makes appeal to move talks forward

But board fails to respond

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

Kathy Gill, president of Bethlehem Central United Employees Association made a public appeal at the Nov. 4 school board meeting urging the district to move forward with contract negotiations, which have been stalled for more than two years.

Gill said that the only issue in dispute between the union and district negotiators revolves around transporting students to off campus athletic events.

"We have offered that this issue be taken off the table and be considered separately so that the contract can be closed," she told the board. Several days after the meeting, she said, "Why are (district negotiators) holding all these people hostage to this one issue, which we're willing to arbitrate on the side?"

School Superintendent Les Loomis declined to respond to the offer, citing confidentiality restrictions surrounding negotiations. But he said later, "The negotiations are of a whole. The entire package needs to be agreed to as a comprehensive whole. This needs to be part of it."

District negotiators seek the right to subcontract for independent drivers, rather than use full-time drivers employed by the district.

In her statement to the board, Gill asked a number of questions about this

arrangement relating to safety and logistics, but concluded by saying, "What union or association would ever consider giving away jobs to contractors, especially if it isn't necessary? This is what is holding up the contract for hundreds of employees."

Loomis said "it's not a matter of money, but of safety of our student athletes." He added, "I'm not going to comment on any of the specifics ... It's not appropriate to be conducting negotiations through the press. I feel

we're close to an agreement. The board has demonstrated movement. It is my hope that the BCUEA will be realistic about some remaining issues."

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Les Loomis

Gill said her public remarks at the board meeting were prompted by frustration over the pace of the negotiations with the district. She said the union's last bargaining session with district representatives came on Oct. 27, under the mediation of Public Employees

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Safe sailing



State Police Sgt. Marcus Swart talks to 3-year-olds at Tri-Village Nursery School in Delmar about boat safety while his son Tyler tries on dad's hat. *Bill Fonda*

V'ville board mum after popular teacher resigns

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

With no comment, the Voorheesville school board accepted the resignation of popular but controversial high school English teacher Chris Mastro at its

November meeting.

Mastro had been on paid leave while the district pressed disciplinary charges against him. The district filed its complaint in May, following an incident in March which Carl Korn, spokesman

for New York State United Teachers, described as "overturning a chair." Melvin Osterman, the district's attorney, had said the chair incident was one of a series of incidents.

School Superintendent Alan McCartney was close-mouthed about Mastro's resignation, saying only that he had resigned for personal reasons. Mastro had been a district teacher for 28 years. "Now Mastro is essentially retired," McCartney said. "His resignation made everything else go away."

Mastro's resignation is effective Jan. 31, 2000, and McCartney said Mastro will not be back in the classroom.

In other matters, the board scheduled a community meeting for Monday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. at the high school for an update of the facilities project now being referred to as "V-2," or Voorheesville 2000.

"We would like the public to hear our ideas, the architects' ideas, and throw in their ideas," said McCartney. Collins & Scoville, the architects hired to assess Voorheesville's expansion needs, have

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Bethlehem Festival Fund turns 50

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

The Bethlehem Festival Fund, a charity that discreetly aids residents of the town of Bethlehem, has been in existence for 50 years.

"It was started by Mrs. Danny Smith," said 80-year-old Florence Jackson, whose family has worked with the fund for most of those 50 years. "The thought came, wouldn't it be nice if the churches in the area got together and put on a Christmas festival. The churches all sent representatives to a meeting, and they decided to have a festival, at which money was collected for needy people in Bethlehem."

The fund was remarkable not just for the help it gave the community, Jackson said, but

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Migonnoe Phillips, left, and Marcia Atwood, are co-chairs of Bethlehem Festival Fund. *Katherine McCarthy*

Police probe accident DWI cases settled in Bethlehem court

On the heels of a graphic automobile accident the preceding week, Bethlehem Police investigated another that occurred last Thursday at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Winne Road in Delmar. Charges have been filed against both drivers in the most recent crash, but the police investigation into the earlier accident is still ongoing.

The accident on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 2:45 p.m., involved vehicles driven by two Delmar residents, Bari Banner, 18, of McGuffey Lane, and Thomas Hoeg, 37, of Wellington Road.

According to Officer Jeffrey Vunck, Banner was eastbound on Wisconsin Avenue with one passenger, 18-year-old Vanessa Wilcox, when she failed to observe a stop sign and entered the intersection in the path of Hoeg's vehicle, which was westbound on Winne. Hoeg's children, Brian, 10, and Kristin, 7, were passengers.

The force of the collision caused Hoeg's vehicle to spin 180 degrees before coming to a rest. Banner's made a full 360-degree

revolution in the intersection and spun onto the lawn of a Winne Road home, striking the house before coming to a stop.

Both cars and the house sustained damage, and both drivers and their passengers were transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital. All were released after treatment for minor injuries.

Officer Vunck ticketed Banner for failure to observe the stop sign, and Hoeg for a seat belt violation.

Police are continuing their investigation of the Oct. 28 crash of a passenger minivan driven by Deirdre F. Jameson, 36, of Delmar and a cement truck driven by David P. McGreevy, 25, of Waterford.

Police believe one or the other ran a red light at the intersection of Murray Avenue and Route 32 in their 10:32 a.m. crash, but have been unable to establish the exact sequence of events, according to Sgt. Joseph Sleurs.

Anyone with pertinent information can contact the Bethlehem Police Department at 439-9973.

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

A dozen cases involving charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) have been resolved with guilty pleas to those or lesser charges in Bethlehem town court during the months of September and October.

Karl Lawrence Burkert, 31, of 808 Madison Ave., Albany, was arrested on Aug. 15 and charged with felony DWI as a result of a previous charge. The charge was later reduced to a misdemeanor DWI count, to which Burkert pleaded guilty on Sept. 1. He was fined \$500, assessed the \$90 surcharge, and had his license revoked for six months.

Also on Sept. 1, Daniel Patrick Frazier, 24, of 4 Eton Drive, Slingerlands, who had been arrested for DWI on Aug. 12, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of Driving While Alcohol Impaired (DWAI). He was fined \$300, assessed a \$30 state-mandated surcharge and had his license suspended for 90 days.

Joseph J. Romano, 47, of 1000 Union St. Schenectady, arrested

on June 5, also pleaded guilty on Sept. 1 to a reduced charge of DWAI. He was fined \$300, assessed a \$30 surcharge and had his license suspended for 90 days.

On Sept. 9, Kathleen Marie Urrea, 27, of 11 Kyle Lane, Ravena, arrested Aug. 20 for DWI, pleaded guilty to a reduced DWAI charge. She was fined \$300, assessed a \$30 surcharge and had her license suspended for 90 days.

Cecil Alstar Davis, of 39 Old Ravena Road, Selkirk, who had been arrested on Aug. 11, pleaded guilty on Sept. 10 to a reduced DWAI charge. David had his license suspended 90 days and was fined \$300 and the \$30 surcharge.

Lorri Jean Lemme, 34, of 16 Marriette St. Albany, was arrested Aug. 22. On Sept. 20, she pleaded guilty to the DWI charge and was fined \$700, assessed a \$90 state surcharge, and had her license revoked for a period of six months.

Two DWI cases were resolved with pleas entered on Oct. 7. Joseph John Caffrey, 53, of 28 Hancock Drive, Glenmont, arrested on Aug. 28, pleaded guilty to a reduced DWAI charge and was fined \$300 and the \$30 assessment; his license was suspended for 90 days.

Catherine Joy Riddle, of 226 McCormack Road, Slingerlands, who had been arrested on Sept. 6, also entered a DWAI guilty plea on Oct. 7, and was fined \$300, assessed the \$30 surcharge, and had her license suspended for 90 days.

On Oct. 19, Leslee Ann Cartland, 34, of 2646 Guilderland Ave., Schenectady, arrested on Aug. 1 for DWI, pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of DWAI. She was fined \$300, plus the \$30 surcharge, and faced a 90-day license suspension.

Timothy James Cronin of 26 Wemple Road, Glenmont, arrested on Sept. 13, pleaded guilty on Oct. 20 to a reduced DWAI charge, which carried a fine of \$300, a \$30 surcharge, and a 90-day license suspension.

Also on Oct. 20, David Paul McElroy, 36, of 767 South Route 143, Ravena, arrested on May 28 and charged with both DWI and with driving with a suspended license, offered a guilty plea to the DWI charge and was fined \$700, assessed a \$90 state surcharge, and had his license revoked for a period of six months.

On Oct. 28, Stephen Anthony Benamati, 27, of Landor Lane in Cohoes, arrested and charged with DWI on Sept. 20, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI. He was fined \$300, assessed a state surcharge of \$30, and had his license suspended for 90 days.

In all of these cases, Bethlehem Town Court also required mandatory participation in a drinking-driver remediation program and a victim impact panel, where the convicted driver is confronted with individuals who have lost family members killed by drunk drivers.

The case of Arthur A. King, of Western Ave., Delmar, who was arrested April 7, came before the court on Sept. 15, but the case record has been sealed and no information is available on its disposition.

Embroiderers Guild schedules events

New York Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America will host two events at local churches this week.

The group's evening division will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Fiber artist Ellie Holbein will present a trunk show and discussion.

Mini workshops are slated for Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

The guild is open to all embroiderers, from beginners to experts. For information, call Ann Brinnitzer at 271-6621.



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Residents miffed by zoning proposal

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

A proposal to rezone one of Bethlehem's southernmost zoning districts along the Route 9W corridor, which drew unexpected fire at a recent town board hearing, will be back before the town board Thursday, Nov. 12.

The proposal would rezone District 4, a 266-acre tract in Selkirk that borders the town of Coeymans, from Class C General Commercial to Light Industrial. Prompted by a more limited request from a developer with a site in the affected area, the board decided to consider rezoning the entire district, a move that stemmed from a desire to honor one objective spelled out in the LUMAC master plan — to create "shovel-ready" zones attractive to light industry as a step toward enlarging the town's tax base.

But several Selkirk residents spoke against the proposal at the board's public hearing on Oct. 14. The unanticipated opposition may have prompted a rethinking of the rezoning plan by the board. At the end of the hearing, member George Lenhardt suggested the rezoning request might be limited to the single site at the heart of the request, the 25-acre parcel formerly occupied by Wickes Lumber, now owned by Glenmont-based Flach Industries.

And Supervisor Sheila Fuller later said she did not want to undertake the larger-scale rezoning in haste. "Maybe we ought to take a look at the LUMAC plan and give some thought to other areas for commercial development," she said, declining to comment further before the board takes action on the District 4 proposal.

The rezoning proposal originated with Flach, which has refurbished the existing Wickes buildings, roughly 70,000 square feet of warehouse and light manufacturing space. In a request first brought to the board at its Aug. 12 meeting, the company sought rezoning only of the Wickes parcel, to avoid repeated zoning appeals as it continues to improve the site and seek a buyer for the site. No specific occupant or use is on the boards at present, but Flach envisioned a light industrial office park on the site.

But at its Sept. 9 meeting, the board, mindful of the LUMAC goal of more developable light-industrial space in the town, opted to consider the current proposal and scheduled the October public hearing.

The residents of the zone and an adjacent tract across Route 9W, who appeared at the hearing to object, feared that rezoning the entire tract would threaten the area's character and increase traffic.

"I'm not against them getting a variance," said Arlene Jordan of Pictuay Road in Selkirk, most vocal of the opponents present, of Flach's initial request. "I'm against rezoning the whole area. I don't see where the town gets off doing that." Several other speakers echoed that sentiment.

They also objected to what they regarded as inadequate notice of the hearing in the community most affected by it. Jordan requested that the hearing be adjourned until a later date "until people in this neighborhood have an opportunity to be notified appropriately." The board declined to do so.

"As town supervisor, we have 28,000 residents," Fuller said after the meeting. "You can't send a letter to every resident, and some-

thing like the rezoning would affect the town as a whole, not just one area."

Fuller reassured the residents of the board's intentions, saying "No one on this board is interested in putting up smokestacks. In this day and age, they're dead and gone."

However, she later said, "We need to get into the 21st century. Economic development is needed for our town. We need the jobs; we need the tax base. This is going on in communities all around us, all over the state of New York. There is competition out there, and businesses want to locate in a community and do not want to be bogged down in bureaucratic red tape."

Taking a similar stance at the hearing was Dan Davitt of Euclid Avenue in Delmar. "Where else is the future going to be if we don't have this opportunity for small business to grow bigger in town?" he asked.

And John Mead, president of Rural Land Owners of Bethlehem, added that his organization is largely supportive of the proposal as well. "We need more business, we need more jobs, our grandchildren need jobs," Mead said. "Somebody somewhere has to start."

All in the family



Chris and Jim McCarroll of McCarroll's The Village Butcher will be honored by the Siena Family Business Award Program. They were nominated by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. In the photo, from left, Chris, James IV, Jim and Lauren McCarroll show what it is like to be a family team at the store. Elaine McLain

What's in a zoning name?

Just what is the difference between a Class C Commercial zone and a Light Industrial zone in Bethlehem?

"I wish you'd read all the uses permitted right now," said town board member George Lenhardt about the proposal to rezone District 4. "I think people would have their eyes opened."

A Class C zone encompasses the following:

- single family dwellings
- rooming houses or boarding houses
- educational, religious, or philanthropic institutions, including churches, libraries, schools, colleges (and related stadiums), public museums or community buildings
- institutions for nursing care or convalescence
- noncommercial parks, playgrounds or recreational buildings
- private clubs, fraternities or lodges.

In addition, Class C zones also permit some limited commercial uses, including golf courses, polo fields, and nurseries, gardens and orchards.

All of those purposes are allowed in a Light Industrial zone, with several significant additions:

- research, experimental or testing laboratories
- bottling works
- storage warehouses and freight or truck terminals
- small (under five employees) stone or monument works, subject to certain limitations related to where quarrying can be performed
- light manufacturing businesses, from clothing and appliances to machinery parts and tools.

With approval of the town planning board, other light commercial establishments could locate in a Light Industrial zone, including larger multifamily dwellings, beauty shops and barbershops, professional offices including real estate and insurance, and a small mortuary or funeral parlor.

It's a moot point for more than 100 acres in District 4, said Edward Kleinke III of Kleinke Associates, consulting with Flach Industries on its plans for the Wickes site. That's how much he considered undevelopable, being relatively wild terrain. The Wickes site already carries zoning variances or exceptions permitting warehousing and product assembly.

Shen to step down

By Louise Grieco

After 19 consecutive years of service on the library board of trustees, Dr. Thomas Shen is resigning to accept a job as consultant for the U.S.-Asia Environmental Partnership Project.

Dr. Shen is an independent environmental adviser in the area of pollution prevention. He received a doctorate in environmental engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and for the next 27 years was senior research scientist with the state departments of Health and Environmental Conservation. From 1982 to 1993, he also taught graduate courses at Columbia University and served as a consultant to the U.N. Development Program and the World Health Organization.

He was a technical reviewer for former President George Bush's first and second Environment and Conservation Challenge Awards. Dr. Shen is also the recipient of several national and international service awards.

Dr. Shen loves the library and is a frequent visitor. During his long tenure on the board, the library saw many changes, the most dramatic being computerization. He cited automation as "a most critical area," requiring specialized training and money.

As a member of the New York



Thomas Shen

State Association of Library Boards, he has seen a wide range of library budgets. "We are very lucky here," he said. He is proud of the community, which passed the library budget every year of his trusteeship.

In a letter to board president Susan Birkhead announcing his resignation, he said: "I am 72-years old. I am grateful that I am still able to share some of my environmental knowledge and experiences with professionals in developing countries, where the needs are critical."

The library will honor Dr. Shen at this year's Wenzl Lecture on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. The community is invited to this event and can register by calling 439-9314.

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Create political parties that really make sense

By Katherine McCarthy

Big changes in last week's election — no more Senator Pothole, the impending resignation of New York's senior statesman Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and Newt stepping down as Speaker of the House.

My husband follows politics like some men follow sports; he can identify elected officials at both state and national levels and knows their voting records and what committees they chair. He devoured newspapers last week, channel-surfed through network news shows, watched more talking heads than David Byrne has, and checked out all the news on the Internet.

He is convinced the election and its aftermath means big changes for us, as New York loses two senior senators and Republicans spar to fill Gingrich's shoes. I skim headlines and listen as attentively as I can to my husband's well thought out and articulate analyses. Just as each partner in a marriage changes over the years, I have become more interested in politics since I met Chris.

Paying taxes, educating children and being part of a community have made me pay attention to who represents me and how they do it. I vote whenever I can, be it for school budget or president, ever mindful of the forebears who sought out a place where

their voices could be heard.

In a sense, though, I'm an elected official's dream. Barring a huge misstep on their part, I let them do their thing and don't pay much attention to the internal machinations that are politics. This comes, no doubt, from growing up a skeptical New Englander, not entirely convinced that what politicians do will directly affect me. Will Chuck Schumer come into my kitchen and make the kids' school lunches tomorrow morning?

Squeezing mustard onto Bologna sandwiches, I got to fantasizing about some political parties I'd like to see the next time I pull the curtain in a voting booth. (Maybe there should even be a party that focuses on tasteful decorating — where do those election booth curtains come from anyway?)

The Rosie Party would provide house cleaning robots (like the one the Jetsons had) to every American household — two if they have children under 5.

The SENC (self-esteem needn't crash) party would provide a stipend to mothers (or fathers) who stay home with their children, acknowledging that it's a tedious and challenging job, but somebody's got to do it, and parents ought to have first crack.

The Mary Poppins Party would insure loving and responsible child-care at all times, both for children of mothers who work outside the home, and for couples who need to go out once in a while to remember why they got mar-

ried in the first place.

An offshoot of this party could be the Won't Grow Up Party, which will prevent teen-age girls from suddenly developing lives of their own and preferring to do almost anything rather than baby-sit.

The Laundry Party could form a coalition with the Rosie Party to prevent that middle of the night panic when you wake up and remember that you really needed to do a colored load last night because now your son has no pants to wear to school in the morning. The candidate from that party probably should be Roman Catholic, and have the same devotion I do to that little-known household saint, Our Lady of Perpetual Laundry.

The Peace Party would care about global peace, sure, but would take direct responsibility for the elimination of sibling rivalry, and allow groups of children to play together in an amiable fashion, never squabbling over who owns GI Joe or who has the most hair ribbons.

The June Cleaver party would enable women to always be perfectly thin, impeccably dressed and greet their husbands with a smile instead of "I can't believe what happened today and I still have the laundry to do." Mothers would speak calmly and happily to their children, who would do as they were asked the first time. Membership in this party includes a string of pearls.

The Food Party would magically make children prefer veg-

etables and grains to any artificially flavored and colored sugary substance.

This party would also make it possible for children to sit still at the table during family gatherings, and insure that they didn't say, "Oh, you smell," to the oldest relative at Thanksgiving dinner.

As I snapped the lid shut on my son's Small Soldiers lunch box, I realized that there is one party that would get my vote, and might eliminate the need for any of the above parties.

It's the Time Party. It would allow parents to work at outside jobs, do yard work, keep the house clean, help at their children's schools, be soccer coaches or Scout leaders, go out on dates with their spouses, volunteer at the food shelter, read the newspaper every day and a book a week, exercise regularly and still get eight hours of sleep every night.

Most importantly, the Time Party would let us enjoy our children — who turned us from individuals into families.

Former fire volunteer sentenced for arson

A former Onesquethaw volunteer firefighter charged with arson was sentenced Oct. 27 in Albany County Court.

Scott Starker, 26, of 2067 Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville, was sentenced by Judge Thomas Breslin to four to 12 years for a having set fire on June 14 to an abandoned building at 2090 Route 443 in Clarksville.

Starker confessed to the crime in July and pleaded guilty to a Class C felony count of third-degree arson.

Still awaiting trial in the case is his alleged accomplice and former roommate, Carey Allen, 21, also charged with third-degree arson along with additional burglary and reckless endangerment charges.

In his confession, Starker admitted to dousing both floors of

the building with gasoline and setting it ablaze.

He then joined fire units responding to the call. He told Albany County Sheriff's Department investigators that he set the blaze for pleasure, saying, "I like to watch fire burn."

Starker, who had been employed as an emergency medical technician with Mohawk Ambulance Co., also confessed to setting a blaze in August of 1997 at 1020 Cutter St. in Schenectady.

Based upon this information, he has been indicted in Schenectady County for that arson. No trial date has been set.

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Bethlehem, New Scotland backed incumbents, but not D'Amato

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

In heavier-than-expected turnout for last week's elections, voters in Bethlehem and New Scotland re-elected all area incumbents, but turned their backs on Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

The summary of local Election Day returns that follows is unofficial but reflects all precincts having reported to the Albany County Board of Elections.

The commanding statewide victory rolled up by incumbent Gov. George Pataki and his running mate Mary Donohue, as well as that of Comptroller Carl McCall, are mirrored in their vote totals in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

The Pataki/Donohue ticket, which appeared on both Republican and Conservative lines, gathered 7,602 votes in Bethlehem, against Peter Vallone and Sandra Frankel, who collected 3,048, on the Democratic and Working Families lines, comparable with statewide totals.

A healthy showing in Bethlehem came in on the Independence line for challenger Tom Golisano and his running mate, Lauren Oliver, who garnered 1,829 votes. Liberal challengers Betsey McCaughey Ross and Jonathan Reiter, who ended up fourth statewide, were edged in Bethlehem by Green Party standard-bearers Al Lewis and Alice Green, 679 to 667. Five additional minor-party candidates tallied 187 votes in Bethlehem.

In New Scotland, the incumbent's margin was larger, 2,320 for Pataki over 787 for Vallone and 563 for Golisano. Lewis drew 119 votes to 104 for McCaughey-Ross, and the fringe candidates tallied 73 votes.

In the comptroller's race, McCall, who carried Democratic, Independence, Working Family and Liberal endorsements, tallied 9,314 votes in Bethlehem, to his Republican-Conservative opponent Bruce Blakeman's 3,450. Four minor-party candidates tallied just 213 votes. In New Scotland, 2,664 votes came in for the popular McCall, 997 for Blakeman, 114 for others. In both communities, the marijuana reform candidate handily outdrew Green and Libertarian offerings, and nearly drew even with the Right-to-Life standard-bearer.

The statewide race for attorney general between Dennis Vacco and Elliot Spitzer remains

too close to call, and Albany County offers an illustration of why: a strong urban showing for Spitzer offset by an equally robust suburban tally for incumbent Vacco.

Spitzer, on the Democratic and Liberal lines, carried Democratic strongholds like the city of Albany with a commanding majority, but countywide, Republican-Conservative Vacco had a slight lead. The difference: a solid Vacco triumph in Colonie and comfortable showings for the incumbent in other generally Republican towns.

Those included Vacco wins in both Bethlehem and New Scotland. 6,878 Bethlehem voters opted for Vacco, against 5,211 for Spitzer.

Another 439 voters lined up behind Independence candidate Catherine Abate, and three minor-party candidates collected 203 ballots. New Scotland saw a similar Vacco tally: 2,040 votes to Spitzer's 1,400. Abate received 132 and 96 went to the also-rans.

In a race pundits thought too close to call on the eve of Election Day, Charles Schumer defeated incumbent Alfonse D'Amato by a wide margin statewide. A clue to the surprise may lie in an unexpected flight from D'Amato in the suburbs, as reflected in the Bethlehem and New Scotland returns.

In Bethlehem, Schumer, running with Democratic, Independence, and Liberal backing, tallied 7,427 votes, while D'Amato ran up just 5,601 votes on the Republican, Conservative and Right-to-Life lines. Another 189 votes were scattered among four minor-party candidates. Same story but a closer margin in New Scot-

land: Schumer collected 1,925 votes to D'Amato's 1,838, with 98 votes going elsewhere.

Bethlehem and New Scotland voters joined their counterparts throughout the 21st Congressional District in returning incumbent congressman Michael McNulty to Washington for another term. Likewise, Neil Breslin handily won another go-round in the 42nd state Senatorial District over two opponents.

In the Congressional race challenger Lauren Ayers on the Republican line gathered 4,048 votes in Bethlehem, while McNulty, on the Democratic, Conservative and Independence lines, ran up 8,692. It was a similar story in New Scotland, where it was 2,556 for McNulty, 1,157 for Ayers.

Democrat Breslin, boasting endorsements from four of the top five ballot line parties, collected 2,204 votes in New Scotland and 8,309 in Bethlehem. The remaining top slot went to challenger Anthony Esposito, a former Democrat running on the Republican line, but Esposito drew only 1,271 backers in New Scotland and 4,293 in Bethlehem. Right-to-Life nominee Joseph Sullivan finished far back with 68 and 177 votes, respectively.

Incumbent Democrat John McEneny, who also held the Liberal party nod, rolled up a nearly three-to-one margin over his Republican challenger Lisa Hampton in the race for the 104th Assembly District, encompassing a large chunk of Albany County. Altogether McEneny tallied just over 29,000 votes countywide, with Hampton polling almost 10,400.

With the margin even more convincing in the city of Albany, which makes up the bulk of the

104th electorate, the returns from the Republican suburbs, including the town of New Scotland, softened the blow somewhat.

Gary Domalewicz, not an active campaigner on the Conservative line after being defeated in September's Democratic primary by McEneny, still picked up more than 1,400 votes in the district.

The preliminary tally in New Scotland shows a total of 2,089 votes for McEneny, including 1,990 votes on the Democratic line and 99 on the Liberal. Hampton drew 1,335 Republican votes and 145 on the Independence line for a total of 1,480. Domalewicz registered 145 Conservative votes in New Scotland.

In his sound drubbing of Liberal challenger Joseph Laux, by a nearly 19 to 1 margin across the 102nd Assembly District, incumbent Republican John Faso also handily carried the town of Bethlehem, his northernmost precinct. But Bethlehem's electorate was slightly more supportive of the challenger than their southerly neighbors.

Contrasting with Faso's combined tally of 7,156 votes in Bethlehem, Laux, the statewide Liberal Party vice-chair, polled a 10th as many — 716 votes. But that represented a large chunk of the districtwide total; he did twice as well in Bethlehem percentage-wise as his overall showing.

Faso, the Assembly Minority Leader, drew 5,714 votes on the Republican line in Bethlehem. Another 875 pulled the Conservative lever for Faso, and 567 more

votes turned up for him in Row D, the Independence line.

Delmar's Bill Soronen, Republican challenger to incumbent Democrat Beverly Tobin for a seat on the three-judge Albany County Family Court bench, went down to defeat on Election Day with less than 30 percent of the vote countywide — and only slightly more support in his own hometown.

Countywide, the margin was 29,213 for Soronen, who appeared only on the Republican line, and 69,165 for Tobin, with the latter's support spread across Democratic, Conservative and Independence party endorsements. For Soronen, his strongest support came, not surprisingly, in suburbia, especially in Colonie, where he garnered over 41 percent of the vote. The large turnout in Colonie gave him about that same percentage of his total tally.

In Bethlehem, Soronen, drew 4,863 votes. The victor collected 7,773 on her three ballot slots. In New Scotland, the results for the first-time candidate were about the same: 1,312 votes against Tobin's 2,356.

Library to host toddler Thanksgiving

Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar will host a toddler program of Thanksgiving stories, songs and a craft on Saturday, Nov. 14, and Monday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m.

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Matters of Opinion

He set high standards

When Dom DeCecco announced he would retire from politics next year, we were reminded of his many contributions to the county Legislature and to the Bethlehem community. DeCecco is a tireless worker, who exemplifies the best qualities of a politician and the best in demonstrating service to his community.

DeCecco's loss was felt when he retired as supervisor of the social studies department at Bethlehem Central High School, as it surely will be when he leaves the Legislature.

We thank him and commend him for his dedicated service. As the founder of the annual Kiwanis Club Bell of Life campaign, DeCecco deserves added kudos. This program is dedicated to helping children in the pediatric trauma unit of Albany Medical Center's Children's Hospital.

All the money that is collected goes directly toward helping children in the greater Capital District. The club has raised almost \$40,000 toward its goal of \$500,000 in a five year period. One way to personally thank DeCecco for his service would be to join the Bell of Life campaign, which is now under way. Many local businesses sell and display the bells. We know Dom would appreciate your support by buying a bell.

Another community-minded resident is leaving his post on Bethlehem Public Library's board of trustees. Dr. Thomas Shen has served as a trustee for the last 19 years. He is a dedicated supporter of the library and has helped to shape its course during his tenure. It is people like Dr. Shen who make this community so special.

The library will honor Dr. Shen at the annual Wenzl Lecture on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. All in the community are invited to attend and can register by calling 439-9314.

Veterans Day

The vast majority of us who are not veterans of the U.S. armed services got a rare glimpse of what "armed service" means this year in the movie "Saving Private Ryan."

The film's evocation of the grim life-and-death struggle of modern combat left viewers dumbstruck. Many veterans, of D-Day and similar desperate battles, commended the film as the most honest depiction of the danger, terror and valor of combat.

War is, and always has been, hell on earth. Those who have braved the fire of combat on our behalf — whether on the beaches of Normandy, the jungles of Vietnam, the deserts of Iraq or the mountains of Korea — deserve out heartfelt thanks and solemn commemoration of their devoted service.

And not just on Nov. 11.

Give Equinox thanks

Equinox volunteers are already working hard to make sure the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner is a success. Next week in our point of view column, Sue Zick, who is overseeing the event, will tell us just what goes into putting together a meal for thousands.

In the meantime, Equinox is accepting donations of food and money to make sure no one is turned away on Thanksgiving.

If you'd like to help out, request a meal, or volunteer, call the Equinox Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner Line weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 434-0131. You can mail a contribution to Equinox Thanksgiving, 306 Central Ave., Albany 12206.

Let's get rid of sales tax on clothes

By Mike Breslin

The author is Albany County Executive.

When you're buying clothes and shoes, New York's 8 percent sales tax adds up quickly.

It's a tax we can do without. It's a tax I have eliminated in my 1999 budget proposal for Albany County.



The most important reason for this proposal is to provide tax relief for consumers, particularly for working families. While this is a tax break all of us can appreciate, it is especially important for those who must dedicate a large portion of their income to clothing, a basic necessity of life.

But eliminating the sales tax on clothing is also essential to keep Albany County businesses competitive. Our status as a destination shopping center will be threatened if our sales tax on clothing is higher than neighboring counties or states.

Just ask our local retailers who have long sought to reverse this regressive tax.

Starting in December of 1999, we have a rare opportunity to do away with the sales tax on clothing once and for all.

The state has agreed to eliminate its 4 percent share of the tax and has invited county governments — who get the other 4 percent — to do the same.

It's not easy, at any level of government, to bite the bullet and cut costs. But it is necessary. Year after year we hear elected officials promise to reduce taxes. It's time to deliver on those promises.

In Albany County, we have deliv-

ered a 9 percent reduction in property taxes over the past three years. My 1999 budget proposal maintains that achievement while delivering sales tax relief not only on clothing and shoes, but also on home heating fuel and college textbooks.

For a family of four, with a student in college, that means an average savings of about \$70 next year. It will mean even more in 2000 — the first full year that shoppers will not pay sales tax on shoes and clothing costing less than \$110.

We have seen the success of this program through four one-week trial periods over the past two years. Retailers saw business skyrocket when the sales tax was removed and shoppers flocked to stores to save money on their purchases.

And those shoppers did not only buy shoes and clothing. They also purchased other taxable items, like jewelry, electronics and home furnishings. They bought gasoline for the trip, ate meals at restaurants and some even stayed in local hotels.

Our entire economy will be spurred by this tax cut. Instead of driving to neighboring states that exempt clothing from sales tax, shoppers will come to us. Four of the five states that border New York do not charge sales tax on clothes — Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

That is one of the primary reasons New York began to consider doing away with the sales tax on clothing several years ago. Although the state did not establish specific guidelines for the program until April of this year, Albany County has been preparing for the opportunity to eliminate the sales tax on clothing and footwear since last year.

My budget message of Oct. 7, 1997, clearly stated that "this budget marks the beginning of a process of preparing for the permanent elimination of the clothing tax. I call on our local governments to begin to prepare for the fiscal impact of this measure."

The Spotlight reported this initiative in several articles last year, and Albany County's leadership on the clothing sales tax elimination has been widely discussed by elected officials in the media.

The impact on local governments for 1999 is projected to be less than half of 1 percent of total budgeted revenues. In the year 2000, when the sales tax exemption will be in effect for a full year, revenue losses will rise about 1.2 percent. The actual impact is likely to be substantially less, since the projections do not take into account expected overall growth in retail sales. Nor do they account for the additional shoppers who will come to Albany County to take advantage of the tax break.

Local governments can and must accommodate these revenue losses in order to deliver needed tax relief and boost our retail business. Shoppers will be able to purchase more affordable clothes and shoes, which is especially important to working families. The long-term impact will include growth in the retail sector, more jobs for residents and an expanding economy.

I believe these are worthwhile benefits and am proud that Albany County is poised to become one of the first counties to implement the clothing sales tax exemption. The next step is up to the Albany County Legislature, which must pass my budget proposal to enable consumers to take advantage of this essential tax cut.

The Legislature will report its recommendations on my budget

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recommendations on my budget proposal within the next several weeks and vote on the final 1999 budget no later than Dec. 8. If my plan passes, when you're doing your holiday shopping next year, you will save 8 cents on every dollar you spend on clothes and shoes.

When I became county executive four years ago, I promised to reduce the cost of government and pass the savings on to you. We have worked hard to cut costs and now it is time for you to enjoy the returns.

It's time to eliminate the 8 percent sales tax on clothing in Albany County.

Reader objects to dredging story

Editor, The Spotlight:

How unfortunate that last week's *Spotlight* stooped to sensational journalism, rather than balance, about our town's very important drinking water story.

I did not want an Army Corps public meeting, for the simple reason that making such a meeting happen is a full-time job, and unpaid to boot. But, I also didn't want to see Supervisor Shelia Fuller get a green light for long-term dredging of the Hudson River.

Before I sent the 271 signatures on our petition in to the Corps I asked Councilman George Lenhardt to speak with Fuller, and try and downsize their dredging request back to one time only. I will never forget Lenhardt's answer: I happened to be in my kitchen preparing dinner when his call came and he said, "send in your petitions."

I tried a second time to avoid a public hearing, this time with the Corps. I called them in New York City, spoke to Mark Roth and said "I really don't need to send in this petition if you will assure me that our town will withdraw their request for a 10-year permit, and simply ask for one time dredging."

Roth said "I already asked Bruce Secor (our town engineer) to do that and he said "no."

Based on these two responses, I naturally concluded that the public notice was correct and Fuller and Secor really wanted permission to dredge long-term. Since they had not done any serious investigation into the problems if they pursued such a course, I felt it was important to use a public hearing to accomplish that goal.

I believe that the public meeting was highly successful — the town is going ahead with one-time

dredging to gather data for the lawsuit. I think that democracy worked — without grassroots pressure, it is my opinion, that the Corps would have given the town a go-ahead, and Fuller would gladly have accepted it.

Where are we now? I think the ball is in Fuller's court—she has been publicly asked to consider passing an ordinance that assures us we will not have to drink water from the Hudson River system. It will be very interesting to see what she does with that ball.

Linda Anne Burtis
Delmar
Clearwater for Bethlehem founder

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Council says thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Junior Class Council at Bethlehem Central High School, I would like to thank Price Chopper in Slingerlands for its help with our recent bottle drive.

We got generous feedback from the community and a lot of help from Vincent Razzano, Price Chopper manager. Instead of having to feed the bottles through the machines, he allowed us to gather the recyclables in separate bags. We could just drop off the bags full of cans and get the refund.

The council will hold another bottle drive during the winter at a date to be announced. Once again, we extend our gratitude to Price Chopper and all the people who helped to make this a success.

Maura Boyle
BCHS Junior Class Council

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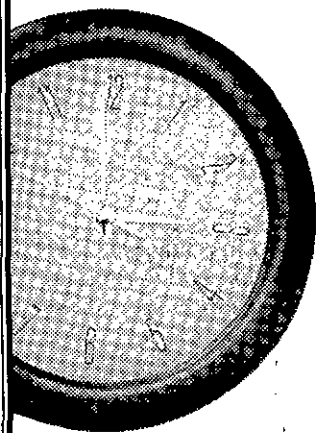
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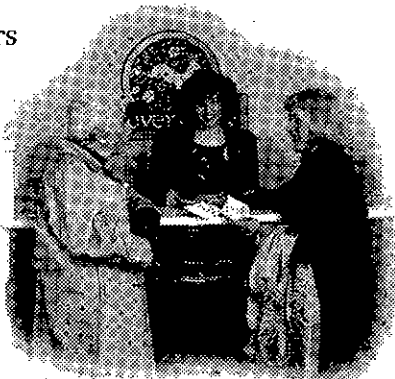


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Writer disputes article on dredging meeting

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to make a few clarifications regarding last week’s *Spotlight* articles and editorial on Bethlehem’s water issue:

1. The article stated that only four people had concerns about a 10-year dredging permit.

The truth is that 271 people signed a petition protesting long-term dredging. That was a large enough number of residents for the Army Corps of Engineers to grant a request to hold a public meeting.

2. The well is not an industrial water supply as the editorial would have you believe. The Schermerhorn Island well is certified as a public water supply for the entire town. But because of low yield, it currently serves only six households and a few industries for their operations and workers to drink.

I was quoted as supporting dredging, if needed, for an industrial water supply. That is true. But, I do not support long-term dredging for a public water supply because of the health hazards associated with the Hudson River’s bottom sediments. That is why I also support a legal redesignation of the well as an industrial water supply only.

3. Because the meeting merely ratified a decision made earlier, the public meeting may have not been necessary. However, the request for it was critical to the outcome.

Several hours before the public meeting was scheduled, the Army Corps informed us that they planned to rescind their offer to the town to issue a 10-year dredging permit. Belatedly, the Corps had realized that a 10-year permit was inappropriate for maintenance of a public water supply. The Corps routinely issues 10-year permits for long-term dredging of shipping lanes; and it had thoughtlessly lumped the two projects together because it wanted to avoid administering annual permit requests. Bear in mind this

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was the second year in a row that the town had sought a dredging permit; and the Corps had assumed the town would be making annual requests in the future. Clearwater acted on the same assumption when we requested a public meeting. Without that request and its 271 petitioners, the Corps would not have reconsidered its actions and the town would have received a 10-year dredging permit to maintain a public water supply.

4. The water issue is political; Clearwater for Bethlehem is not. As long as the water issue is driven by decisions made by elected officials who should be held accountable then those decisions are political.

Clearwater is not political. It does not have a political agenda. It does not endorse candidates. It does not have a political action campaign fund. And to my knowledge, no member has ever expressed an aspiration to run for office on the water issue. As long as the water issue remains in the public realm, however, any candidate from any party is welcome to raise the water issue in their platform.

Clearwater has engaged in a political debate, however, insofar as it has challenged town officials on a public policy issue. We are a loose coalition of citizens acting in a watchdog capacity to ensure that the residents never drink water from this well. A democracy functions well when citizens

voice their opinions and are involved in their community. In this country, it is citizen watchdog groups (not opposing political parties) that have been responsible for getting elected officials to act responsibly on a wide range of environmental issues, from cleaning up Love Canal to getting the lead out of gasoline. Clearwater for Bethlehem has been responsible for raising the specter of drinking water that is 90 percent under the influence of the Hudson River and then pumped through bottom sediments laden with heavy metals and possibly PCBs.

In my opinion, we need to cool down this hot hot water issue. The creation of an independent Water Board, comprised of professionals working collaboratively with citizens, would depoliticize the issue. A Water Board would be charged with the development of a long-term water supply system that is technically sound and publicly acceptable, neither of which do we now have.

Carole Nemore

Clearwater for Bethlehem

Editor's note: According to Supervisor Sheila Fuller, the water supply is public, but it is mainly used for industrial use because residents requested it before the plant went on line. The families who are hooked up to this system did so at their own request. Low yield had nothing to do with these hookups.

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Salvation Army is experiencing a shortage of volunteers. As division commander of the Salvation Army, Empire State Division, I am making a plea for volunteers for our Red Kettle Campaign, which will be kicking off throughout the state in mid-November.

It only takes a few hours of your time but it makes a dramatic difference for the thousands of families who benefit from Salvation Army programs.

One of the biggest frustrations that our local corps officers have is the lack of resources. They see need firsthand: the need to work with families and individuals who come to the food bank or soup kitchens to help them begin to turn their lives around, the need for a safe place for children of low-income families while their par-

ents are at work, the need for assistance during an emergency or family crisis, the need to reach out to the elderly to make them feel that they are still important, needed and wanted.

Indeed, the needs are many and real, but because of lack of resources, volunteers staff and facilities, they can only reach a small percentage of those who need help to turn their lives around.

The Red Kettle campaign is a small part of what the Salvation Army is all about, but it is a major source of funding which enables our officers, staff and volunteers to do the work that needs to be done.

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ing the upcoming holiday season will be multiplied a hundred-fold.

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The Dionysians of Clayton A. Bouton High School will present the fourth annual director's showcase, *The End? A Night of One Act Plays*, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14, at 7:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The plays are: "A Moment in Time" by Eddie Kennedy, "Rest in Peace" by Pat Cook, "The Telltale Heart" by Edgar Allen Poe and "Ledge, Ledger and the Legend" by Paul Elliot.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. For information, call the high school at 765-3314.

Visit classrooms during education week

Parents and community members are invited to visit classrooms

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in the district during American Education Week, Nov. 15 to 21.

Parents of elementary school students are invited to visit classrooms from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 and 3 p.m. Stop at the main office to sign in and get a copy of your child's schedule.

Grades three and four can be visited on Monday, Nov. 16. Tuesday, Nov. 17, is set aside for grades five and one.

Second- and sixth-grade will welcome visitors on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Visits to both morning and afternoon kindergarten, and a second day for sixth-grade parents, are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19.

Visitors are welcome anytime during the week at the junior/senior high school, just sign in at the office and specify which class you'll be visiting.

High school sets fall concert

The high school music department has scheduled its fall concert for Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The evening will feature a variety of music in different styles that showcases student talent. Everyone in the community is invited to this free event.

Conferences slated for Friday, Nov. 13

Friday, Nov. 13, is a parent conference day at the elementary school. Students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m.

Roller-skating will be held from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tickets cost \$3.50 each and include skate rental.

Skaters should bring lunch and a drink. Children must be picked up in the cafeteria.

Church to hold vote on building plans

First United Methodist Church

of Voorheesville will hold a meeting and final vote on its building plans on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. An official vote is needed before plans on the renovation and expansion can begin.

For information, call Glen Pfeleiderer at 765-2006 or Bob Cureau at 765-2693.

Legion to serve breakfast

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes eggs, sausage, home fries, french toast and beverages.

Soccer sign ups start Nov. 14

New Scotland Soccer Club will hold spring soccer sign ups on Saturdays, Nov. 14 and 21, from 10 a.m. to noon at the high school. Children ages 6 to 19 can participate.

Players need a current picture and medical release form to register. Forms will be available on the sign-up dates. New players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Fees vary by age. For information, call Bob Reid at 765-2518.

Scouts to help food pantry

Cub Scout Pack 73 will be Scouting for Food over the next two weekends to fill food pantry shelves.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, Scouts will distribute plastic bags for resi-

dents to fill with nonperishable food in unbreakable containers.

Bags should be placed outside the front door for pick-up starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21.

All food will be donated to the New Scotland Food Pantry.

NS Food Pantry to conduct appeal

The New Scotland Food Pantry will conduct an altar appeal at area churches on Sunday, Nov. 15. Funds collected will support the annual Holiday Giving Program, which provides clients with special food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas, gifts, extra food, gift certificates and occasionally, heating assistance.

Donations can also be sent to New Scotland Food Pantry, PO Box 346, Voorheesville 12186. For information, call 765-3806.

Thacher Park hosts weekend activities

John Boyd Thacher State Park will sponsor a guided geology walk on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m.

Thom Engel will discuss the geologic history of the Helderberg Escarpment during the walk. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and prepare for a 2 to 3 hour walk.

The park celebrates Native American Thanksgiving with Mohawk descendant Mike Tarbell on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m.

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Crafters planning holiday sale

Friends United crafters will hold its annual holiday sale on Friday, Nov. 13, from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9:30 to 3 p.m. at the historic Slingerland House at 1983 Indian Fields Road (Route 32) in Feura Bush.

Several Voorheesville residents will be showing and selling their handiwork.

For information and directions, call 768-2993.

Kiwanis to hear about organ donations

Steve Relyea will discuss organ donation and transplants at the next meeting of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

New members are always welcome.

PTA taking orders for merchandise

The PTA is taking orders for Voorheesville clothing, hats, Entertainment and Value books, excuse pads and Directions Books through Nov. 25.

Orders forms went home with all children. Checks should be made payable to Voorheesville PTA and sent to school in an envelope labeled PTA Order Form.

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two to three weeks, and unless otherwise requested, sent home with your child.

For information, call Linda Pasquali at 765-4990.

Sheriffs launch Christmas drive

Albany County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the Albany County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, will hold its seventh annual Christmas in the Hill Towns program, which benefits local communities and families.

To donate nonperishable food items and new toys, contact Sgt. Mike Winnie at 487-5400, or deputies Amy Carman or Debra Graham at 765-2351.

Items can also be dropped off at the patrol station on Route 85A.

Monetary donations can be made and sent to the Albany County Sheriff's Department, c/o Sgt. Winnie, Albany County Court House, Albany 12207.

Make checks payable to ACSD Hill Town Christmas Fund. Donations should be received no later than Dec. 10.

Art association exhibit at library

Bethlehem Art Association's annual judged fall show will hang in the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Avenue in Delmar throughout the month.

Karen Rosasco will serve as judge for the show.

Middle school pool open for Sunday swims

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will hold Sunday family swims on Nov. 15 and 22 and Dec. 6 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the middle school.

Fees are \$1.25 for children 5 to 13 and \$2.50 for ages 14 to 64. Younger children and senior citizens swim for free.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult, and swimmers must be residents of the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District.

For information, call 439-4131.

BCHS science teacher elected to associations

Bruce Tulloch, a science supervisor and teacher in the Bethlehem Central School District, has recently been elected to leadership posts in two statewide science education associations.

The Science Teachers Association of New York State recently elected Tulloch first vice president. He will assume those duties next July, and will become president-elect and then president in subsequent years.

The century-old organization

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Tulloch also recently became president of the New York State Science Education Leadership Association, which provides support to educators through publications, conferences and electronic communications.

He has been a teacher at Bethlehem Central High School since 1986.



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Trade school fair could lead to job skills and jobs

This year I've arranged 12 programs for college-bound students and their parents, said career resources librarian Denise Coblisch in a recent interview. "I felt I was



Denise Coblisch

neglecting a lot of people for whom college is not the answer." Coblisch devised Skills to Live By — a trade school fair set for Saturday, Nov. 21, at the library.

Representatives from a dozen area schools will be on hand to offer information on courses leading to certification in various practical, technical and services fields.

At a time when a college education does not necessarily produce the career bang for its ever-in-

creasing buck, trade schools offer a practical alternative. "College is not for everyone," Coblisch said. "Trade schools offer a short-term, low cost way to learn bankable skills and get a job."

Compared to college, the \$3,000 or so for a six-month full-

time stint at a trade school is manageable, and financial aid is available for those who need it. Many courses of study run for shorter periods. There are even one-day seminars that can add new lines to one's resume. The Learning Factory at Colonie Center provides this kind of pinpoint instruction, mostly in computer skills. A hitch in the armed forces is obviously a more long-term commitment. Nevertheless, they teach highly marketable skills and offer higher education benefits after service.

Learning a trade also widens the options for career changers and those re-entering the work force after a lengthy hiatus, as is the case with stay-at-home parents. Sage Evening College is particularly sensitive to these circumstances, Coblisch said. It offers broader based programs, targeting those whose lives have led away from academia.

Coblisch said that a positive change in attitude in the United States in recent years toward trade schools has produced new and updated resources. Current library holdings include *The American Trade Schools Directory*, a comprehensive list updated monthly. Also available are two Ferguson's reference — a two-volume *Guide to Apprenticeship Programs* and *From High School to Work*. Peterson's *Directory of Vocational and Technical Schools*, in its third edition, is also on the shelves. *The Careers Without College* series, written for a middle school reading level, provides helpful basic information about a number of specific jobs.

The fair is open for browsing from 1 to 4 p.m. in the community room. Come, sample the refreshments and talk to representatives from:

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Middle school PTO slates pointed program

RCS Middle School Parent-Teacher-Student organization will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m.

The evening's program is entitled, "Get to the Point."

All parents, teachers and students from the middle school community are welcome.

Soccer club to hold meeting

RCS Soccer Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the middle school on Route 9W. All interested players and parents are welcome.

Talk on Colonial Albany at historical association

Stefan Bielinski will give a talk on The People of Colonial Albany on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Historical Association in Cedar Hill.

Bielinski is a community historian and director of the Colonial Albany Social History Project at the New York State Museum.

Schools to close early for parent conferences

On Monday, Nov. 16, students in kindergarten through eighth-grade will be dismissed early to allow for parent-teacher conferences.

Historical society slates meeting

Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society will meet on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chess club captures trophy

Students in the Coxsackie Chess Club captured 13 trophies in the Capital District Scholastic Championships.

RCS receives Rockwell print

A signed Norman Rockwell print was presented to RCS Senior High School in memory of the late Gavin Collins, a 16-year-old student who died suddenly at school on May 27, 1997.

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Five Rivers Limited sets annual meeting

Five Rivers Limited, the citizen support organization for Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar, will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

A program by nature photographer and teacher Michael Fuller will follow at 8 p.m.

Fuller's photographs have appeared in such publications as *National Wildlife*, *Audubon* and *Ranger Rick*, as well as on calendars.

The public is invited to attend. For information or directions, call 475-0291.

Delmar thrift shop takes a break

Treasure Cove Thrift Shop, held Tuesdays at First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, won't accept used clothing for two weeks.

Drop-offs of clothing items normally scheduled for Nov. 17 and 24 are being suspended, both at the thrift shop and in other areas of the church.

Clean gently used, saleable clothing items will once again be accepted after Dec. 1.

and Jeanette Kunker through Raymond and Eileen Collins. It will hang in the high school.

BCHS juniors to rake leaves

Bethlehem Central High School's junior class council will raise money for activities by raking leaves around on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Anyone who would like to have leaves raked, should contact class president Maura Boyle at 475-0803.

A small group of students will arrive between noon and 4 p.m. to rake the lawn. The suggested fee is from \$10 to \$20.

Library closing early

Bethlehem Public Library will close today, Nov. 11, at 5 p.m. in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. The library's regular hours will resume on Thursday, Nov. 12.

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raffled off by the Friends is Earl MacMillen of New Salem. Congratulations to the MacMillens; we hope it keeps you toasty warm for many winters.

The adult book discussion of *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr takes place Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. The Library Club for grade four to six meets on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for a program on techniques of film animation. Bus transportation is provided from the elementary school. Signup and permission slip are required.

Also on Nov 12, writers are invited to join the Every Other Thursday Night Poets at 7 p.m.

Friday the 13th is the "Brown Bag" book discussion for fourth- to sixth-graders. Bring your lunch at 12:30 p.m. for a lively hour of book talk.

By Donna J. Bell

Young adults at Bethlehem Central Middle School are working to make a difference in their school and community.

Among the many clubs and activities that students can choose from at the middle school, some students take the higher calling of service. Members of the Service Club strive to aid others and along the way acquire the skills needed to be future leaders. They work on positive activities that build school spirit and develop and complete projects that help the public and fellow students.

"We start out the year attracting leaders from the school community who wanted to do service projects," said seventh-grade teacher Lisa Wood, co-adviser to the Service Club. "In past years they have done everything from painting hallways, creating murals and raising money to get lockers painted to going into elementary schools to read to the kids and building picnic tables outside of the cafeteria."

It isn't easy to join the Service Club. In order to become a member, students have to fill out an application with two short essays and provide two adult recommendations. Woods said that the kids who tend to follow through with the application process are the

ones who will stick it out throughout the year.

"We asked (the students) 'what does service mean to you?' And they were saying things like 'to help other people in the school and in the community,' and 'service is the right thing to do,'" Wood said.

"When the students were asked what the qualities of someone in the Service Club should be, they mentioned being an individual, being creative and doing the right thing for yourself and other people — even if it's not cool."

Woods said that she and the other teachers have been impressed by the kids who have joined the club. "Once we got going we let the students do more of what they thought was important, and they stepped up to our expectations and took responsibility."

The Service Club went to Silver Bay, near Lake George, for leadership training in October. Woods felt the training was important because it gave the club an opportunity to concentrate on team building. It also gave the students a chance to think of the types of projects they wanted to tackle and to make action plans for the year.

Eighth-grader Alex Leckerling was impressed by her time at Silver Bay and feels that the Service

Club is a good opportunity for students to make the community and school better. "We planned some events for the year like promoting pedestrian safety by selling blinkers to put on bicycles and clothing, and maybe getting some swings for the middle school," Leckerling said.

Art teacher and club co-adviser Peter Ruggiero also thought the retreat was successful. "They learned a sense of what it means to work as a team during the weekend. They came together well and helped each other out," Ruggiero said. "The most important thing about the Service Club is that we give back student ownership of the school."

Ruggiero feels that students get as much out of the club as they contribute. "There are a lot of choices open to the students. The Service Club brings a lot of responsibility, I think that it is important for them that the club offers a place they can feel responsible and mature, through learning how to work with people and having a stake in the school."

Parking ordinance in effect in Delmar

Bethlehem Police Department reminds residents that the town's No Parking ordinance is in effect, and will remain so through April 15.

Vehicles are prohibited from parking on town streets and highways between 1 and 7 a.m.

Theater meeting set

Harlequin Players will hold an open meeting on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Community Methodist Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Anyone who would like to join the group is invited to attend. For information, call 478-0405 or 346-1147.




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Town budget on Thursday agenda

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

The proposed 1999 Bethlehem town budget faces smooth sailing at the Nov. 12 town board meeting, after a public hearing on Oct. 28, at which only one individual rose to ask any questions about the fiscal plan. A vote on the budget is set for the meeting, and Supervisor Sheila Fuller said that she anticipates it will pass.

The budget, introduced Sept. 23, was reviewed in a series of workshops with department heads on Oct. 6 and 7. It projects spending at \$22,676,118, an increase of just over \$1 million from the previous year, and shows most town departments getting modest increases.

Significant funding boosts are earmarked for parks and recre-

ation administration, increases in equipment and contractual expenses for recycling and trash collection, a rise in debt service costs, a significant equipment upgrade in central data processing and increased equipment expenses in public works and the police department. The package also includes a 3 percent across-the-board pay raise for nonunion town employees.

On the revenue side, the budget reflects an increase in the general tax levy of 5 percent, to \$2.74 per thousand. Highway, water and sewer fund levies will remain at 1998 levels in the projected budget, resulting in a tax increase of less than 1 percent across all four operating levies.

The lone critic of the plan at the

hearing, Sherwood Davies of Clearwater for Bethlehem, used the occasion to raise questions once again about the town's water system.

Noting the budget set aside \$165,000 to purchase water from the city of Albany, he inquired, "is that enough?" He also questioned the budget's decrease in residential water rates and increased funding of the reserve fund, and asked again if the town "intends to use Clapper Road water" from the town's Schermerhorn Island facility for residential drinking use.

Fuller said the budget hearing was an inappropriate forum for such a discussion. Also responding was town budget director Judith Kehoe, who said, "The water rates have been declining, and we've been funding the reserves. I think that's a positive comment on the budget process." Board member George Lenhardt echoed Kehoe, saying, "I think that's a sign of good government."

The board adjourned to executive session following the public meeting to continue the stages of negotiations with the union local representing Bethlehem's uniformed police officers, the second such executive session in as many meetings. The current three-year contract expires Dec. 31.

Boards act on local zoning related matters

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

Bethlehem town board and zoning board of appeals recently acted on several zoning-related matters.

The town board conducted a public hearing on Oct. 28 on the request of John LaForte, owner of a parcel of land on Delaware Avenue in Delmar near the intersection of Cherry Avenue, to have his land and two adjacent parcels rezoned from B Residential to CC Limited Commercial Use.

The LaForte property, adjacent to the new Stewart's shop, is no longer suitable for residential use, LaForte said. But he indicated he had received inquiries from developers interested in purchasing the property if the zoning change is granted. He said a small professional business might find the site suitable.

"There is ample protection in the zoning ordinance to not be concerned with what could happen to those lots" if rezoned, he said. None of the site's neighbors appeared at the hearing to offer objections, though board member Susan Burns raised questions about whether notification on the matter had been fully adequate.

LaForte said that he had notified most of the neighbors of his zoning request.

The board adjourned the public hearing without taking specific action, pending response to the proposal by the Albany County planning board.

Meanwhile, at its Nov. 4 meeting the zoning board of appeals denied the application of John Cullinan, of 58 Brockley Drive in Delmar, for a variance to permit him to keep a 6-foot fence he erected around his property this past summer, that violates town zoning regulations.

Cullinan had erected the fence to restrain his dog, who tended to jump the regulation 4-foot model.

The zoning board rejected his petition to keep the fence, and he was given 90 days to either remove or remediate it.

"This boils down to this," said board member Richard Lewis at the Nov. 4 meeting. "Mr. Cullinan has not been able to control his dog." Several members noted their sympathy with Cullinan's efforts to restrain his dog, but declined to grant the exception. Lewis said, "On the basis that Mr. Cullinan's dog likes to leap tall buildings in a single bound."

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Ice skating is great family fun



By Donna J. Bell

WHEN TEMPERATURES PLUMMET AND SNOW PILES UP, THE CAPITAL District becomes a winterland of enjoyment. From Niskayuna to New Scotland, skaters are anxious for the weather to be cold enough to strap on their skates and get to the ice.

You can certainly learn to skate at any age, but experts agree that it's best to learn ice skating when you are young.

In most large cities, there is at least one indoor skating rink with instructors and there may also be a skating club. But if you are doing the teaching, here's a tip: new skaters take chairs on the ice and hold onto the back of them. The chairs give beginners some support and help them get the feel of skating on ice.

After learning the skating stroke by pushing off with one foot and then the other, the skaters can put away their chairs and skate on their own.

Make sure that you get the correct skates. Figure skates have blades that are rounded in front and have little teeth like a saw to help skates "grab" or "pick" the ice. Hockey skates are thinner in front with no teeth, and the shoes have hard toes. Racing skates have extra long, thin blades.

The first ice skates were wooden or bone runners, something like tiny skis, that were clamped to the skater's shoes. Later, the skates were made of metal, but were still clamped to shoes.

Today, skates are permanently attached to special skating shoes. The fit of the shoes is the most important thing about skates. The

shoes must fit perfectly and be laced correctly. The laces need not be tight at the top and bottom, but must be tight in the middle, where the shoe curves around the ankle to provide support.

While ice hockey is dramatic and speed skating is exciting, figure skating is considered the most perfect form of ice skating and in the past several years, with the excitement of the Olympic games and the multitude of tours and professional skating competitions, the sport has really taken off.

Figure skating gets its name from the designs, or figures, that the skates make on the surface of the ice. Figure skating requires the grace of a ballet dancer com-

bined with the coordination of an athlete.

If recreational skating is your game, there are lots of places to enjoy free or low-cost outdoor skating. Some places rent skates, but some are bring your own. Here are a few suggestions.

Albany County Hockey, (830 Albany Shaker Road) Public Skating, during the week \$2, \$1 Seniors always, Weekends \$3, children 5 and free times: weekdays: 12-2, Week-ends: 2-3:30

Swinburne Park (Albany, Clinton Avenue and Manning Boulevard) Opens Nov. 16. Public skating, \$1/adults, \$.50/children, \$.25/seniors, skate rentals

\$2. Times: weekend hours: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., 3 to 5 p.m., 7 to 9:30 p.m. Weekday hours: 3 to 5 p.m., 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Elm Avenue Park: Outdoor skating, open to all town of Bethlehem residents, opens late December, Sunday through Thursday until 8 p.m, Friday and Saturday and school vacations until 10 p.m. No fee.

New Scotland: Fuera Bush Town Park (Mathias Place Road) and Swift Town Park. Open: December, Sunday through Saturday, until 9 p.m., no fee.

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Getting ready to ski

By D. J. Taylor

THE SKI SEASON IS AT HAND AND THE QUESTION OF HOW TO BECOME PHYSICALLY READY IS ONCE AGAIN UPON US. SKIING, LIKE MANY OTHER SPORTS, REQUIRES GOOD CARDIOVASCULAR CONDITIONING AND OVERALL LEG STRENGTH. UNLIKE OTHER SPORTS, SKIING PLACES GREAT DEMANDS ON MUSCLES AND TENDONS THAT CONTROL LATERAL MOVEMENTS. THE QUADRICEP MUSCLES TAKE THE GREATEST STRESS IN SKIING. THESE LEG MUSCLES HANDLE ALL OF THE STRAIN IN A BENT KNEE POSITION AND ABSORB THE SHOCK OF BUMPS AND MOGULS. THE QUADRICEPS CONTROL HOW MUCH THE KNEE BENDS.

Before hitting the slopes, there are a number of exercises a skier can do to decrease the possibility of injuries.

My personal favorite for cardiovascular endurance is step class, because not only does it increase your endurance, but it strengthens and tones the quadriceps, hamstrings, calves and gluteals, all muscles that will help increase your abilities on the slopes. Running, using a stair climber, or an elliptical trainer, are extremely helpful as well.

For strength and general toning, squatting is the best workout for the quadriceps, though leg extensions and hamstring curls will strengthen connecting muscle tissue. I generally recommend doing all three.

Though squatting is a direct line to quadricep strength, it can be a little tricky and is not suitable for people with knee or back problems. Squatting can adversely affect your knees if done incorrectly. Using a hack-squat machine or gluteal press is a good variation on free squats and suitable for those with knee and back weakness. There are also machines that control a squat by maintaining form. Any certified trainer should have experience in leg muscle development and should be able to design a program to meet your physical limitations and strengths and increase your abilities and enjoyment on the slopes.

D.J. Taylor is owner of Fitness for Her in Delmar.



Snowmobile buyers want power, comfort

By Bill Fonda

SNOW-COVERED FIELDS AND FOR BEST TRAILS ARE CALM, SERENE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN ENJOY ALL OF WINTER'S SPLENDOR, BUT THEY ALSO MAKE GREAT PLACES TO FIRE UP THE SNOWMOBILE AND TAKE A RIDE.

Rachel Weidman, owner of Matt's Polaris at 257 Mansion St. in Cocksackie, said this year's models have a sleeker, sporty design.

"It's how cars evolved over time, more rounded," she said.

They also feature brake improvements designed to increase stopping power and smoothness and taller, straighter handlebars, but Weidman said one of the most important new elements is the increased power. For example, the three-cylinder Polaris 800XCR has almost 40 more horsepower than the Storm, which it replaced.

"They were big and heavy, but you had to modify them to get the power you wanted," Weidman said.

Polaris is also trotting out a new lineup of two-cylinder models this year that have American-

made motors, are lightweight and handle well.

"It's almost like riding a two-stroke bike. Out of the get-go, it's quick power," she said.

Prices range from \$2,499 for the beginning 340cc model to \$8,499 for the 800XCR.

One of the more popular types of snowmobile is the "touring" model, with room for two people, backrests, electric start, reverse gear, foot pads and mirrors. Matt's carries six touring models from 340cc to the three-cylinder 600XLT. The best-seller is the 500cc, which costs \$5,499.

Because touring sleds are so popular, even among singles, their numbers are limited, new or used, and they sell quickly.

"They're usually a thing that's hard to find as the year goes on. Once people have that long track, they prefer it," Weidman said.

Duane Leach, owner of All Seasons Equipment at 60 Freeman's Bridge Road in Scotia, said many people who come to his store to

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Ski area plans early opening

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Snowmobiles

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buy Arctic Cat snowmobiles are seeking the extra features found in the touring models.

"The sleds are becoming more reliable, so people are looking for the comfort items," he said.

Also popular are handwarmers, windshield bags, heated shields for helmets and high-tech clothing with vents and zip-out inner jackets.

"It makes the jacket very warm and you can use the inner liner for

lighter weather," Leach said.

While it is important to stay warm while snowmobiling, it is also important to drive safely.

Toward that end, Weidman recommends keeping a responsible speed, knowing the trails, making sure lakes are frozen before riding over them, carrying a tow rope, avoiding drinking and driving, going in pairs and joining a snowmobiling club.



Cross country ski area announces open house

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Smart shopping makes skis affordable

By Ellen Gelting

OUTFITTING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY WITH SKIS, BOOTS AND POLES MAY SOUND LIKE A daunting, and worse yet, expensive task, but according to two local experts, there are ways to make skiing an affordable family sport.

At Play it Again Sports in Latham, owner Dottie Vonk sells both new and used equipment. "We can usually set you up for less than it costs to rent equipment for a season," she said, "Packages for kids start at around \$100, and owning the stuff is less hassle, there's no standing in rental lines

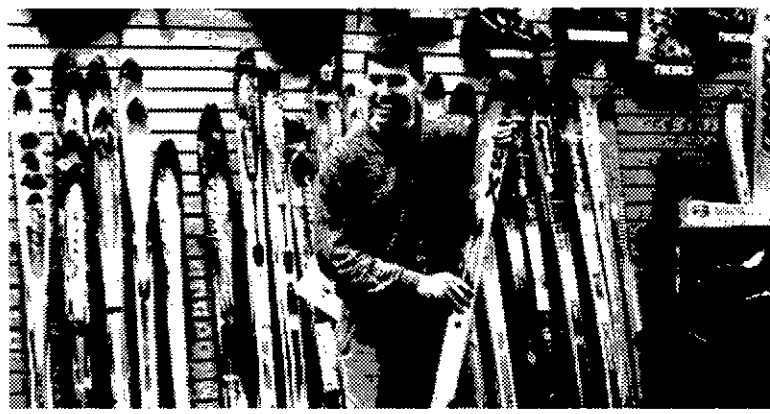
and you can trade it back in when you're done."

Vonk does not package her equipment in the usual way. She prefers to give customers the option to mix and match, combining new with used if they choose to.

"The savings are progressive," she said, "If you spend \$100 to \$200, you'd save \$15 off the total, per package. Spend \$200 to \$300 and you save \$25 per package."

The store carries the newer style parabolic, or shaped skis, in both new and used versions.

Vonk carries a full comple-



Garrick Dardani shows off some of the skis available at Steiner Sports. Elaine McLain

ment of new and used accessories and clothing. They sell cross country ski packages starting at about \$50 for a used set-up.

New and used snowboards are another popular item. The cost of boards and boots varies greatly, but a decent used board may cost

\$100 without boots and bindings, while a basic new one may run \$250 with bindings and boots.


Vonk fully guarantees the used equipment she sells. "We stand behind the product," Vonk said.

Steiner Sports in Delmar is another shop working hard to make a great sport accessible to families. Store manager Garrick Dardani said he could get kids under 12 started off for about \$100 to \$120 with the used equipment his store carries.

"We only take used equipment in good shape, mostly things we sold and take back in trade," he said. New packages start at \$250 for kids and about \$299 for adults. Steiner sells traditional and shaped ski packages with Solomon and Volkl skis and boots by Solomon and Tecnica.


Darani believes that when it comes to skiing, properly fit boots are the key to success. "If you don't have a good fit, then the skis won't do what you want them to do," he said. "We have the best boot fitters around. We make sure you're fit well and balanced in the boot, making sure it's set up with the right amount of forward lean, making sure you're square and making sure it's the right flex for you," Darani said.

Steiner also sells new and used snowboards, starting at around \$200 for a board and \$85 for a pair of boots. The store carries all kinds of ski clothing, and helmets, which are becoming quite popular, Darani said.




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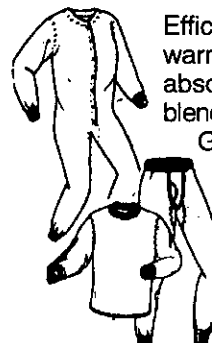


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Defense, Jones carry Indians to Sectional title

By Len Tarricone

Due to an explosive offense that can, and often does, strike in a variety of ways from anywhere on the football field, it is easy to overlook one important aspect of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians — they can play a little defense too. The Fonda-Fultonville Braves will attest to that point.

In a week-seven matchup of unbeaten in Fonda, Ravena dominated the Braves, pulling away in the second half for an easy victory and allowing only seven points. When the two teams met Nov. 7 at Colonie Central High School with considerably more at stake, there was no reason to suspect that the outcome would be any different.

It was not, as the Indians shut down the Braves again, 27-9, to capture the Section II Class B title for the third year in a row. Tailback **Gary Jones** rushed for 208 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Indians, but the main topic of conversation afterward was the Ravena defense.

"We shut them down; I don't think they had a chance to breathe," said Ravena coach **Gary VanDerzee**. "(Defensive coordinator **Bruce Stott**) put together an outstanding game plan, and the kids followed it to perfection."

Senior lineman **Kevin Reinisch**, who will play in his third state regional, said, "We played better than ever today, but the defense especially played really well."

Fonda, which had a fairly potent offensive attack featuring the area's third-leading touchdown passer in quarterback **Charles Peterson**, was held to 138 total yards and only 86 on the ground. The Braves lone touchdown came on an 83-yard kickoff return by **Blake Bellinger** with four minutes gone in the second half.

"As wide-open as they are, they are pretty basic," said VanDerzee of the Indians' offense. "You have to have defensive ends who can play, and (**Jim Glastetter**) and (**Keith Albano**) came up big. And our coverage people can play with anybody."



R-C-S players celebrate their 27-9 win over Fonda-Fultonville in the Section II, Class B football final. *Len Tarricone*

The Indians, 10-0, have now allowed a paltry 66 points on the season. They took a 13-3 lead to halftime on two touchdowns set up by the defense. The first came after end **Mike Lintner** recovered a fumble on the Fonda-Fultonville 35.

The resulting drive was a long one by RCS standards, 10 plays, and was aided by a pass interference call on a fourth-and-four pass intended for **Tony Tucker** that gave the Indians a first down on the Braves' 12-yard line.

On third-and-five from the seven-yard line, VanDerzee called for running back Albano.

"Coach just told me I was going in and I was really psyched," Albano said. "I knew I was going to get a touchdown on that play."

And he did, running a misdirection through a huge hole opened by the left side of his line.

The second score followed a Fonda series that began with a first-down reverse by Bellinger that Glastetter snuffed out for a 13-yard loss to the Fonda-

Fultonville four-yard-line. After a punt gave the Indians possession on the Braves' 41, Albano ran for five yards on first down and Jones ran 36 yards for a touchdown on second down.

On the ensuing series, fullback **Lance Henry** gained 41 yards on two consecutive runs to bring the ball to the Ravena 25, but here the Indians stiffened again. Jones stopped Bellinger on first down; Glastetter deflected a ball on third down, and Tucker intercepted Peterson's pass on fourth down.

"Coach Stott really prepared us for their offense; he's one of the best at that," Jones said. "All year, we've been known for our offense, but our defense is just as good."

The big defensive plays continued on the first possession of the second half. The Braves received the kickoff and attempted a pass play on first down from their own 13-yard line. Albano charged off right end and sacked Peterson back to the eight-yard-line to halt that drive before it began.

After the Indians took over at the Braves' 40, three Jones rushes upped the lead to 20-3. Ravena closed the scoring with a 24-yard touchdown pass from **Minard Carkner** to **Larry Alberts**.

The victory was Ravena's 30th straight in Section II, and places them in a state regional matchup with Peru of Section VII Nov. 13 on this same field at 7 p.m.

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St. Denis spree propels Blackbirds to Class C crown

By Len Tarricone

Back in week four, in what had been its defining moment of the season up until now, the Clayton A. Bouton Central High School football team supplanted perennial power Watervliet at the top of Class C with a 41-6 victory. But it did not happen until the Blackbirds' Pat St. Denis took matters into his own hands, breaking open a one-point game by scoring three touchdowns in a 6:30 spurt of the second half.

In the Blackbirds' biggest game since, the Section II championship against Mechanicville Nov. 6, it was a case of "deja vu all over again." Only moreso.

This time, in a similar blur of second-half excitement, the stellar tailback broke loose for three of his five touchdown runs and came up with a key interception to lead the Blackbirds to a 40-14 win,

the Class C title and a spot in the state regional playoffs.

After his virtuoso performance, St. Denis was happy to let the credit fall elsewhere.

"I think our line was wearing them down as the game wore on," he said. "The holes were really opening up."

But it was the senior sensation who hit those holes and went the distance for fourth-quarter scoring runs of 72, 76, and 26 yards on three successive carries as part of a masterful 308-yard night. He also scored on runs of 36 and 30 yards in the second quarter. The suddenness of his heroics proved that the line between tension and garbage time can be a thin one.

With 11 minutes remaining in the contest, the Blackbirds held the slimmest of leads at 15-14. But after a St. Denis 72-yard scamper,

the defense forced a change of possession at its own 24 and, on the first play, he turned a run off the right side into another long touchdown.

When the Red Raiders began their next series, the linebacker St. Denis promptly came up with an interception, became tailback St. Denis again and took a handoff on the very next play and dashed 26 yards for another score.

Just like that, it was 34-14, some starters were on the bench and

the Blackbirds were thinking about the state regionals, and a matchup with Saranac Lake of Section VII on the Redskins' home field Nov. 14 at 1:30.

"From the beginning of the year, we thought winning the Sectionals was a reasonable goal," said St. Denis, who broke Sean Devine's school single-season rushing mark in his first year at tailback. "Everyone knows what his job is and has been going out and doing it."

St. Denis' responsibilities have been expanded to include, of all things, the long snapping while center Brian Washburn has nursed a hand injury, but he knows that getting into the end zone is his primary job, and the first-year tailback has answered the call 26 times this season.

"I go out and try to score on every play," he said.

He does not achieve that, of course, but he has the ability to make it seem that way sometimes.

V'Ville girls rewarded with playoff bid

After finishing the regular season at 5-10-1, Kate DePasquale was surprised that her Clayton A. Bouton Central High School girls soccer team received a bid into the Section II, Class C playoffs. But her team's play more than justified the selection.

"Our girls made a point that they belonged," she said, after the Blackbirds used second-half goals from seniors Caryn Adams and Whitney Reed and sopho-

more Katelyn Berger to upset third-seed Taconic Hills 4-2 in a quarterfinal contest.

Their season ended in the next game, a 2-1 loss to Mechanicville, but the team showed that its tough schedule during the season prepared it well for the postseason.

"I'm happy with the way the season ended," said the first-year coach, who quickly expressed her anticipation for next year's pre-season. "We are going to miss our

seniors, whose leadership really came out at the end of the year, but we will have a solid team coming back."

DePasquale is hoping for a nice mesh of the 11 returnees from this team with talent from a junior varsity program that only lost two games this year. She said that with a full year of experience now under her belt, she is looking forward to coaching a potentially special group next year.

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Eagles' turnaround nearly complete

By Len Tarricone

When the Bethlehem Central High School field hockey team defeated Shaker High School 2-1 in the semifinals of the Section II, Class A tournament Nov. 4, they achieved what senior forward **Amanda Kelly** said they would from the get-go.

"She told me in pre-season 'Coach, we're going to make it to the championship game,'" recalled third-year coach **Kat Cunningham**. "After the Shaker game she was quick to remind me of it."

By defeating the Blue Bison, the Eagles continued a remarkable pattern of improvement under Cunningham. In her first year, Bethlehem was not only winless, but scoreless, for the entire Suburban Council schedule. Last year they qualified for Sectionals and were defeated in the semifinals. This year they took it a step further, playing for the Sectional title, where they lost 2-0 to Columbia High School Nov. 7.

What comes next could prove even better.

"It should be very exciting next year. Most of this group will return, and they will come in thinking about what it felt like to play in that game, and it will motivate them to get back there," said Cunningham.

The Eagles got there this year by entering the playoffs as a third seed, and opened up with a 3-1 win over Niskayuna High School behind goals from junior forwards **Alissa Kind** and **Betsy Drake** and first-year varsity midfielder **Katie Riegel**. That quarterfinal win propelled them into the matchup with second-seeded Shaker, a game in which the Eagles took command early with two first-half goals by Kelly and Kind. The Blue Bison made things interesting by scoring with five minutes to go, but they could get no closer as junior keeper **Kelly Cheeseman** and the rest of the defense made the lead stand up.

Against Columbia in the final, played on artificial turf at Skidmore College, the Eagles found the going a little tougher.

"Columbia is a real good team; we had a few chances but just could not capitalize," said Cunningham.

Bethlehem will lose only three seniors from this year's squad, including co-captain and leading scorer Kelly, defender and co-captain **Gabrielle Foley** and midfielder **Alexis Grant**. Cunningham will be looking to Drake and Kind for offensive leadership, and will hopefully have her entire cast of defensive starters, including Cheeseman, a second-team all-league performer as

a sophomore, to protect the goal.

If that lineup stays intact, and comes back with the determination that Cunningham thinks they will, the program could very well progress yet another level.

Local Pop Warner has rough week

Led by **Tah-Quan Jackson's** two touchdowns, Bethlehem Pop Warner's Senior Midget Eagles took the Troy Patriots to overtime before falling to 4-4 with a 32-24 loss Nov. 7.

Bethlehem came alive in the second half after Troy had scored 16 points.

Runs by Jackson and **Nate Panucci** set up the Eagles' first score, a touchdown by **Terence Stanfield**. Jackson scored his first touchdown after **Shane Cassidy** recovered a Troy fumble and his game-tying touchdown came on a pass from quarterback **Ryan Williams**.

In Junior Pee Wee action, the Bethlehem Condors fell to 1-7 with a 36-13 loss to the Ballston Spa Scotties Nov. 8.

Ballston Spa jumped out to a 21-point lead before touchdowns by **Eric McLeer** and **Kyle Dignum** got Bethlehem back into the game.

BCHS girls soccer reaches semifinals

By Len Tarricone

The Bethlehem Central High School girls soccer team came on with a flourish late in the year and advanced all the way to the Section II, Class A semifinals before falling 3-0 to eventual champions Niskayuna High School Nov. 4.

"We spoke all year about finishing strong, and that's what we did," said coach **Tom Rogan**. "We were confident coming into the Niskayuna game, but they are an awfully tough team."

The Eagles played the Silver Warriors to a scoreless draw through the first 55 minutes, but could not hold off their formidable foes. Bethlehem lost only two games after Sept. 23, to Niskayuna and Shenendehowa (the two Class A finalists), and finished their year at 9-9-2, including their 8-0 win over Troy High School and a 5-0 blanking of Catholic Central High School in the Sectionals.

Rogan will lose 11 seniors from this team, including his three co-captains, **Lily Corrigan**, **Beth Jukins** and **Melissa Kanuk**. Keeper **Kim Comtois** will also be graduating, and Rogan will be relying next year upon forward **Carrie Getz**, defenders **Susie Breaznell** and **Rachel Gajewski** and the other returnees to blend with incoming talent to hopefully boost the Eagles back into Sectional contention again.

Soccer registration starts Nov. 14

New Scotland Soccer Club will hold spring soccer sign-ups on Nov. 14 and 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem Central High School

form to register.

Forms will be available on the sign-up dates. New players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

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Talks

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Board representative Paul Curry. At that session, all issues were tentatively resolved but the sports-busing issue, about which negotiators for the district agreed to formulate a proposal.

No new bargaining session date has yet been set, she said. "We're waiting for a phone call from the district that they will come back to the table," Gill said. "We haven't gotten that phone call yet."

Loomis said, "the district has communicated with the union through the mediator" about a date for another session. "At this point," he said, "we're awaiting a response."

Gill said negotiating delays stem from the change in the district's lead negotiator this past summer, from assistant superintendent Franz Zwicklbauer to business manager Steve O'Shea. Gill said that many issues resolved under Zwicklbauer have since come back on the table.

"Since Steve began negotiating (for the district), he's introduced new wording, new positions the board never agreed on," she said. "They came with a lot of take-backs to the table. It's made our negotiating position more difficult."

Efforts to reach O'Shea were not successful, but Loomis said that "the district's position has been consistent from start to finish."

Gill expressed concern over the number of concessions her negotiating team has already had to make at the bargaining table.

"We've already taken a lot of hits that will reduce the take-home pay of our members," she said, noting in particular concessions related to overtime, health insurance and the work schedules of school custodians.

The union's board of directors was scheduled to meet Nov. 10 with its negotiating team to discuss the stalled talks. "If we haven't heard anything (from the school board) by then, we'll discuss where to go from there," she said.

Library to sponsor talk on Irish gypsies

Author and teacher Sharon Gmelch will deliver the ninth annual Wenzl Lecture on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Her talk and slide presentation will focus on the travelling people of Ireland, the Emerald Isle's indigenous gypsies, who for centuries have wandered the countryside doing odd jobs and carrying news, and who remain social pariahs.

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library will host a reception following the talk, which is open and free to the public. To register, call 439-9314.

Elsmere School slates craft and book fair

Elsmere Elementary School on Delaware Avenue will host a craft show and book fair on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information, call 475-1756.

Delmar builder elected to board

Ric Kaplowitz, of Kaplowitz Co. in Delmar, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Albany Area Builders Association at its annual meeting.

The nonprofit professional trade organization provides business and consumer services throughout the Capital District, and is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

Kaplowitz was one of eight individuals selected to represent home builders and remodelers on the board.

Blood pressure clinic has new hours

Bethlehem's Senior Services Department has announced new hours for its next blood pressure screening, Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the town hall auditorium.

The free screening, available to all on a walk-in basis, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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Senior Services sets hearing screening

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been meeting with teachers and administrators at Voorheesville schools and with members of the transportation department.

"We'd like to get a general idea of what the people's wish list is now," McCartney said of the decision to hold the meeting. "We'd also like to focus on outside funding, like government grants and corporate donations, and see what's available."

Board member C. James Coffin emphasized that the board is still in an exploratory phase and assessing program needs as they look at facilities changes.

McCartney said he has a target date in February for the community to vote on proceeding with the project. "I'd still like to break ground this summer," McCartney said. "The project will need to be phased, so it will be a matter of what can be done without disrupting the education process."

If the district approves a facilities project by July 1, Voorheesville will receive an extra 10 percent in state building aid.

The board has also decided to hold a round table discussion at 7 p.m. before every board meeting. "In an effort to reach out to other groups, we'd like to hold informal meetings to discuss issues in the district," said board vice president Robert Baron. "At our next meeting on Dec. 9, we've invited all the new teachers to come and have some coffee with us and discuss things."

Baron said that the board was committed to this. "We will sustain this for one to two years," Baron said, "and see if anybody's interested in coming to have coffee with us."

High school Principal William Furdon invited district parents to visit the high school during American Education Week, Nov. 15 to 21. "We'll have plenty of chairs in the classrooms so parents can come and feel comfortable," Furdon said. "We'd like parents and the community as a whole to come and see what we do and how well we do it."

Delmar store sets winter art show

Roger Smith Decorative Products at 340 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will hold its 29th Winter Art Show and Sale on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barbara Wooster and Carol Schlageter, both of Delmar, and Dianne Tracy of Troy, will be the featured artists.

Wooster is best known for paintings of horses, barns and farm animals. Schlageter offers whimsical views of people, animals and creatures of myth and legend. Tracy's specialty is Adirondack scenes and floral paintings. They primarily use watercolors.

For information, call 439-2819.

Thacher Park plans weekend activities

John Boyd Thacher State Park in New Scotland will offer a guided geology walk on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m.

Thom Engel will talk about the geologic history of the Helderberg Escarpment during the approximately two to three hour walk. Participants should wear sturdy shoes.

The park celebrates Native American Thanksgiving with Mohawk descendant Mike Tarbell on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m.

Tarbell will explore the American Indian rituals of giving thanks that inspired the American Thanksgiving tradition.

For information or to preregister for either program, call 872-1237.


Five Rivers Limited sets annual meeting

Five Rivers Limited, the citizen support organization for Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar, will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

A program by nature photographer and teacher Michael Fuller will follow at 8 p.m.

Fuller's photographs have appeared in such publications as *National Wildlife*, *Audubon* and *Ranger Rick*, as well as on calendars.

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Camara, Fish engaged

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Girl, Breana Lynn Johnson, to Debra and David Johnson of Glenmont, Oct. 11.

Boy, Christopher Joseph Hardman, to Marianne Di Cerbo and Steven Hardman of Delmar, Oct. 15.

Girl, Emily Mae Travis, to Diane and Robert Travis Jr. of Selkirk, Oct. 19.

Twins: boy, Daniel Patrick Grippin; and girl, Christina Rose Grippin, to former Delmar resident Sally and Randall Grippin of Berne, Oct. 20.

Boy, Carson Lowell Hemphill, to Kecia and Chad Hemphill of Delmar, Oct. 20.

Girl, Emily Briggs Risch, to Mary and Buddy Risch of Glenmont, Oct. 26.

BCHS graduate named to society

Annette Grajny of Slingerlands, a biology major at Union College, has been chosen to participate in the Gatekeeper Honorary Society program at the school.

The society is a select group of students who volunteer up to three hours a week to talk with prospective students and their parents and guide them on tours of the campus.

Grajny is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Delmar student joins honor society

George Yeager of Delmar, an eighth-grader at LaSalle Institute in Troy, was recently inducted into the Brother Thomas Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Acceptance into the society is based on sustained academic excellence, and qualities of leadership, support of school activities and service.



Lisa and Robert Watson

Squadere, Watson marry

Lisa Squadere, daughter of James and Beverly Squadere of Niskayuna, and Robert Joseph Watson, son of Elaine Watson of Cohoes and the late William Watson, were married Oct. 9.

The Hon. Harold D'Agostino performed the ceremony which was followed by a reception at the Holiday Inn Turf in Colonie.

The maid of honor was Denise Squadere, sister of the bride, and the matron of honor was Laurie Gilman.

The best man was Stephen

Heider and the usher was Christopher Deso.

The bride is a graduate of Colonie Central High School, Sage Junior College and The College of Saint Rose.

She is a technology planner for Capital Region BOCES.

The groom is a graduate of Shaker High School. He is a sales manager at Macy's in Colonie.

After a wedding trip to Sarasota, Fla., the couple lives in Voorheesville.

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Bethlehem ambulance to sponsor blood drive

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its headquarters on Route 9W in Glenmont.

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Obituaries

May Blackmore

G. May Blackmore of Delmar died Sunday, Nov. 6, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Ogema, Saskatchewan, she was a graduate of Regina Teachers College. She had a bachelor's degree from Queens University in Kingston, Ont., and a master's from Southern Methodist University in Texas.

She taught in Regina City and became the first woman assistant superintendent in Southern Saskatchewan. She also taught at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas, Texas, and retired from Bethlehem Central High School as a teacher and guidance counselor. When she lived in Chicago, she was executive director of Girl Scouts for DuPage County for three years.

Mrs. Blackmore was a member and former first vice president and president of the Delmar Progress Club. She also served on its board of directors and became Albany County chairwoman and district director, district adviser, honorary director and education chairwoman. She also held many posts on the state level and was elected New York State Federation Woman of the Year in 1994. She had served on the Hudson Valley Girl Scouts board of directors and the Bethlehem Parks & Recreation board. Mrs. Blackmore also served many other groups, including Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Salvation Army Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. William P. Blackmore.

Services will be from the Speers Funeral home in Regina on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. There will be a memorial service at First United Methodist Church in Delmar at a date to be announced.

Contributions may be made to the National American Diabetes Association, 1660 Duke St., Alexandria, Va., or Wildwood Programs, 2995C, Curry Road Extension, Schenectady 12303.

Henry L. Kleinke

Henry L. Kleinke, 86, of North Bethlehem died Sunday, Nov. 8,

at his home.

Mr. Kleinke was educated in a one-room schoolhouse on Krumkill Road.

He ran a garage in Bethlehem at one time. He retired from the Bethlehem school district as a bus driver and mechanic.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Kleinke was a member of the Delmar Fire Department for more than 59 years. He was a former chief and president and served on the Board of Commissioners. He was a life member of the Hudson & Mohawk Firemens Association and Albany County Volunteer Firemens Association.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Wright Kleinke, and a brother, Edward F. Kleinke of Delanson.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. from the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar 12054 or Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054 or Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, 141 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

Paul Degearro

Paul J. Degearro, 85, of Delmar died Saturday, Nov. 7, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Italy, he moved to the United States in 1920.

Mr. Degearro was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and Manhattan College. He was a salesman for Sofco in Scotia before he retired.

He was a member of the Industrial Club of Troy and a social member of the Elsmere and Menands fire departments. He was an avid golfer and a member of Sacred Heart Church.

He was husband of the late Anna Shevchik Degearro.

Survivors include two daughters, Lois Smith of Glenmont and Anita Mullen of Ridgefield, Conn.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to Colonie Senior Service Center, Fiddlers Lane, Newtonville 12210.

Robert Laut

Robert A. Laut of Voorheesville and formerly of Slingerlands died Tuesday, Nov. 3, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born and educated in Albany, he was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving as a navigator and bombardier with the rank of lieutenant.

Mr. Laut was a vice president and sales representative for the former W.H. Smith Paper Co. He retired after 45 years with the company.

He was a former member of the board of directors of Chapel House at the University at Albany and he served on the finance committee of the Capital Area Council of Churches. He was a member of Wadsworth Lodge Masonic Lodge, Albany Country Club and Bethany Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gale Geary Laut, and a sister, Ruth J. Burns.

Services were from Bethany Reformed Church. Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

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

Contributions may be made to Bethany Reformed Church, 760 New Scotland Ave., Albany 12208 or Chapel House SUNY, PO Box 22225, Albany 12222.

Elaine Palmer

Elaine Palmer of Delmar and formerly of Slingerlands died Monday, Nov. 2, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Waterford, she was a graduate of Catholic Central High School in Troy and Russell Sage College. She received a master's degree from the University at Albany.

She taught at Glenmont Elementary School and previously for the Albany school district.

She was a member of Russell Sage College Alumnae and Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, and a member of its senior citizen group and parish council.

Survivors include a brother, Thomas E. Palmer of Wilmette, Ill.

Services were from the Church

of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Waterford.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Building Fund, 45 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

Richard R. Baker

Richard R. Baker, 62, of Indian Ledge Road in Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany.

Born in Weehawken, N.J., he was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

Mr. Baker was an Air Force veteran.

He worked for the state Department of Audit & Control as an audit clerk. More recently, he worked as an assembler for Spaulding & Rogers in New Scotland.

Survivors include two sisters, Ruth Baker of Voorheesville and Audrey LaPointe of Schoharie.

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

Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Park in Schenectady.

Contributions may be made to Voorheesville Area Ambulance or Community Hospice of Albany County.

Edgar Kemp

Dr. Edgar Kemp, 89, of Autumn Drive in North Bethlehem died Monday, Nov. 2, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Albany he was a graduate of Albany Academy, Yale University and Albany Medical College.

He served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps during World War II.

He practiced medicine at Albany Medical Center and in his own practice.

Dr. Kemp was a member of Schuyler Meadows Country Club and the American Medical Association.

A memorial service will be held at a time to be announced.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie.

Rose Ostrosky

Rose Coplon Ostrosky of Ridgefield Drive in Voorheesville died Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Palm West Hospital in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Born in Schenectady, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District. She and her husband

spent winters in Florida.

Mrs. Ostrosky was a member of Congregation Agudat Achim of Schenectady, Schenectady Ridge Country Club and Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Maurice Ostrosky; two daughters, Cherie Gold of Niskayuna and Loraine Elliot of Voorheesville; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Agudat Achim Cemetery in Rotterdam.

Contributions may be made to Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany 12203.

James Williams

James Herbert Williams, 90, of Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany and formerly of Selkirk died Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the nursing home.

Born in Briarcliff, Westchester County, he moved to the Capital District many years ago. He was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mr. Williams worked for Hostler's Dairy in Glenmont. He retired from the town of Bethlehem Highway Department in 1972.

Survivors include a son, James Williams of Ravena; a daughter, Nancy Biernacki of Selkirk; two sisters, Marion Klein and Helen Couse, both of Albany; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Warwick Cemetery in Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

Selkirk doctor wins Pattison Award

Dr. John Balint of Selkirk has been honored by the Eddy with the 12th annual Edward H. "Ebbie" Pattison Memorial Award.

The award is given annually to recognize an older adult, at least 70 years of age, who exemplifies qualities of wisdom, experience, creativity, energy and leadership.

Balint, the Richard T. Beebe Professor of Medicine at Albany Medical College, is director of the college's Center for Medical Ethics Education and Research and former chair of its department of medicine.

He was cited for his important research in gastroenterology and for his work in medical ethics education.

The Eddy is a member of Northeast Health, a comprehensive non-profit network of health and community services.

Death Notices

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

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

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

SPOTLIGHT ON **Family ENTERTAINMENT**
 CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

The lessons of history are on display this month, onstage and off, at Albany's Steamer No. 10 Theatre, a producer of family entertainment located in a renovated firehouse at 500 Western Avenue in Albany.

Onstage, Steamer No. 10 offers a premiere of an original musical, entitled Uncle Sam's Troy — The Capital Region the Nineteenth Century: Myth, Heroes and History. "A six-member ensemble first explores the lives and imaginations of area residents who created the region's industrial revolution. The new show opened last weekend, but continues for two more weekends.

Offstage, Steamer No. 10 has absorbed some historical lessons of its own. The theater company has developed a knack for making local history, when dry as dust on the page, come alive and tap its feet to a contemporary beat suitable for all ages.

Two years ago, they had a runaway hit with a musical lesson about the building of the Erie Canal called "Clinton's Ditch," which lives on as a piece taken to schools throughout the region. They followed up last year with a three-character play about the life of Victorian muckraking journalist Nellie Bly. Steamer 10's director, Ric Chesser, hopes "Uncle Sam's Troy" will be a similar flag-waving success.

The idea behind these musical adaptations of local lore, says Chesser, is to energize kids to know more. He recalls a teacher who brought a group of young children to see "Clinton's Ditch," and found she later had to cancel the day's lesson's plans at school: "The kids got so fired up about local history, we had to teach them more."

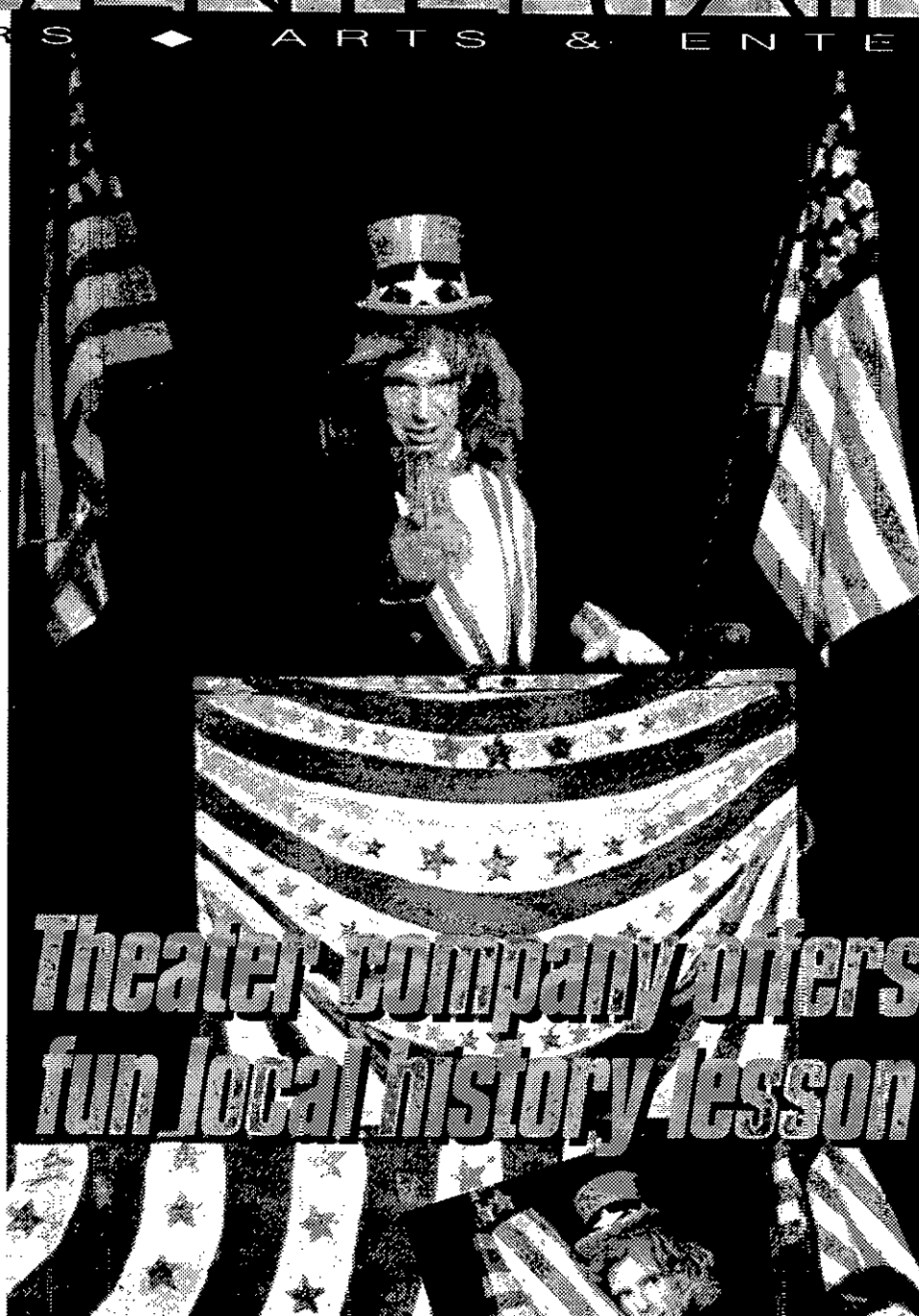
He maintains there's a lot more where that came from. "There are so many good stories of things happening in our area," he says. "We're just scratching the surface."

Steamer No. 10's interest in history, naturally, begins at home. The firehouse building in which it's located is itself a historical footnote — built upon the spot where the first commercial train travel in the state New York was launched a century and a half ago. Several years back, the theater explored that bit of history with a show, involving a host of custom-made puppets, called "Loco Motions".

Two years ago, they again delved into the region's role

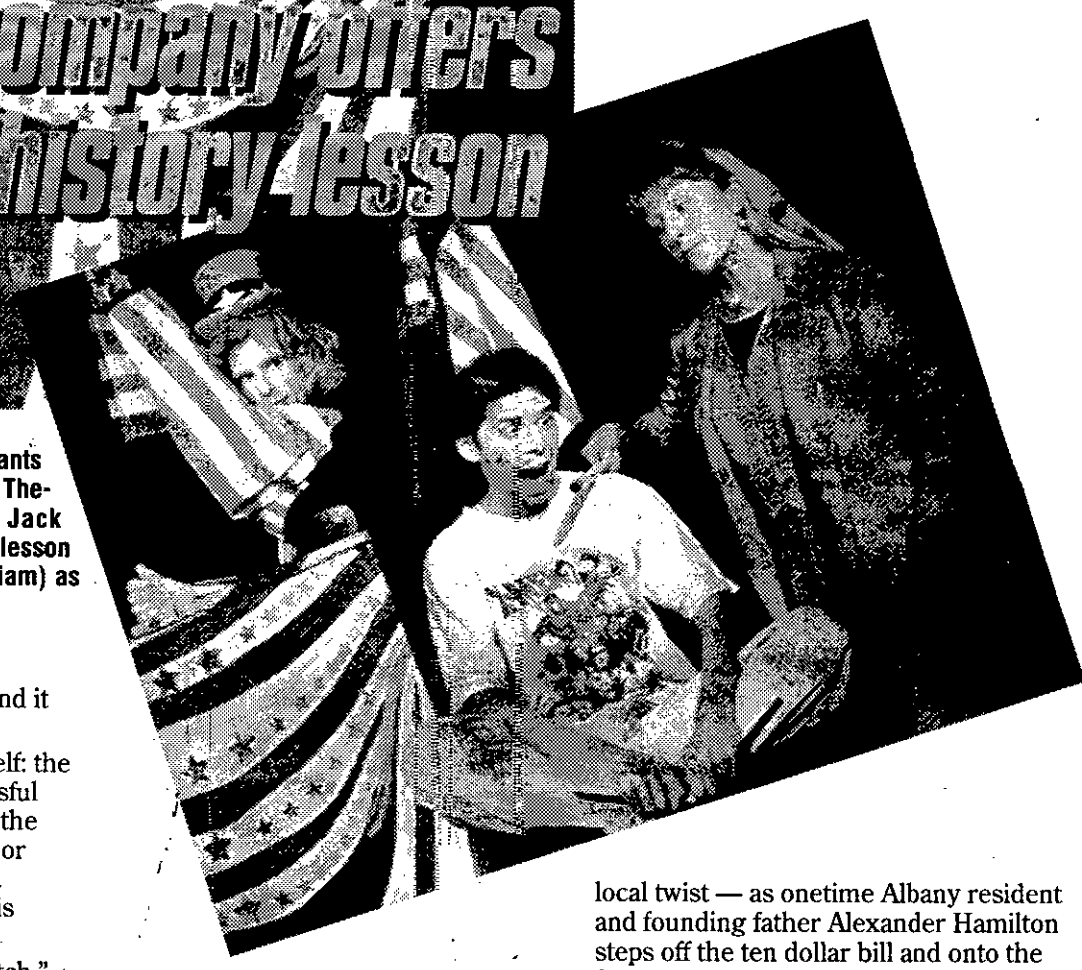
in transportation history in "Clinton's Ditch" — not a purely historical production but a celebration of the people who built and worked the canal. It embraced comedy and pathos, music and melodrama, and did it all in a kid-friendly hour of change.

The show garnered critical raves and packed houses. It's still in circulation and plays as a school touring vehicle, though it has "continued to evolve," Chesser says. "As it's evolved, different things have been dropped out and added in to meet the needs of educators. The touring to schools has been



**THEATER COMPANY OFFERS
 FUN LOCAL HISTORY LESSON**

Above, Scott Varley as Uncle Sam "wants you" to meet him at Steamer No. 10 Theatre. Below, reluctant student Jack (Kristopher Anderson) gets a history lesson from his patient teacher (Judy Merriam) as Uncle Sam listens in.



very good. I hope this year to expand it beyond the Capital Region."

Talk about history repeating itself: the basic format that proved so successful with "Clinton" has been copied for the "Uncle Sam" piece. In fact, two major characters from the earlier piece, a restless student named Jack and his demanding schoolteacher, return.

Once again, as in "Ditch," the fictional Jack finds history in the classroom a tough slog. He falls asleep at his desk, but even as

he dozes, he can't escape the persistent teacher — who takes him along to meet some important characters from the region's past.

He's introduced to the original Uncle Sam — Wilson, an actual Troy merchant. Out of a stern New England stock, he won a reputation as a benefactor of the poor ("unabashedly liberal," says Chesser), a no-nonsense businessman, and an entrepreneur, supplying meat to the local Army garrison during the War of 1812.

Wilson is said to have stamped his barrels of beef with a "U.S." to indicate where it was going — but, legend has it, the moniker was interpreted by local boys in the quartermaster corps, familiar with the avuncular seller, as being a mark of where it came from instead: from "Uncle Sam" Wilson. "Thus out of a moment of confusion, our national symbol was born," says Chesser.

With his "uncle" leading the way, Jack and his teacher then meet other local innovators of yore: Hannah Montague, the harried wife of a man whose dirty shirts gave rise to her invention of the detachable collar that became synonymous with Troy in the Victorian Age; Emma Willard, the first woman to widely promote educational opportunities for

women; Erastus Corning, ancestor of the famous mayor of Albany who helped make Troy a power in the iron industry; and Henry Burden, the innovator whose invention of a machine for mass-producing horseshoes would later inspire other assembly-line innovators and help the North win the Civil War.

The play manages to make all of these figures come to life as human beings, and along the way, it touches on topics from the origin of standard time to the realities of working life in the nineteenth century. Some of its historical figures even get humorous treatment. "The Hannah Montague scene is even incredibly funny," says Chesser. But as the play's principal author (he collaborated on the music with local musicians Alan Thomson and Michael Burns), Chesser is also concerned that his work "stays within the history."

The show launches a four-show season for the theater's in-house theatrical company. On the heels of the current history offering will come a more traditional children's fairy-tale, "Puss in Boots," in December. In January and February comes more history with a

local twist — as onetime Albany resident and founding father Alexander Hamilton steps off the ten dollar bill and onto the Steamer No. 10 stage. March brings a new version of "Sleeping Beauty" to the theater.

Interspersed with these theatrical offerings will be the theater's other "Kid's Fare" presentations of performers for youth. Upcoming in late December is the annual Vacation Daze program for school vacation time, featuring the Catskill Puppets' version of the tale of Hiawatha, and favorite local performers like Roger the Jester, magician Jim Snack and Ko-Motion.

Performances of "Uncle Sam's Troy" continue this weekend and next, with matinees at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and Saturday evening performances — for kids of all ages — at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for kids and seniors. For information, contact Steamer No. 10 Theatre at 438-5503.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
Dickens classic, starring Larry Linville, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, previews Nov. 14, 15, 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m., through Dec. 20, \$10-\$35. Information, 445-7469.

"A WONDERFUL LIFE"
new musical adapted from famous Capra holiday film, New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College, Troy, Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and 13 at 2 p.m., Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 at 10 a.m., Dec. 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., \$17, \$14 seniors and students, \$8 children under 13. Information, 274-3256.

"BIG"
Broadway hit musical, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Nov. 18 and 19, 7 p.m., \$32.50 to \$39.50. Information, 346-6204.

"UNCLE SAM'S TROY"
local history musical, Steamer No. 10 Theater, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Nov. 14 and 21 at 2 and 8 p.m., Nov. 13 and 20 at 2 p.m., \$10, \$8 students and seniors. Information, 438-5503.

"THE WIZ OF THE WEST"
Oz story with Western twist, by Missoula Children's Theatre, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Nov. 21, 1 and 4 p.m., \$10, \$8 seniors and children under 13. Information, 473-1845.

"TOP GIRLS"
by Caryl Churchill, presented by University at Albany theater department, Performing Arts Center, Nov. 20, 21, Dec. 2, 3, 4, and 5 at 8 p.m., Nov. 22 at 3 p.m., \$10, \$7 students and seniors. Information, 442-3997.

"RASHOMON"
Japanese murder drama, presented by Siena College student theater group, Foy Campus Center Theatre, Route 9, Loudonville, Nov. 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21, 8 p.m., \$10, \$8 students and seniors. Information, 783-2527.

"THE HEIDI CHRONICLES"
by Wendy Wasserstein, presented by Schenectady County Community College Players, Nov. 12 at 2:15 and 8 p.m., Nov. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., Carl B. Taylor Auditorium, Washington Avenue, \$5, \$3 students and seniors.

"HONESTLY, NOW!"
crime comedy presented by the Footlight Players, Calvary United Methodist Church, 15 Ridge Place, Latham, Nov. 13, 14, 20 and 21; 6:30 p.m., \$15 includes chicken dinner. Information, 785-5142.

LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III
The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, Nov. 13, 8 and 10 p.m. Information, 381-1111.

NEIL DIAMOND
Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Nov. 13, 8 p.m., \$30-\$42.50. Information, 476-1000.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
opera arias and overtures by Puccini, Verdi and Rossini, Harris' "Symphony No. 9," Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., \$14-\$33. Information, 273-0038.

THE BRUBECK BROTHERS QUARTET
original work and jazz standards, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., \$16, \$14 seniors, \$10 children. Information, 473-1845.

JILL HUGHES BAND
The Van Dyck, 237 Union St., Schenectady, Nov. 14, 7 and 9 p.m. Information, 381-1111.

CHRIS MELCO
flutist plays sacred native music, Zuzu's Cafe, 299 Hamilton St., Albany, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., \$8. Information, 346-8220.

SCHENECTADY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
with composer/pianist Jose Paul Bernardo, Bernardo's Cuban "Baroque Suite" and "Piano Concerto," Bernstein's "Overture to Candide" and Shostakovich's "Fifth Symphony," Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Nov. 15, 3 p.m., \$15, \$7 students. Information, 346-6204.

JERRY DOUGLAS, TIM O'BRIEN AND MAURA O'CONNELL
original and traditional songs, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

KISS
Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$45. Information, 476-1000.

DIANA KRALL TRIO
jazz pianist/singer, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 273-0038.

GABRIEL HARDEMAN DELEGATION
Philadelphia gospel group, to benefit Macedonia Baptist Church Heritage Library, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., \$15, \$7 students. Information, 432-6471.

MUSIC

BUDDY GUY
with the Blind Boys of Alabama and Billy Boy Arnold, authentic blues, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., \$25.50-\$35.50. Information, 346-6204.

AROUND the AREA

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

ALBANY COUNTY

RED CROSS LIFESAVING COURSE
Albany office, 2 Clara Barton Drive, Albany, also held on Nov. 19, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Information, 433-0151 ext. 3320.

PROSTATE SCREENING CLINIC
The Child's Hospital, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 5 to 7 p.m. Information, 242-1230.

CHORUS REHEARSAL
Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-7149.

FARMERS' MARKET

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13

ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET

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

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

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

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

ALBANY COUNTY

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER
Helderberg Reformed Church, 140 Main Street, Route 146, Guilderland, reservations required, 3, 4, and 6 p.m. Information, 452-6021.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR AND LUNCHEON

Bethany Reformed Church, 760 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 482-7998.

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

ALBANY COUNTY

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INFORMATION SESSION
University at Albany uptown campus, room BA 219, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Information, 1-800-UALBANY.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CHILDREN'S LUNCHEON
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651 ext. 128.

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

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- ACROSS
- 1 Iron and Bronze
- 5 Three-banded armadillo
- 10 Grasslike plant
- 15 Saltwater fish
- 19 Nest of pheasants
- 20 Coney of the Old Testament
- 21 Pick up the tab
- 22 Word with bean or horse
- 23 City in Hungary
- 24 Author Gertrude
- 25 Capital of Guam
- 26 Destroy
- 27 First Oscar-winning film (1927-28)
- 29 Low caste Hindu
- 30 Leaked the secret
- 31 Oscar-winner starring Ernest Borgnine
- 32 Biblical witch's home
- 34 Flightless bird
- 36 Loud cry
- 38 "A Good — is Hard to Find"
- 41 River in France
- 42 Cake or bread lead-in
- 44 Wayside refuge
- 45 Eccl. dignitaries
- 48 Become apparent
- 50 Oscar-winner directed by Mikos Forman
- 52 Beyond human understanding
- 54 Turkish hills
- 55 Spigot for a barrel
- 56 Small boy
- 58 Goddesses of the seasons
- 59 Arrow poison
- 60 Ring-shaped coral island
- 61 Frosted minty drink
- 63 Comedian Johnson
- 64 Oscar-winner directed by Frank Lloyd
- 66 (1956 movie)
- 67 Oscar-winner directed by Oliver Stone
- 69 French verb
- 70 Ugly old crone
- 71 Actor David
- 72 Liza Minnelli won a 1972 Oscar for this film
- 76 Brothers and sisters
- 77 Bette Davis won a 1935 Oscar for this film
- 82 Ancient competition
- 83 Beginning of a career
- 85 Does a cobbler's job
- 86 "Der —"
- (Adenauer)
- 87 Boy or master lead-in
- 89 Disenumber
- 90 More certain
- 91 Become one
- 92 Laurence Olivier won a 1948 Oscar for this film
- 94 Jessica Lange won a 1982 Oscar for this film
- 96 Sir Carol Reed directed this 1968 Oscar-winner
- 97 Dangerous curve
- 98 Weep noisily
- 100 Metal fasteners
- 101 N.Y., for one
- 102 Stammering sounds
- 103 Prepare the tea
- 105 Son of God
- 106 Distress signal
- 108 Troublesome insects
- 111 Dresses coin edges
- 113 Popular drink
- 115 Turner's wood
- 119 Cast or coat starter
- 120 It's before metal or music
- 121 Actress Ryan
- 123 Cleveland's lake
- 124 Pocket bread
- 125 Bizarre
- 126 "Golden Boy" author
- 127 Last-minute
- prom date?
- 128 Kill wantonly
- 129 Role for Charlie Chaplin
- 130 Scandinavian
- 131 Evokes wonder
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- 1 Once again
- 2 Vicente Minnelli directed this 1958 Oscar-winner
- 3 Barbara or Anthony
- 4 Twilled suiting
- 5 Commercial
- 6 Film winning the 1970 Oscar
- 7 Moslem chieftain
- 8 Shore bird
- 9 Woody Allen directed this 1977 Oscar-winner
- 10 Level of attainment
- 11 Therefore
- 12 Business transactions
- 13 Ben Kingsley won a 1982 Oscar for this film
- 14 Airport sched. info
- 15 Jack of nursery rhyme
- 16 Season with Dr. Freud
- 17 Came to roost
- 18 Repudiate
- 28 Hosiery problems
- 31 Chow
- steadily
- 33 "Live and Let —" (movie)
- 35 Fashion
- 37 Yoko —
- 38 Richard Boone TV series
- 39 Iowa town
- 40 Israeli desert
- 42 Express approval
- 43 Skirts of ballerinas
- 45 Beast of burden
- 46 Greek philosopher
- 47 Dutch painter
- 49 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 50 Footless animal
- 51 Actor Mino
- 53 Thin layer of paint
- 55 The first in a series
- 57 One testifying under oath
- 60 Trod the boards
- 61 Moonshine container
- 62 Stoppers
- 65 Irish sea god
- 66 Proscribe
- 68 Pub pint
- 70 Rip-roaring success
- 71 Corned
- 72 Safe hiding place
- 73 Turkish officials
- 74 Prosperous periods
- 75 Blue dye
- 76 Credit or praise
- 77 Day of Duke
- 78 Hindu queen
- 79 Popeye's girl
- 80 Complete
- 81 They use crystal balls
- 84 Part of a pipe stem
- 85 Joan Fontaine won a 1941 Oscar for this film
- 88 Takes five
- 90 Glowing in arts?
- 91 Marine or modern starter
- 93 Water tester?
- 95 Old ballroom dance
- 96 WWI org.
- 99 William Wyler directed this 1959 Oscar-winner
- 101 Special points of view
- 103 Wander away
- 104 Michelangelo masterpiece
- 108 Derisive grimace
- 107 Actress Verdugo
- 108 Band in Boston?
- 109 Just as vile?
- 110 — precedent
- 112 Kind of warfare
- 114 Religious calendar
- 116 Famous name in the theater
- 117 Home of the shamrock team
- 118 Cincinnati
- 120 Habitual drunkard
- 122 Japan follower

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 11**

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

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.

RED MEN
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 12**

BETHLEHEM

TRAVEL GROUP MEETING
Progress Club, Library Community Room, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

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

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

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

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW
POST 3185
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

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.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 13**

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
NOVEMBER 14**

BETHLEHEM

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

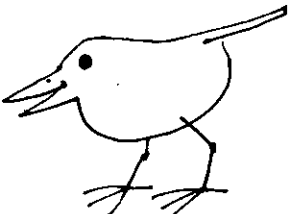
AL-ANON MEETING
The Crossroads, 4 Normanskill Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**SUNDAY
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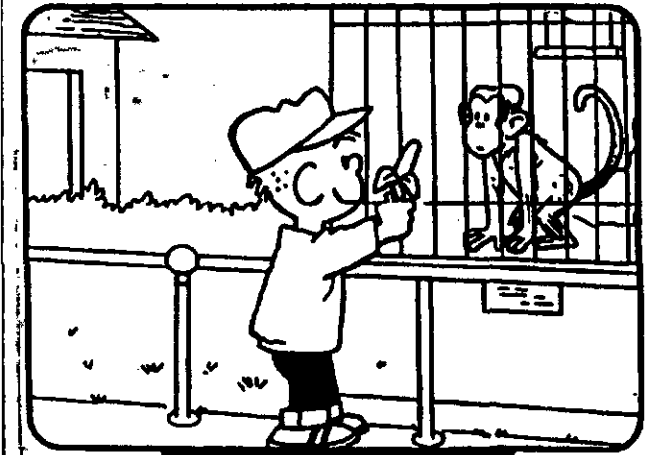
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Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

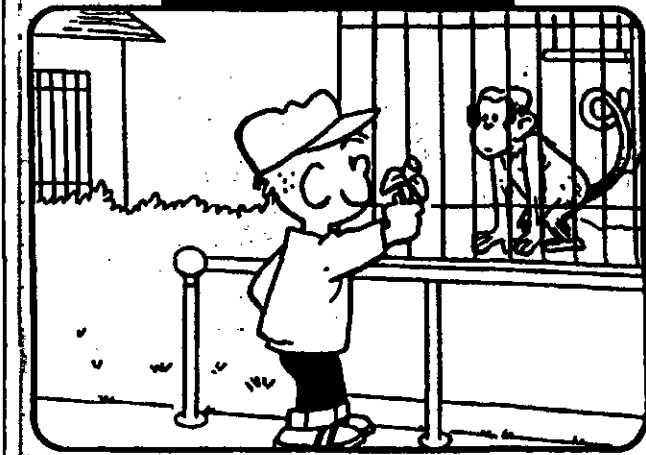
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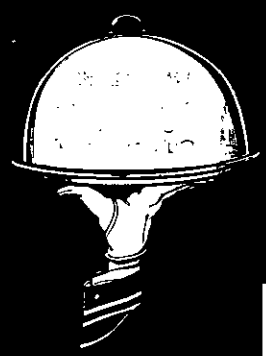


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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CB DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: CB DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, 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 October 26, 2048.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against 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:

1621 Central Avenue
Albany, New York 12205

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 members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 26th day of October, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ Deborah J. Jacques, Attorney in Fact
(November 11, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF GKR SHARES, 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 GKR Shares, 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 Albany.

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 Richard A. Langer, Esq., 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 20th day of October, 1998.

Richard A. Langer
Attorney-in-Fact

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(November 11, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ADIRONDACK IP LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") is : ADIRONDACK IP LLC.

SECOND: The County within the state in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

THIRD: The company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is Designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company 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 Company served upon him or her is:

23A Walker Way
Albany, New York

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

SIXTH: the Company is to be managed by its members.

SEVENTH: The purpose of the company shall be limited to owning, operating, managing, and leasing the property located at 527-559 Queensbury Avenue, Queensbury, New York and 80 Park Road, Kingsbury, New York, (the "property") and activities incidental thereto.

EIGHTH: The Company shall be prohibited from incurring indebtedness of any kind except for (i) the loan (the "Loan") incurred in favor of Lehman Brothers (the "Lender"), and its successors and assigns with respect to the Loan, and (ii) trades payables incurred in the ordinary course of business.

NINTH: For so long as the loan is outstanding, the Company shall not, without the prior written consent of the Lender:

- (a) amend the Articles of Organization;
 - (b) engage in any business activity except as set forth in paragraph "Sixth" above;
 - (c) dissolve, liquidate, consolidate, merge, or sell all or substantially all of the Company's assets or the Property;
 - (d) transfer its interest or in a portion thereof in the Property, except as expressly permitted under the loan documents executed with the Loan;
 - (e) file, or consent to the filing, of a bankruptcy or insolvency petition, or otherwise institute insolvency proceedings;
- 3) For so long as the Loan is Outstanding, the Company shall:
- (a) maintain its books and records separate from any other entity;
 - (b) maintain its accounts separate from any other person or entity;
 - (c) not commingle its assets with those of any other entity;
 - (d) conduct its own business in its own name;
 - (e) pay its own liabilities out of its own funds;
 - (f) maintain separate financial statements;
 - (g) observe all Company formalities;
 - (h) maintain an arm's length relationship with its affiliates;
 - (i) pay the salaries of its own employees and maintain a sufficient number of employees in light of its contemplated business operations;
 - (j) not guarantee or become obligated for the debts of any other entity or hold out its credit as be-

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ing available to satisfy the obligations of others;

(k) not acquire obligations or securities of its members;

(l) allocate fairly and reasonably any overhead for shared office space and administration;

(m) use separate stationary, invoices and checks;

(n) not pledge its assets for the benefit of any other entity or make loans or advances to any entity;

(o) hold itself out as a separate entity;

(p) correct any known misunderstanding regarding its separate identity;

(q) maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business operations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 15th day of October, 1998, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

S/ E.J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact

(November 11, 1998)

BBL PERFORMANCE, L.L.C.

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 24, 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 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.

(November 11, 1998)

NOTICE CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

(Under Section Two Hundred Six of the Limited Liability Company Law)

- 1. The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is : MARINELLO DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC.
- 2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York is: October 1, 1998.
- 3. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany.
- 4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York has been designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State of the State of New York shall mail a copy of any process served against it served upon him or her is :319 Mountain Street, Albany, New York 12209.
- 5. The name and address of the registered agent of the LLC who is to be the agent of the LLC against whom process against it may be served is : None.
- 6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is: Any lawful purpose.

(November 11, 1998)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Town Law of the State of New York, an election for qualified voters of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, will be held on December 8, 1998 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Road, Glenmont, New York for the term of five (5) years commencing January 1, 1999.

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qualified voters of the district at least 20 days prior to the date of the annual election will be listed on the election ballot.

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s/ Frank A. With
Secretary

(November 11, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (LLP).

The name of the LLP is Brunswick Dental Associates, LLP. The Certificate of Registration of the LLP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 15, 1998 for status as a registered limited liability partnership. The registration is effective upon filing. The purpose of the LLP is to practice dentistry. The address of the principal office of the LLP is 756 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLP upon whom process against the LLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLP is 756 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York 12206.

(November 11, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE T&R FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Name: T&R Family Limited Partnership. Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/30/98. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 19028 S.E. Loxahatchee River Road, Jupiter, Florida, 33458. The name and business or residence address of the general partner is available from the SOS. Term: latest date of dissolution 12/31/98. Purpose: to invest in real property and to engage in any lawful act or business permitted under the LPL and the laws of NYS.

(November 11, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

NAME: TRI-CITY REMODELING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/05/98. 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, 237 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

(November 11, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 1375 WASHINGTON AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC

1375 Washington Avenue Associates, LLC ("the Company") filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on March 31, 1998 pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. The office of the Company is located in Albany County, New York. The latest date upon which the company is to dissolve shall be April 1, 2044. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State has been directed to forward service to 33 Fuller Road, Albany, New York 12205-5120. The purpose of the Company is to hold, improve,

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manage, operate, finance, refinance and/or dispose of a parcel of real property at 5 Broadway, Troy, New York.

(November 11, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION

ALLOY LLC was filed with SSNY 09/30/98. 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, 30 E. 40th St. Ste 605, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act/activity.

(November 11, 1998)

NOTICE

Please take notice that a public meeting to review TRI Title III information from 1997 will be held on November 19, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. GE Plastics, Becker House, (Creble Road entrance, building on the right.) One Noryl Avenue, Selkirk, NY.

(November 11, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

CHESTNUT ASSOCIATES, L.P.
Dated: Albany, New York
October 20, 1998

Notice is hereby given of the formation of the above-named limited partnership for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to Partnership Law Section 121-201(c), your attention is directed to the following facts:

- 1. The name of the limited partnership is Chestnut Associates, L.P.
- 2. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of Chestnut Associates, L.P. was filed with the Secretary of State on September 29, 1998.
- 3. The county in which the principal place of business of Chestnut Associates, L.P. shall be located is Albany.

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LEGAL NOTICE

4. the Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against Chestnut Associates, L.P. to the following post office address:

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75 Columbia Street
Albany, NY 12210

5. The name and business or residence address of each general partner is available from the Secretary of State.

6. The latest date of dissolution is September 29, 2028.

7. The character of the business of Chestnut Associates, L.P. is as follows: To engage in any business permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

(November 11, 1998)

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

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

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is 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:

11 Cheltingham Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12306

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.

(November 11, 1998)

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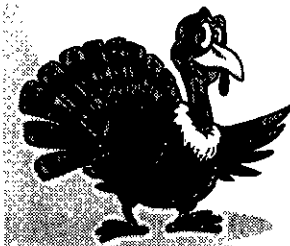
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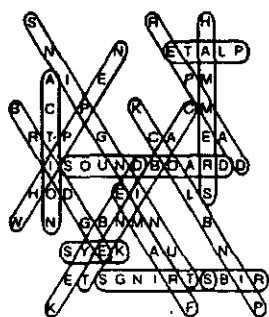


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because it was a first step towards ecumenism in the community. "At that time, none of the churches got together to do anything," Jackson said. "I remember that the Catholics weren't as willing to get into the Protestant field, and the Protestants weren't sure it was the thing to do. The fact that the churches were coming together for the first time added to the feeling of togetherness being extra special."

Jackson, who first attended the festivals as a child, recalled the presentation of a living Nativity at the middle school, which was then the high school. "Afterwards, we went to the auditorium and sang Christmas carols," Jackson said. "There was a talk about helping people, and we passed a basket around."

The pageant became more elaborate over the years, Jackson said, thanks in large part to Bethlehem Central School District's then-music director Rolly Truitt. "He did the whole festival," she said, "making up

special music for it."

Jackson got involved with the fund around 1948. At the time, she was a social studies teacher at the high school, and helped write and act in festival skits.

Her husband Robert joined the fund's central committee when she had to cut back on volunteer work to raise the couple's five children. Today her son, Greg Jackson, is president of Bethlehem Festival Fund.

The pageants stopped 15 or more years ago. "Danny Smith died, and we couldn't get a music director," said Florence Jackson. "The thing that's important, is that the core idea of helping people never left the community, and the churches were still all in it together," she added.

Early festivals, in the late 1930s and early 1940s, made \$200 to \$300, Jackson said. Greg Jackson, said that the goal for this year's Festival Fund is about \$12,000. He added that the emphasis has evolved from local churches to the community as a whole.

Mignonne Philips and Marcia

Atwood, co-chairs of the public relations committee, are currently sending appeal letters to local businesses and community organizations always respond in a very positive manner," Atwood said. "You couldn't start a charity like this nowadays," said Philips. "There would be too much red tape."

In the early days of the fund, church members pointed out the need in the community. Today, money is largely distributed through school nurses, social workers and Bethlehem's Senior Services. Everyone agrees that there are more needy individuals in Bethlehem than people realize.

"People always said there wasn't any need in Bethlehem," said Florence Jackson, "but there is."

Eileen Perkins, the school nurse at Slingerlands Elementary, is vice president of Bethlehem Festival Fund; and one of the people who makes sure that money goes where it is needed.

"We've paid fuel bills," Perkins said, "or helped fill in the cracks when there's a separation in the

family and money gets scarce. We've paid for school supplies or summer camp, or medication that insurance doesn't cover."

Perkins said one of the fund's main goals is to protect a family's privacy and dignity. "If there's something we can help out with, I let parents know that the resources are there," Perkins said. "I've never had a call that people aren't happy I made."

Perkins said people often falsely assume that everyone's the same in Bethlehem. "We have a good amount of kids who have different types of needs," she said.

Family circumstances can also change. Sometimes, families who have received money from the fund and are later able to make a donation. Conversely, families who once donated, can find themselves in need of help. "One parent said to me, 'I've been donating forever, and never thought I'd benefit from the Festival Fund,'" said Perkins.

The best thing about the fund, both Perkins and Greg Jackson said, is its efficiency. "We identify the needs, and the needs are met," said Perkins.

Greg Jackson pointed out that, except for postage, all the money that goes into the Festival Fund is spent in Bethlehem. "I'm the presi-

dent of this organization because I truly believe it is the type of charitable organization that ought to be," he said. "I guess I'm sort of a libertarian. I think that the government is too big, and doesn't always get the money where it should go. If you have a general belief that we shouldn't have big government, you have to put up or shut up in your own community."

Jackson pointed out that one of the fund's biggest contributors are district elementary schools, who help out with food drives during November and December. The food goes into Christmas baskets the fund puts together in December. Right now, the 16-member committee is focused on raising money.

"Mid-November to the end of December is our big fund-raising time," Jackson said. "It's when we collect more than 80 percent of our budget." Last year, requests exceeded the fund's budget by \$2000, so the committee is hoping for additional donations this year.

"There are a lot of good people out there," Perkins said. "They just need a little bit of support when times are difficult."

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