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Talking turkey



Sisters Maya and Jenny Kovack enjoy making turkey favors at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Elaine McLain

One issue snags BCUEA contract closure

By DONNA J. BELL

The Bethlehem Central School District and its support staff may be moving closer to a contract agreement.

According to both Bethlehem Central United Employees Association (BCUEA) president Kathy Gill and Superintendent Les Loomis there is only one issue left on the table, but it is a sensitive one for both sides. The issue revolves around the use of contract bus drivers for after-school athletic runs and the wording in the new contract that details how the contractors will be used.

***This is a health
and safety
issue for us
and we can't
compromise.***

Currently the district only uses contract drivers when regular bus drivers aren't available to take students to after-school athletic events. Contract drivers are responsible for taking students to the event and then leaves. A district driver picks the students up later.

The controversy revolves around the few times a year when the bus is needed sooner than a district driver can arrive.

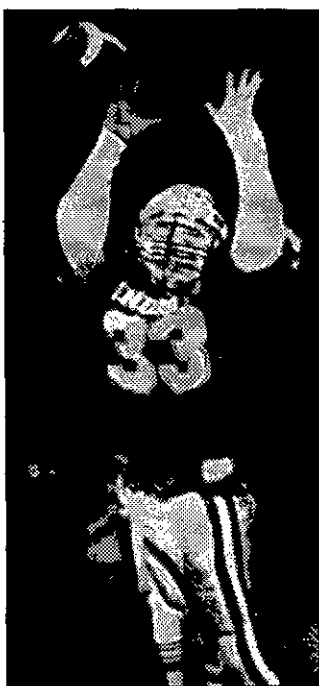
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RCS Indians on roll to state semifinals

By LEN TARRICONE

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk football team has cruised to 11 straight knockout wins, and no one has laid a serious glove on them yet. Their dominating play has raised curiosity as to whether there is a challenger out there in Class B capable of going toe-to-toe with this team for 48 minutes. The answer will come in the next two weeks.

Their latest victim, Section VII champions Peru, found themselves on the canvas shortly after the opening bell, and it was not long before the lights went out for good as the Indians stormed to a 52-27 win and a berth in the state semi-finals. Ravena will play Harrison of Section I Nov. 21 at Dietz Stadium in Kingston at 3 p.m., with a spot in the state championship game at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse awaiting the winner.



Ravena's Mike Lintner goes up to alter a pass in the Indian's win over Peru.

Len Tarricone

Despite their typical superiority on both sides of the ball in a victory that was more convincing than the score indicated, the Indians were still looking to kick their game up a notch. "We can play much better," said tight end Jim Glastetter afterward. "We gave up too many points on defense, and we didn't play our best special teams game." "We played really well, but we made a few mistakes and we have to clear them up," echoed senior flanker Tony Tucker. "Then we can be a top-quality team."

Try telling that to Peru, who did deserve credit for one thing: they forced a Ravena punt on the very first possession. Unfortunately, they fumbled it, and Larry Alberts recovered for the Indians at the Peru 32. Three plays later tailback Gary Jones broke off the right side, shed would-be tacklers at the 20 and the 5, and completed the 28-yard score to put Ravena on the board.

On Peru's ensuing series, Indian's junior linebacker Mike Stott intercepted Chris Trombley's third down pass to give Ravena possession at the Peru 46. The Indians would promptly cash in

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Dwindling membership forces New Salem church to close

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

A familiar New Scotland landmark, New Salem Reformed Church has closed its doors.

The Albany classis (the rough equivalent of a diocese) of the Reformed Church in America has taken trusteeship of the property, on New Scotland Road in the hamlet of New Salem, and is currently planning a worship service for the permanent closing of the church.

That service will bring to an end more than two centuries of continuous existence of a congregation on that site. "Churches come and go," says the Rev. Allan Janssen, pastor of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Glenmont. "It's sad when they go." Janssen is

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New Salem Reformed Church has closed Joseph Phillips

Bethlehem police arrest three on DWI charges

Bethlehem Police recently apprehended three individuals and charged each with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

On Nov. 7 at approximately 2 a.m., Officer Christopher Hughes responded to a call from 38 Olympian Drive in North Bethlehem, reporting an argument with Sandra Helen Glastetter, 30, of 156 Crow Ridge Road in Voorheesville.

While taking a report on that incident, Hughes observed Glastetter returning and then driving away, and followed her as she continued along Krumkill Road and entered Iroquois Trail.

There Hughes observed the vehicle drive onto the curb and later cross the center double yellow line before coming to a stop. Glastetter left the vehicle and exchanged words with Hughes, po-

lice reports said.

Hughes called for assistance and Officer James Rexford responded. After administering field sobriety tests, the two officers arrested Glastetter and charged her with two separate counts of DWI. She was also charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance and criminal mischief, charges arising from the incident.

Glastetter was arraigned before Town Justice William Munnely, transported to Albany County jail, and later released on \$2,500 bail. She has been ordered to appear in Town Court on Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. to

answer the current charges.

In an earlier DWI case, police said Nathan Murray Corlew, 28, of 14 MacArthur Ave., Cobleskill, was observed shortly before 4 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, driving from Russell Road onto Krumkill Road. His vehicle was seen turning onto Schoolhouse Road without signalling, and then continuing northbound, where it crossed the center line and swerved twice onto the east shoulder.

Officer Thomas Heffernan stopped the vehicle in the vicinity of Frances Lane, administered field sobriety tests to Corlew and arrested him. He was charged with

two separate felony DWI counts and also ticketed for driving across hazard markings. Corlew was sent to Albany County jail until bail could be set, and ordered to appear in Town Court on Nov. 17 to answer the charges.

Another DWI arrest occurred on Oct. 31, when Officer Charles Radliff observed a vehicle running a red light southbound on Route 9W in Glenmont at about 1:40 a.m. Arrested and charged with two separate DWI counts after failing field sobriety tests was Daniel Scott Knickerbocker, 45, of RD 1, Cossackie.

After an initial court appearance on Nov. 2, Knickerbocker is scheduled to appear again on Dec. 1 to answer the charges.

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Glenmont man speaks at convention

The International Carwash Association selected Dennis O'Shaughnessy, owner of Delmar Car Wash and Glenmont Car Wash, to address its recent International Carwash Association Car Washing and Detailing Convention and Exposition at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

O'Shaughnessy discussed Multiple Profit Center Management at the Self-Service Car Wash.

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Burns' proposal draws fire from colleagues

By Joseph Andrew Phillips

In a renewal of a proposal first heard during last year's election campaign, the lone Democrat on the Bethlehem town board, Susan Burns, issued a call last week for the creation of a town Office of Economic Development.

She made the proposal at the board's Nov. 12 meeting, just before it voted unanimously to approve the proposed \$22 million 1999 budget.

Burns spoke in favor of the budget resolution but said, "What is missing is a coordinated strategy or a plan for the funding of a major initiative for economic development in the town of Bethlehem."

The statement drew criticism of Burns' record on economic development matters from fellow board member Doris Davis. "You've also voted against a number of opportunities to expand our economic development," she said.

Burns later responded, "I would be more than happy to talk with anybody about my voting record."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller, though welcoming Burns' pledge of commitment to economic development, also opposed the creation of a town office dedicated to the matter. "We don't need another layer of government or another government employment title for economic development," she said.

Burns said the proposed office would be just one facet of a broader economic development initiative.

Burns said: "In a broad sense, it (an economic development office) would enhance the vision of economic development in the town."

Matthew Clyne's campaign against Fuller for town supervisor in 1997 featured a similar proposal.

Burns hopes development issues will be the theme of next fall's campaign. "I don't speak for the Democratic Party," Burns said later. "I speak from my position on the board. But I would certainly hope so."

Davis said, "I just hope this isn't purely political. I guess that's

my concern."

She questioned the timing of the proposal. "It's been almost a year that she's been on the board," Davis said of Burns. "Why hasn't she been more aggressive (on economic development) before? I would have hoped she'd have done it sooner, if that was her intention. She's had at least one major opportunity to do so."

Davis added, "I was thinking specifically of CMI," the proposed senior assisted-living facility on Delaware Avenue. Burns cast the lone no vote in the board's approval last July of a re-zoning request from the Massachusetts-based company, a step in the direction of eventual approval of the project.

"That is a very viable economic development effort," Davis said of the CMI project. "For Susan to say what she said at the meeting and vote as she did on CMI is contradictory."

Burns said her CMI vote was not an anti-development vote. "CMI was a different issue," she said. "My no vote was because, although assisted living is desirable in a properly-zoned area, it should not be promoted on the backs of property owners in that area."

Fuller also said the proposal was unnecessary.

"It would be paying another salary, and I view that as frivolous," Fuller said. "It's not something the community needs." She said such an office would be redundant, given the existing efforts by state and county agencies, the town's Industrial Development Agency, and Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce on the economic development front.

"A marketing brochure is fine, but we need to go much, much farther than that," Burns said. "There are very good efforts being done, by the chamber of commerce, the Bethlehem IDA, the effort already put into the LUMAC plan. All of these would be part of the coordinated strategy" a town development office would provide.

The board took action on such an opportunity at its Nov. 12 meeting, approving a request by Flach Industries to re-zone a 25-acre parcel in the southernmost end of town as a light industrial site. The former Wickes Lumber property, which Flach has renovated, can now be more broadly marketed to potential industrial users.

The board scaled back the proposal to re-zone the entirety of the 260-plus acre zoning district surrounding the Flach site. But Fuller, and other board members, made it clear they intend to revisit the zoning question in the near future as part of an overall economic development strategy. "We need to show this community that industrial development does not mean smokestacks," Fuller said.

Elsmere craft fair



Elsmere students, from left, Kerry Gebhardt, Mark Rosenthal and Ryan Wall serve up some homemade goodies at the school's annual craft fair Saturday.

Elaine McLain

New Scotland OKs 1999 budget

By Katherine McCarthy

At its November meeting, the New Scotland town board approved a \$2,846,061.41 budget for 1999.

The "A" fund, which includes the entire town of New Scotland, is \$1,027,361 and the "B" fund, which covers the town outside the village of Voorheesville, is \$1,672,677. The highway account is budgeted at \$1,141,022.12, and the bridge account at \$15,000. Sales tax revenues of \$1,010,000 will come into the "B" fund and be transferred to the highway department.

Supervisor Herb Reilly said town residents will see a tax increase of 15.4 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value with the 1999 budget. "In 1998, town residents paid \$1.234 per \$1,000," Reilly said. "In 1999, it will be \$1.388."

Reilly said there was nothing the town could do about the increase. "There's an advanced payment required for the Advanced Life Support System (ALS)," Reilly said. "As part of the contract, we need to pay six months in advance, and the final bill at the end of the year." Reilly said the town had assumed that the ALS charges would be on an annual basis.

Board member Scott Houghtaling pointed out that the ALS charge, although large, is a non-recurring charge. "This is part of the growing pains of starting up ALS here," Houghtaling said. "In 2000 and beyond, we will be able to plan better. Things changed, and we had to pay the bill in advance. When we get this beyond us, we should be okay."

Also at the meeting, Mitch Fields, an engineer with CK Den-

nis Architect in Loudonville, said that initial bids on an addition to the town's highway garage came in much higher than the \$150,000 the town had budgeted. The lowest bid, Fields said, was about \$238,000. Although the bids could be lowered by reducing the quality of materials to be used, the board decided to reject the bids.

"This sends a message to the

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Scott Houghtaling

bidders that we can't find the money," Houghtaling said. "Our working figure is \$150,000."

The board also discussed the recurring issue of whether or not people can keep chickens in an area that is becoming more residential and less rural. New Scotland resident Matthew Zell has complained that a neighbor on Orchard Hill Road keeps a number of roosters, which often wake up his family in the early morning hours.

At a recent planning board meeting, Felix and Rosemary Michalski of Feura Bush were told to reduce the number of chickens they keep at their home from 25 to 6, and that no roosters are permitted. At Wednesday's town board meeting, board members and the audience discussed possible changes to zoning regulations to address this issue. Currently, anyone with 5 acres or less must ap-

ply for a special use permit to keep fowl.

"The real issue is annoyance," Houghtaling said. "Is this the same or worse than a dog barking at 4 a.m.? We need to be cautious about changing the zoning law to solve one person's problem. It's not good-intentioned, and it's not good law."

Zell said, "I don't have compassion for people who want to raise animals on their residential property. I hope within the next few months you can study the issue."

The board also discussed County Executive Mike Breslin's proposal to eliminate the sales tax on clothing that costs less than \$110, without coming to any conclusions. "I think it's a worthwhile step," Reilly said. "It means an \$80,000 loss in revenue, but I think we can handle it."

"It's a mixed bag," board member Andrea Gleason said. "It's great for families, but this money has to come from somewhere."

"We took an unexpected hit of \$43,000 for ALS," board member Mark Dempf said. "How can we expect that \$80,000 won't affect us?"

The board also announced that it will hold an informational meeting with residents of the Bullock Road area to discuss water issues on Dec. 4. Twelve houses currently receive water from a spaghetti line coming in from Route 85.

"The costs to create a water district there would be astronomical," Reilly said after the meeting. "It would be over \$4000 per household, and the state comptroller won't allow us to indebt an area to that extent."

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You can always count on 'something' when raising kids

By Katherine McCarthy

It's always something when you're raising a family. Thirty dollars here to join a sports team; a chunk of money there for new winter boots. Something to bring in for the school bake sale; a parent-teacher conference to squeeze into a work day already packed full. Homework to oversee; some sort of dinner to prepare that, hopefully, most of the family will eat. And always, laundry and a bathroom to clean.

Now, into days already bursting at the seams, comes Thanksgiving with its millions of little details. What clothes to wear to a family gathering? Will what I wore last year still fit or should I battle the mall and get something new? How dressed up do the children need to be? If I buy them new dress shoes now, will they still fit

at Christmas? And will great-aunt Matilda click her tongue and wag her head at the state of modern parenthood if I give in and let the children wear clothes they're comfortable in? Really, isn't it enough to ask them to sit down to eat with people they rarely see?

Maybe there's travel involved, raising The Great Debate between parents. Do we fight traffic after work Wednesday, or get up at 4 a.m. on Thanksgiving to avoid lines of slow-moving cars on the Thruway or Throgs Neck Bridge?

Or Thanksgiving's at your house. If you're really efficient, you already have one of Grand Union's free turkeys. Or, you're scouring ads, wondering if another store will beat Price Chopper's 68 cents per pound and what, exactly, appeals to your husband about turnips?

With the shopping, cleaning and cooking, Thanksgiving becomes a major "It's Always Something." But it's a something well worth doing. Between the football and the cranberry sauce, I like to think about all the people who made their way to this coun-

try, whose 'always something' probably meant not enough food.

Some of my forebears were native Americans, who showed the starving pilgrims how to survive. Later, Irish and German immigrants came in search of their own land and meals consisting of more than potatoes and cabbage.

What must it have taken for them, no matter how poor and bleak their futures looked, to leave behind everything they knew for a strange, unseen land? They couldn't have imagined that someday a descendant would cruise supermarket aisles laden with enough food to feed all of famine-stricken Ireland, and whose biggest concern would be whether to buy Pillsbury's ready-made pie crusts or the boxed mix.

Too many people in this country still don't know what a luxury that is. And as we begin celebrating our season of plenty, I resolve to remember that 'it's always something' can be a blessing. I opt for the ready-made crusts and remind myself not to fret about details, but be thankful for them, among many other things.

I'm thankful that Equinox hosts Thanksgiving dinner for people who have nowhere to go, and delivers meals to those who can't get out. I toss an extra pie crust pack-

age and another can of pumpkin into my cart, glad that we can add to the bounty of a community feast.

I'm thankful that Becky Hølligan is again organizing our neighborhood pre-Thanksgiving dinner so we can enjoy time with neighbors who take in our mail when we're away, play street hockey with our children, rake leaves in the fall and chat with us while we watch the kids play.

In an effort to make lemonade from lemons, I am thankful that we had so many good times with my father before he unexpectedly left this earth this year.

I am thankful, three short years after moving here, that so many people comforted me with calls, cards, flowers and even meals when I still couldn't believe my father had died.

I am thankful that my children are growing up sturdy and strong, and attend a good, safe school with caring and devoted teachers.

I am also thankful for two miracles I heard about recently. Delmar resident Deirdre Jameson survived a car accident paramedics didn't think she could. And, my friend's son fell from a tree onto a fence post that went 8 inches into his 10-year-old body, missing all of his vital organs. Four days later, he was chatting nonchalantly

with reporters about it.

I am thankful that 12 years later, my husband is still the man who makes me laugh the hardest and feel the safest.

I am immensely grateful for the house we live in and the table my father made for us, that is just large enough to hold the family as we bow our heads in thanks for the bounty of the season.

Mostly, I am grateful for the people gathered around that table.

You see, it's always something.

Duelling "Hamlets" onstage at BCHS

Theater Without A Net, Bethlehem Central High School's Shakespearean acting troupe, will present "Hamlet" through Nov. 22 in the high school's laboratory theater.

The troupe will put on two versions of the show: one classical, the other contemporary.

The classical production will be presented Nov. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. It features Leah Hennessey as Hamlet, Alissa Hennessey as Ophelia, Sloan Grenz as Claudius, Lauren Conti as Gertrude, Christy Balluff as Horatio, Owen Smith as Polonius, Robin Amiri as Laertes, and Helena Kopchik as the Ghost.

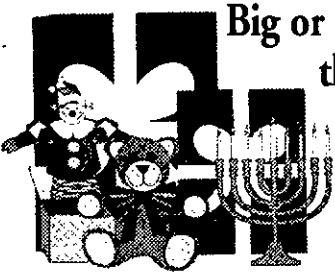
The contemporary version will take place on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 21 and 22 at 1 p.m. It stars Brian Lobel as Hamlet, Jacqueline Donnaruma as Ophelia, Adam Guzik as Polonius, and Rebecca Minor as Gertrude — with all other cast members playing the same roles in both plays.

The parallel productions are directed by James Yeara, with Melissa Rifkin as student director.

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Houses that can 'talk' help sell themselves

By Donna J. Bell

You are driving through the perfect neighborhood, looking for the perfect house. You find it, jot down the real estate agent's number and rush home to call and find out the details.

A day later, when you finally connect with the agent, you find your "perfect" house is one bedroom short of ideal and you have to jump in the car and start house hunting all over again.

But what if you could drive up to the house, turn on your radio and let the house do the talking? It's not science fiction — it's a new twist in the highly competitive world of real estate marketing.

Called Talking House, it's the brainchild of Rick Matthew, the founder of Realty Electronics, based in Wisconsin. Matthews, who spent 30 years in real estate as an agent and broker, developed the Talking House concept in the '80s for his own business and found it highly successful.

After purchasing the devices, the agent plugs a radio transmitter into the seller's home and records a message that gives the



Real estate agent Linda Horenstein at one of the talking houses.

house's details, including: number of bedrooms and bathrooms, square footage, types of heating and cooling, lot size, price and special information such as a finished basement or gourmet kitchen. The average message lasts about two minutes.

Real estate agent Linda Horenstein purchased five Talking House transmitters. Horenstein, who lists houses across the Capital District, has been in the business for 14 years. For the past three years she has been Blackman and DeStefano's top sales leader, averaging \$7 to 8 million in sales a year.

"I thought that they would enhance the sales, help me get quicker sales and accommodate my clients," Horenstein said of the devices. According to Horenstein the talking houses are a big success.

She placed the transmitters in five houses that had each been on the market for almost six months and within two weeks, four of the houses sold. "I can't tell you that the buyer bought the house because of the Talking House,"

Horenstein said. "But if not, it's a really big coincidence."

Horenstein said the device is a perfect solution to what buyers dislike most about house shopping — calling agents for basic information. It also saves agent's time because they don't have to return all those calls.

With Talking House, agents only get calls from people who believe the house fits their needs and house hunters only have to talk to agents with whom they want to do business.

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Matters of Opinion

End contract snag

The snag that appears to be holding up settlement of a contract between the Bethlehem Central United Employees Association and the school district is apparently disagreement over using outside contractors to transport students to athletic events when there are no BC bus drivers available.

When this occurs, the outside contractor drives a team to the site of an away game — and leaves. Very few of these trips occur. According to Steve O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business, a three-year average of the cost to the district is \$3,230, so the issue isn't money.

The superintendent and the school board also appear to want the contract settled, and have requested another negotiating meeting.

We hope cool heads prevail and the needs of all union members are considered in this next round of talks. The district and the union have reached accord on the weightier matters of salary and benefits, with the district making concessions on both matters. Now it's time for the union to give a little, so they can begin to rebuild morale after going so long without a contract. BCUEA workers should not have to continue to live on tenterhooks. Their jobs are stressful enough without having to cope with rancor and acrimony.

With the holidays coming wouldn't this be the perfect time to settle this dispute and agree to a contract?

Kudos to town board

All too often local governmental officials take it on the chin for not responding to citizens. And when local boards — planning, zoning and town — lend new meaning to the word sluggish, *The Spotlight* has made a point of chastising them on its editorial pages.

But Bethlehem town board recently took the initiative to further investigate the ramifications of a zoning change in Selkirk after listening to residents' concerns at a public hearing.

The board and Supervisor Sheila Fuller are doing the right thing in this case, by not rushing to judgment.

This same board acted prudently by enacting a town pesticide Sunset Law, following a campaign by Bethlehem Pesticide Watch, a local grassroots group.

This board is doing the right thing — leading by example and action. The board gets an A for decisive governing in these two instances. Too bad they stand out as being the exception rather than the rule. Just think of how much could be accomplished if all governmental agencies behaved this way.

Support Festival Fund

Bethlehem Festival Fund has kicked off its annual drive, when residents will be asked to help out neighbors who may need a temporary helping hand.

The 50-year-old fund-raiser is a wonderful reflection of this community's generosity and caring nature. Over the years, the Fund has provided direct, discreet help to people like a senior citizen who might have had trouble paying a heating bill, a single parent whose children needed clothing or eyeglasses, or someone who faced an unexpected expense.

If you'd like to help out with this year's drive, contact Greg Jackson at 462-6731. Remember you'll be helping your neighbors.

Spirit of Thanksgiving shines

By Sue Zick

Sue Zick is this year's Equinox Thanksgiving Day dinner chairwoman.

Every year on Thanksgiving, you can open any local paper or flip on the television and get a touching look at the Equinox annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner — one of the largest and longest running community feasts in the country. The numbers are certainly impressive — a 29-year history with more than 1,000 volunteers coming together to prepare, deliver and serve more than 4 tons of turkey and ham with all the fixings to nearly 5,000 elderly, disabled and homebound people throughout the region. Another 1,000 guests — many of them homeless or impoverished — will come to First Presbyterian Church of Albany for a sit-down dinner.

But, for me, the real story takes place beyond the cameras. The real story is found in the many individual acts of generosity, inspirational efforts of each volunteer, and the very real need for companionship and food that is voiced by each caller who requests a meal or joins us for the community dinner. And it is this patchwork of memories that keeps me coming back each year, enriching my Thanksgiving beyond measure.

I first got involved seven years ago. I had joined the board of Equinox because of my devotion to the agency's year-round services — shelters for runaway and homeless youth and victims of domestic violence and their children, counseling services struggling with addictions, and a much-needed hotline. When the Thanksgiving dinner was discussed at a board meeting, I agreed to help answer the dinner hotline.



An Equinox volunteer prepares vegetables for the big day.

After less than a week answering the phones and listening to the loneliness and neediness of the callers, I was hooked. I particularly remember an elderly woman who tearfully described the lovely young couple who had delivered her meal last year and how they reminded her of her own children who lived far away. I could not imagine enjoying my Thanksgiving blessings without helping to fulfill some of the simple needs of those who depended on Equinox for the companionship

and food our volunteers deliver.

The next year, I worked with a friend in the kitchen at Westminster Church, cooking turkeys all day. The kitchen was located deep in the bowels of the church and, as it grew dark and the other volunteers headed home, we still had lots of birds to cook. It was close to midnight, and I truly thought we were going to drop when we began to hear eerie tapping noises. With considerable apprehension, we checked the door to find a family of volun-

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teers who had followed the smell of the roasting turkeys and come to provide much needed relief.

Another time we were loading donated turkeys into a refrigerator truck. After a while, I knew I couldn't lift another frozen bird with my equally frozen fingers, when the magic of Thanksgiving kicked in—a couple of guys came to drop off turkeys and offered to finish the loading for us.

And when I think of the magic, I remember years when the calls for meals far exceeded donations. Three days before Thanksgiving, we only had 75 birds, at a time when we needed 400. I wasn't able to sleep for worry and then, amazingly, the donations came in, one by one or by the truckload. A home-baked pie or a bakery's surplus. There has always been enough.

The spirit of sharing is so alive at this season, and some of the most touching examples come from those who have so little to share. I opened a donation envelope that held a tattered dollar bill and some change with a scrawled note, 'I'm sorry this isn't much, but it's all I have. God bless all the volunteers.'

Lauri Plattner, Equinox board president, tells of delivering a meal up a rickety back stairway in a rundown neighborhood. The door was answered by a feeble man leaning on a cane. His home was so stark, the refrigerator empty, yet he insisted that her family share his meal.

While those we serve capture our hearts, our volunteers inspire us. The people that come together to prepare the feast are a diverse and colorful group, to say the least.

One of my first years, I greeted a small, hunched, unshaven man who had arrived pushing some sort of machine in a grocery cart. 'I'm Joe, he said, 'I'm here to slice onions. I go where they make stuffing.' Joe was an 83-year-old retired butcher who came every year and sliced onions for as long as there were onions to slice.

Other regulars include a young man who, after a terrifying bout with cancer, takes a week off from work each year to help to transport donated food. In this way, he celebrates his health.

Another volunteer tells me how, as a child, she slept in a corner of the church while her

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Equinox

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father cooked through the night and as a teen she worked along side him. And then there are the celebrities who come quietly to work alongside the other volunteers, clearly hoping not to be recognized. We also discover the hidden talents of many elected representatives as one opens the meal with a stirring piano rendition of "God Bless America" and another stacks pies.

There are the youth groups that

we depend on, year after year, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and confirmation classes that help decorate the church with handmade centerpieces and holiday banners.

And the Key Clubs that play such a big role in packaging the food, peeling potatoes — whatever needs to be done. But more important, through their involvement, we prepare the next generation to carry on the tradition.

Perhaps the groups that I treasure most are those from Project Lift and Hospitality House — halfway houses for people who are

recovering from addictions. These men and women have often felt alienated from the community, but through their involvement are learning how good it feels to reconnect. And I am amazed at how hard they work on even the most unpleasant tasks. I stopped to thank a young woman who was clearly exhausted from moving produce. Her eyes sparkled as she responded 'No, thank you for letting me help. This is the best Thanksgiving I have ever had.'

Several local companies have learned how much working on a community project together can do to build team spirit. It is a sight to watch a team of corporate volunteers working around a table up to their elbows in partially frozen turkeys, removing the innards — laughing and talking as if it was a company picnic. One of the turkey cleaners explained: 'Everyone used to dread our company picnics, but we all look forward to this. With your hair in the hoodies and your hands in a turkey, all the barriers come down.'

Bethlehem board gets kudos for pesticide law

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations to Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller, town board member Doris Davis and all members of the town board for adopting the Pesticide Sunset Ordinance on Oct. 18.

By becoming only the second community in the state to adopt this pioneering local law, the town of Bethlehem has established an important model that other communities can learn from. This law will phase out the use of pesticides on government property, such as parks, roadways and other public spaces. In this case government is leading by example.

Supervisor Fuller and her colleagues on the town board have signaled that protecting public health and the environment from the many dangers of pesticides is a priority. The New York Public

Interest Research Group would also like to thank highway superintendent Gregg Sagendorph and Parks & Recreation administrator David Austin for their cooperation during the drafting of the local ordinance, and most importantly, for their commitment to work hard in the coming months and years to implement this pioneering local law.

Finally, we congratulate the citizen activists with Bethlehem Pesticide Watch for working so diligently in their own community on the pesticide sunset law. It was their hard work, leadership and dedication that made all the difference in the world.

Bethlehem Pesticide Watch will now be working to phase out the use of pesticides in local schools and I encourage concerned parents and students to join them in this important endeavor.

Judith Enck
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Your Opinion Matters

Supervisor objects to eliminating sales tax on clothing

Editor, The Spotlight:

When asked if you would be in favor of eliminating the 8 percent tax on clothing, naturally the first response would be an emphatic 'yes.' A yes answer though, assumes that you in fact receive savings.

Might our residents be opposed to this if the sales tax break translates into property tax increases? Might our residents be opposed to losing about 35 percent of the sales tax revenue that is generated from residents outside of Albany County?

As per County Executive Mike Breslin's Point of View in the Nov. 11 *Spotlight*, he feels that "local governments can and must accommodate these revenue losses in order to deliver needed tax relief." We have delivered tax relief by aggressively containing our costs and seeking to find alternate revenue sources.

Our taxes have been stable for the last six years. But a proposal

that would eliminate \$382,000 of our sales tax revenue gives us very limited options. The average residential property owner may pay about \$30 more on their tax bill, effectively eliminating the sales tax savings.

The only benefit to our residents will be if Mr. Breslin's theory is correct that it will enhance the overall growth of our county. We do not believe that a 4 percent tax differential is enough to drive shoppers away from Albany County, not to harm the region's economic development.

The Capital District has many strengths and its retail base is one of them. We would prefer not to unnecessarily sacrifice a sales tax revenue, at the expense of property taxes.

With the current economic indicators warning of a pending recession, it would seem that we would likely see a decline in sales tax revenue, even without a change in the law. The reduction of this tax, along with a decline

the economy, may compromise the long-term financial health of our local governments. Note that we have already experienced a \$100,000 revenue reduction due to the elimination of sales tax on home heating fuel and college textbooks.

It is ironic that this proposal falls on the heels of the governor's STAR program, which recognized the burdensome level of property taxes. The STAR program reduces property taxes for all homeowners, with additional relief for senior citizens. We feel that any form of increase in property taxes is a concern to those on fixed incomes, especially senior citizens.

Albany County shoppers will receive a tax break with just the elimination of the state share of the tax. I believe that repeal of the 4 percent tax on clothing at this time is hasty, and indeed prema-

ture given future economic uncertainty. We would urge the county to wait at least one year before making this irrevocable decision, to give them more time to evaluate the full budgetary and financial impacts.

The issue comes down to a philosophical one, and unfortunately is not something which can be objectively qualified. We can see the pros and cons of eliminating the 4 percent tax on clothing

and certainly its repeal will not be disastrous for Bethlehem or its residents. We will manage whatever decision the county Legislature imposes on us, but would hope that the county budget as adopted will be able to deliver real tax relief to our residents.

Sheila Fuller

Bethlehem supervisor



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The dinner is open to everyone. A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the New Scotland Food Pantry, but is not required.

To contribute or help out, call Post chaplain Charlie Renker at 765-4359.

Churches to hold holiday bazaars

St. Matthew's Church and First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will both hold holiday bazaars on Saturday, Nov. 21.

United Methodist Women's annual Mission Bazaar will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church social hall on Route 85A. There will be hand-crafted gifts, baked goods, plants, used books and white elephant items.

Lunch will also be available. For information, call Lettie Pinney at 765-2548.

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St. Matthew's holiday bazaar is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish center on Mountainview Street. The event features children's games, crafts, holiday decorations and clothing, baked goods and used books.

There will also be a Chinese drawing and a traditional drawing. The grand prize is a two-night stay at the Sagamore Resort on Lake George. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for a book of six.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lasagna with salad and bread is \$3.95. Chili, clam chowder, hot dogs and fried dough will also be available.

Santa arrives at 10 a.m. and will pose for pictures with children until noon. For information, call 765-2805.

Community Thanksgiving

The churches of New Scotland

invite everyone to the annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration to be held this year at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Holly Cameron, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of New Scotland, will give the Thanksgiving message.

Ken George will direct the community choir and Lene Hausgaard will direct the youth choir.

A social time, hosted by United Methodist Women, will follow the service. The evening's offering will support the New Scotland Food Pantry.

School board sets meeting on building proposal

The school board will host a public discussion of grade level reconfiguration and the building proposal on Monday, Nov. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

Everyone is invited to ask questions and provide input on proposals being considered by the board. For information, call 765-3314.

High school slates fall concert

The high school music department has scheduled its fall concert for tonight, 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.

Sign up for soccer at high school

Sign ups for the New Scotland Soccer Club's spring season will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon at the high school.

The club sponsors traveling soccer teams for boys and girls starting with under 8-year-olds. The season runs from late April through June.

New applicants must provide a copy of their birth certificate. All applicants must bring a picture that can be mounted on an ID card, a medical release form and the registration fee.

Medical forms will be available at registration. For information,

call Bob Reed at 765-2518.

Final conferences slated for Friday

Friday, Nov. 20, is the final date for parent conferences at the elementary school.

Students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. Morning kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:30 p.m. Afternoon kindergarten will follow the regular schedule.

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.

Scouts to help food pantry

Cub Scout Pack 73 will be "Scouting for Food" on Saturday, Nov. 21, to fill food pantry shelves.

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Activity night planned for fifth- and sixth-graders

A fifth- and sixth-grade activity night will be held on Friday, Nov. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

There will be games, music and snacks. For information, call the school at 765-2382.

Kids can place yearbook orders

Students at the elementary school can place orders for this year's yearbook through Nov. 20. The cost is \$15, and checks should be payable to the Voorheesville PTA.

Children must order their yearbook now to guarantee that they will receive it in June. All profits support student activities.

Village board to meet Nov. 24

Voorheesville's board of trustees next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. in village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

New Scotland cleanup ends Friday

The town of New Scotland's fall brush and lawn debris cleanup ends Friday, Nov. 20.

Lawn and yard debris must be bagged for pickup in biodegradable bags for pickup. They can be purchased at the highway garage Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is three bags for \$1 or 35 cents each. Bags can also be purchased at local stores.

Bush and tree limbs must be stacked neatly at the curb.

For information, call 765-2681.

Singers preparing for Christmas

The ninth Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Singers from all area churches are invited to join the community choir for this performance. Practice sessions will be on Thursdays

beginning Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the church on Maple Avenue.

For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Friends of Music say thanks

Voorheesville Friends of Music would like to thank the community for its support of the recent Cabaret at the high school. A great time was had by all.

Funds raised through the event go to support district music programs.

Selkirk church hosts organ concert

Local organist Carl Hackert will present a free concert on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Route 9W in Selkirk.

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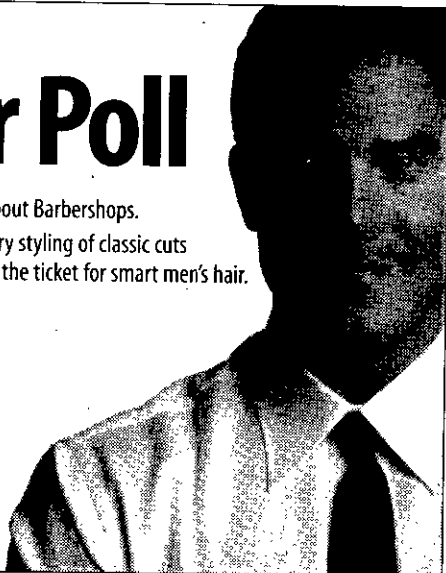
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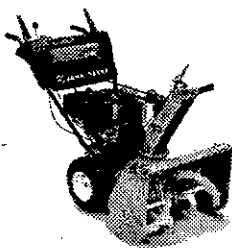
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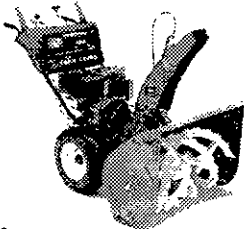
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Upcoming Book Chat sessions slated

Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wind in the Door* is up for discussion



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The book is the second in L'Engle's award-winning Time Quartet, the rest of which will be discussed in future Book Chat sessions.

sions: *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* on Jan. 20 and *Many Waters* on Feb. 24.

Book Chat is designed for children entering grade five and up. Adult family members and older siblings are welcome to attend.

To help participants prepare, copies of the books are available about a month in advance, along with a few take-home questions to guide the reading and discussion.

Refreshments are a part of this pleasant pastime. Think about joining the group in the new year,

when winter days invite cozy reading. Materials for January's chat will be available on Dec. 28.

Tonight's adult services offering is "Time Management for Home-Based Business," the next to last program in this year's "Library Mean Business" series. Tanya Wilkins of Cornell Cooperative Extension is the speaker. Start time is 7 p.m.

The series wraps up for the year on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. when successful Capital District entrepreneurs share how they grew

their small businesses in "How Something Small Got Big."

On Saturday, Nov. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. those looking for an alternate route — or just an alternate route to college, can drop by and sample "Skills to Live By," a trade school fair featuring representatives from a dozen area schools offering vocational training and nondegree certificate programs.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. children in kindergarten through grade-six and their families can learn more about the earliest inhabitants of New York in "Discover the Iroquois," presented by Colette Lemmon, former Children's Museum director of the Iroquois Indian Museum in Howes Cave.

Lemmon has shared her enthusiasm and knowledge of natural history and anthropology with children of all ages and ethnic backgrounds for more than 13 years. Register for this program by calling 439-9314.

A reminder: The library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday and reopen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27. Regular hours resume Saturday, Nov. 28.

Louise Grieco

Boy Scouts to hold annual Sportsmart

Boy Scout Troop 75 will hold its 25th annual Sportsmart on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Attendees are asked to use the campus' Van Dyke Road entrance.

Bring your equipment for sale from 9 to 11:30 a.m. to the Van Dyke Road entrance. Pick up unsold items from 5 to 5:30 p.m.

The \$1 admission will benefit local food pantries.

Library sponsors trade school fair

Skills To Live By will be the theme of an area trade school fair on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

More than a dozen schools offering vocational training and/or nondegree programs will be represented.

Returning students, career-changers, and high school students looking for an alternative to a four-year college will benefit from this free event.

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High school sets college financial aid program

RCS Senior High School PTSO will devote its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. to a discussion of colleges and financial aid.

The presenters will be James Carroll, chartered financial consultant with Financial Resources Center, and Joe Regan.

Parents of all high school students are encouraged to attend the program in the high school library.

Refreshments will be served. There will be a question-and-answer time and an opportunity to meet with the speakers after the presentation.

Bloodmobile to visit high school

RCS student government will sponsor a bloodmobile drive on Monday, Nov. 23, at RCS Senior High School on Route 9W in Ravena.

All donors are welcome.

Ceramic artist sets holiday sale

Local ceramic artist Wende Ide Williams will have a holiday art sale on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28 and 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at her studio at 49 Central Ave. in Ravena.

The sale is an excellent opportunity to purchase fine pottery as well as seconds.

Students to help Project Equinox

Students from RCS National Honor Society will help prepare Thanksgiving meals for Project Equinox on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

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Historical Association to hear speaker

Stefan Bielinski will present a lecture on "The People of Colonial Albany" on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Historical Association at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse.

Scouts collecting nonperishable food

Boy Scout Troop 67 and Cub Scout Pack 67 are participating in the Scouting for Food drive.

Scouts have delivered empty bags throughout the area and will pick up bags filled with nonperishable food in unbreakable containers on Nov. 21.

Donors are asked to place filled food bags outside their doors for collection.

Food will go to St. Patrick's Pantry and Grace Covenant Pantry.

For information on the Scouting for Food drive, call Pam and Steve Hull at 756-9408.

RCS Girl Scouts to play bingo

RCS Girl Scout Senior Troop 161 will sponsor a bingo day on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Congregational Christian Church in Ravena.

A small fee will be charged to play and players should bring their own chips.

For information, contact Marie McClumpha at 767-2308.

Coeymans forms youth council

The town of Coeymans recently formed a youth council to plan

and supervise activities.

For information, contact Coeymans youth director Marcia Rabinowitz at 756-6006.

Picket Pottery holds holiday sale

Picket Pottery studio in New Baltimore will hold a holiday sale from Nov. 20 through Dec. 24.

The studio is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. For information, call 756-3252.

RCS musicians at all-state festival

RCS musicians will be performing in an area all-state music festival this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, in Saratoga.

Best wishes to all participants.

Board reaffirms opposition to landfill

Supervisor Robert Fisk recently reaffirmed the town's opposition to Albany's proposal to site a landfill in Coeymans.

Fisk said that the town board remains resolute in its fight against the landfill.

Ravena church sets holiday festival

Congregational Christian Church of Ravena on the corner of Mountain Road and Main Street will hold its annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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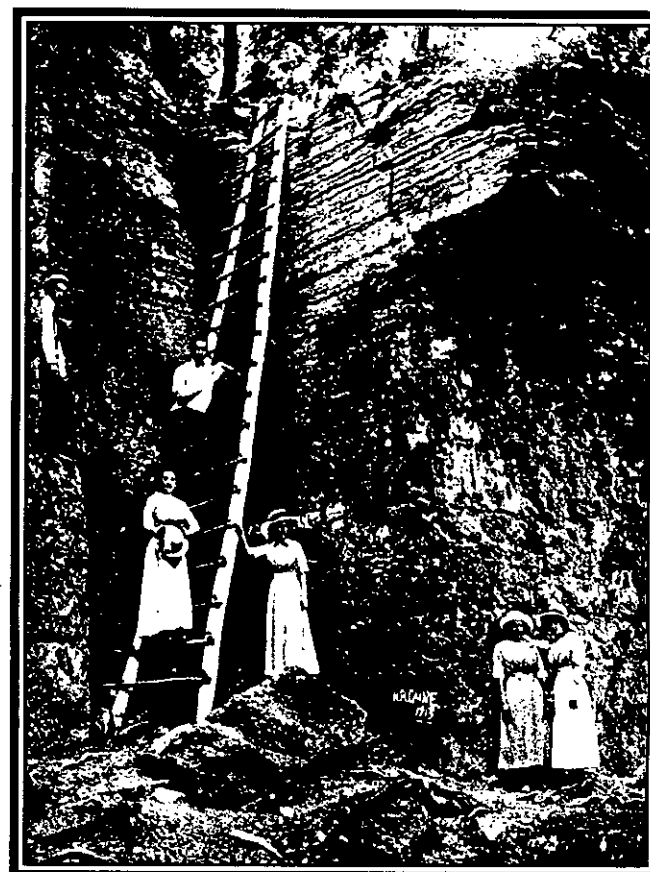
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Friday, Nov. 20, is a half day of school in Voorheesville, so if your

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Making history



Town Historian Joseph Allgaier, left, and Bethlehem Historical Association president Howard Gmelch present a plaque to Supervisor Sheila Fuller that acknowledges the listing of the town's Cedar Hill Schoolhouse on the National Register of Historic Places. The site has been maintained by the town's Highway Department.

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Superintendent pays tribute to BC's 'premiere' board

By Katherine McCarthy

To mark School Board Recognition Week, Superintendent Les Loomis paid tribute to the Bethlehem school board at a recent meeting.

Loomis read a proclamation from town Supervisor Sheila Fuller recognizing Bethlehem Central schools as one of the state's premiere districts, attributing that status in large part to the board.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney presented the board with gifts on behalf of the business community and a plaque to hang in the district office.

Loomis praised the nonpartisan efforts of Bethlehem's school board members. "Board members are elected to three-year terms," Loomis said, "and they are volunteers, who are not compensated, except for their sense of fulfillment. This board is here for our children. There's not a member now, nor do I remember one in my 12 years here, that has come with his or her own agenda. They've always worked with one unified purpose, and I'd like to recognize the contribution of our board members."

The district's public information specialist Jessica Kennedy presented each board member with an elaborate symbol of American education: brass apples with their names engraved on them.

Peter Shawhan, president of Parents for Excellence, also thanked board members for their efforts on behalf of the district's children.

Loomis acknowledged the contribution made by board members' families by asking members to introduce or talk about their families, many of whom were in attendance. Board president Happy Scherer described them as "our long-suffering relatives," and pointed out her husband Harvey, adding, "I never see him on Wednesdays."

"Really, the whole family gets to serve," board member Stuart Lyman said, "since there are so many schedule changes due to this." Lyman introduced his wife Jane and three children.

James Schwab is the parent of five children who attend Bethlehem schools. Pamela Williams is also the mother of five children. Scherer has three daughters: the youngest attends BCHS. Dennis Stevens' daughter is a sophomore in college.

Lynne Lenhardt expressed gratitude for all the Bethlehem schools had given her two children, who are both college students. Richard Svenson has three daughters, one a junior in college and two in district schools.

Scherer, who's in her seventh year as a board member, said that she first became involved with board meetings when she attended them as president of the Bethlehem Music Association. "I became fascinated with the process," she said.

Scherer said that it has been very rewarding to watch initiatives

come to fruition. "Like the Early Learning Center," she said. "I also remember that one criticism when I first came on the board was that there was little or no technology in the district. It's exciting now to see how far that's come."

Scherer said board members are the eyes and ears of the community, and that the concerns they hear about can lead to improvements in the district. But sometimes, people think board members should take responsibility for every issue in the district.

Scherer said it can also be difficult when issues become contentious. "Board members can't please everyone," she said. "We're elected to make a decision that we think is right. People in this community are very vocal with their opinions, although they are also generally polite and reasonable, and will thank us for listening to

them. Unless you go to school board meetings, you don't realize how much goes into the decisions that we make."

Voorheesville's Superintendent Alan McCartney also recently acknowledged his board's efforts.

"My school board is great to work for," McCartney said. "It's always been a real partnership here. Our board places a lot of emphasis on program and kids, and each member comes from a different background."

McCartney said the board puts in a great deal of time beyond the monthly meetings that can last until 10 or 11 p.m. "I'm not sure

people realize how much time members put in reading the materials we give them and acting on committees."

Voorheesville's board has seen the arrival of three new members in the past two years, and faced criticism from both teachers and the public as it worked three years past the expiration date to settle a contract dispute with district teachers last year.

"The board held together during that period, and gave the administrative staff the direction we needed," McCartney said. "Negotiations were difficult, but the system was maintained."

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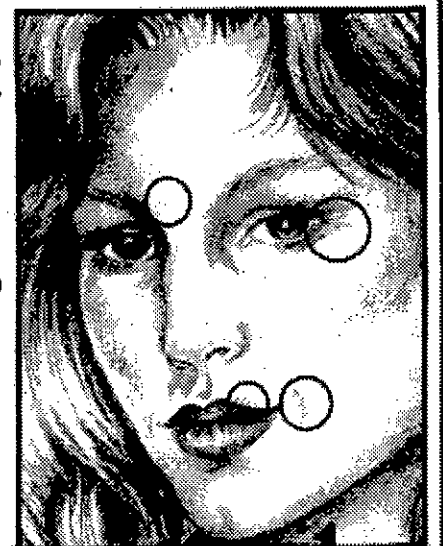
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also clerk of the Albany classis.

The forthcoming closure service, designed to recognize its 200 years of existence, acknowledge its ministry, and hand over the symbols of the church to the larger church will very likely be scheduled after the Christmas season, he said.

The New Salem church, founded in 1785, has always been a relatively small congregation in a denomination once dominant in upstate New York. But it has

struggled for several years with finances and with the core issue of sustaining a viable membership. At the time of its closing, it counted fewer than 30 active members.

The Albany Synod of the church and the local classis have each "put some money into the place a few years ago to help them provide a bit more pastoral leadership," Janssen said, but membership continued to shrink.

"This is not a particularly growing area," Janssen said. "There

are five Reformed churches relatively close to each other, in an area with a relatively static population." He cited Unionville Reformed Church on Delaware Turnpike and Clarksville Community Reformed Church as examples of similarly small community congregations.

"Some small churches have endowments that enable them to go on for a long time," said the Rev. Sandy Damhoff, associate pastor of Delmar Reformed Church, who was assigned by the classis as supervisor of the New Salem church several years ago, since the church lacked a fully-installed pastor. "Most of the other ones in the area are healthy enough and vibrant enough, and even though they're small, they're doing well."

But both Damhoff and Janssen said the New Salem church was in serious financial straits by the time part-time pastor Peter Krug's contract expired in August. The church's consistory, unable to afford to renew that contract, contacted the classis, and they both realized the church

was no longer viable, said Damhoff. "It was a very mutual decision." Repeated attempts to reach Krug were not successful.

"There were a small number of people working very hard for a lot of years just to keep it going," said Janssen. "Small churches tend to be able to hang on, to persist. But how long can they continue to pay a minister and upkeep on a building?"

Following the closure service, the classis "will probably have to sell the property," Janssen said. He doesn't look forward to the prospect. "This is no fun," he said. "I didn't enter the ministry to be in the real estate business."

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 tonight, 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.

Church to serve roast beef dinner

Glenmont Community Church on Chapel Lane will dish up a roast beef dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21, with seatings at 4:30 and 6 p.m.

The menu will include roast beef, gravy, rolls, vegetable, potato and dessert.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3 to 10.

To make a reservation, call Alice Wiggand at 465-3992.

Card party to benefit scholarship fund

Delmar Progress Club's evening group will hold its annual card party on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall.

Reservations are required for the event, which will benefit the group's scholarship fund.

For information, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

Middle school pool open for Sunday swims

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will hold Sunday family swims on Nov. 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.

For information, call 439-4131.

Zoning board sets public hearings

Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals has set a public hearing tonight, Nov. 18.

The board will hear an application by Jory and Hope Langner of 46 Tamarack Drive, Delmar, at 7:30 p.m.

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Carefree Catering

Sure, you'd love to have a holiday party with pine garlands on the mantle, festive music on the stereo, lovely food in chafing dishes on crisp linen tablecloths, cut-glass bowls of punch, laughing guests.

The reality, though, is cleaning the house, grocery shopping, cooking from recipes, climbing up on the stepladder

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Catering

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to get the box with the punch bowl down from the top shelf of the closet, and refilling glasses and putting out more food all night long.

How about a caterer this year? Then you really can chat with all the people you like well enough to have invited to your home, and let someone else worry about empty glasses and food on the table.

"We have about 10 waitresses who can come into your home in their tuxedo shirt, tie and black pants," Pat Manning of Manning's Menu in Glenmont said. "They'll go in, set everything up, set the table and pass the hors d'oeuvres. When we leave, the waitresses will clean the kitchen. It will look like nothing's happened - except that you will have a fridge full of leftovers."

John and Pat Manning opened Manning's Menu, 340



Your party need not be a formal affair to use the services of a caterer. Cheese and crackers, dips and deli platters are popular items for more casual parties.

Glenmont Road, in June, and like most caterers, put their clients' needs first.

"We'll create a menu just for you," Pat Manning said. "We need to know how many people you're having, and the amount of food that you want. We can provide shrimp, sliced prime rib, tenderloin, Italian pastries, or we can provide take-home

platters."

For those planning a simpler affair, Manning said deli and fruit platters are very popular, especially if people are provid-

ing some of the food themselves.

"There are so many price ranges, and we work around everyone's budget," Manning

said.

Delmar resident Jean Brooks is a strong advocate of catered parties. Brooks works at the department of nursing at Russell Sage College, and her position in admissions and advisement requires that she frequently plan meetings, conferences, and meals for groups of varying sizes. As president of the Junior League, Brooks also works with a lot of caterers for fundraisers.

"I once had an office Christmas party for 25 people," Brooks said, "and Nicole's on Delaware Avenue in Albany catered it. They dropped off chicken parmigiana and shrimp scampi, brought all the chafing dishes and serving utensils, and set everything up. They came back later and picked up all the dirty things."

Brooks said she chose a caterer so that she could enjoy herself at the party in her home. She also found that the price was not prohibitive. "It was very reasonable," Brooks said. "We all shared the cost, and it seemed that people would rather pay than do a potluck."

Time is the main reason to hire a caterer, Manning said. "People are busy, and they don't have time to go out to the store and prepare something. I see them coming in, and they're so happy that we're here."

Not only will catering buy you some time and let you enjoy your own party, it can make you feel like the guest of honor.

"I tell my staff to appease the hostess," Manning said. "I certainly wouldn't slight any of the customers, because I'm looking for a party out that party, but the hostess is the one who's paying, and she's the one to please." ☺

If you're ready to finally enjoy one of your own parties, here are a few local caterers to call:

Manning's Menu, 340 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, 436-8800

Houghtaling Markets, Feura Bush, 439-0028

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- What's the best way to thaw a turkey?

Butterball recommends refrigerator thawing. However, if short on time, submerge the turkey in cold water. Thawing at room temperature can permit bacterial growth.

How do you handle a turkey so it's safe to eat?

After proper thawing, follow these safe handling guidelines: wash hands, work surfaces and utensils touched by raw poultry and its juices with hot, soapy water; use cooking methods that allow the turkey to reach an internal temperature of 140 F in less than four hours. Always use a meat thermometer to determine doneness.

What's the proper way to stuff a turkey?

Butterball recommends

following these guidelines: prepare the stuffing just before placing it in the turkey; stuff the neck and body cavity loosely, allowing 1/2 to 3/4 cup stuffing per pound of turkey; use a meat thermometer to ensure doneness.

What's the best way to roast a turkey? Butterball recommends the Open-pan roasting method.

Place turkey breast-up on a flat rack in a shallow pan. Rub or brush skin with oil to prevent drying. Insert oven-safe meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh.

When the skin is a light golden color and turkey is about two-thirds done, shield the breast loosely with a tent of aluminum foil. Turkey is done when it reaches 180 to 185 degrees deep in the thigh; 170 to 175 degrees in the thickest part of the breast; and 160 to 165 degrees in the center of the stuffing.

- What about leftovers?

Butterball recommends the following: Within two hours after roasting, remove stuffing from turkey, carve the meat off the bones, and store in freezer or refrigerator.

Other popular questions include: Where does the meat thermometer go? How do you know when the turkey is done? Should I buy fresh or frozen turkey? Is it necessary to baste?

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Born in Bombay to an Indian

father and an Iranian mother, Paksima says he learned the recipe for the exotic pastry from a Polish baker in New York City in the 1980s. Rugulach — the word derives from the Yiddish meaning little rolled-up thing — is a handrolled cream-cheese dough pastry filled with natural jams, fruits, chocolates, nuts and spices and baked to golden perfection.

Recently, Chewys added four new rugulach flavors: chocolate-

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Tips & hints for stress-free party planning

By Donna J. Bell

HOLIDAYS AND PARTIES SEEM TO GO HAND IN HAND. TOO BAD THAT stress often seems to complete the trio. When you have too many items to check off your to do list and a jam-packed schedule, you may find the joy slipping out of your holiday season. If a party is part of your plans, the tips and planner below may help you de-stress your holiday season.

Whether your party is an intimate soiree for eight or a full-blown bash for 100 — pre-planning is the key to a fun and easy celebration. By following this simple checklist, you'll be able to receive your guests with the assurance that you

haven't forgotten anything and actually enjoy the celebration.

One month before

Determine what kind of party you want to have, the size of the party and of course, the date, place and time. Will you have a cocktail party, buffet dinner, or dessert only? Perhaps you'd like to have a full dinner party or maybe a brunch. Decide how many guests you are going to have and if it will be formal or informal.

If you choose formal, make out your guest list and mail invitations. Make sure your invitations include: the type of party and attire, your address, phone number, date to RSVP and, if need be, a map of how to get to your home.

If it's a casual occasion, make a guest list and just call! Try to call everyone the same day so no one will think the invitation was an afterthought.

When budgeting for your holiday event, don't forget to include the cost of food, beverages, flowers, extra help or rentals of extra table settings, glassware, or equipment. If you need a caterer, it is better to call sooner, rather than later—during the holidays they get booked quickly.

Two weeks before

Create a menu plan. Choose your recipes and make a list of ingredients you need for a shopping list. Do the bulk of your preliminary housecleaning now—waiting until the day before or the day of your party will just be adding anxiety to your already packed schedule.

If you are planning a dinner with special meats, order from your butcher now to make sure that your selection will be available.

Two days before

Reclean your house, if necessary. Don't wait for the day of your party to go to the grocery store and when shopping, try to limit it to one location — consolidating your shopping will prevent you from

being drained at the end of the day. Shop for everything but highly perishable items.

The day before

Recheck your recipes to make sure that you have everything you need and buy the perishable items.

Prepare as much food as possible ahead of time: soups (add cream just before serving), gelatin-based dishes (up to two days before), mousses, sorbets (up to one week) or casseroles.

Make a schedule of things to be done tomorrow, with a timetable for cooking dishes.

Arranging and setting your table the night before will keep you stress-free the day of the party. You can even decorate the centerpiece and arrange the flowers.

The day of the party

Prepare food according to the timetable you set up so everything will finish at the same time. It's a good idea to wash dishes as you go to save clean up later. Make sure that everything that needs to be chilled is well chilled by party time.

The most important tip is to be sure to take an hour to relax before guests arrive. Have the drinks and appetizers ready when guests arrive; this will be particularly impressive, since you will look as if you haven't lifted a finger all day.

And for the final step — have fun. Now that you have prepared so diligently you can sit back and relax. Enjoy the party as if you're a guest, instead of slaving away in the kitchen.



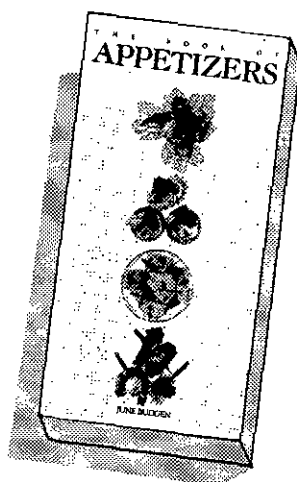
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- Entertain cooperatively with one or more of your friends. Each invites an equal number of guests and shares all work and expense.
- Don't make your menu too elaborate. Dazzle 'em with dessert, since it will be the last impression.

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WHAT'S FOR DESSERT? THE PILLSBURY COMPANY HAS THE answer in a new cookbook, *Pillsbury: Best Desserts* (Clarkson Potter, \$24.95), a compilation of more than 350 recipes for some of the most irresistible desserts imaginable.

Among the recipes found in the chapters are those for a butter cake, layer cake, sheet cake, angel-food cake, pudding cake, fruitcake, chiffon cake and sponge cake. Many of the dessert recipes are accompanied by beautiful color photographs.

The first chapter of *Pillsbury: Best Desserts* provides a thorough introduction to making perfect desserts, including general information about common equipment and ingredients as well as more specific information, such as how to test a cheesecake to see if it's done, or how to distinguish a cobbler from a crisp or a crumble.

Pillsbury has even included 25 of the all-time best desserts from its famous cooking event, the Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest.

Here's one that earned Edwina Gadsby of Great Falls, Mont., \$10,000 at the 1998 Bake-Off Contest.

Brownie souffle cake with mint cream

Yield: 12 servings. Prep Time: 15 minutes. Ready in: one hour, 25 minutes.

Mint cream

2 - 2/3 cups whipping cream
3 ounces white chocolate

baking bar, finely chopped
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon mint
extract

Cake

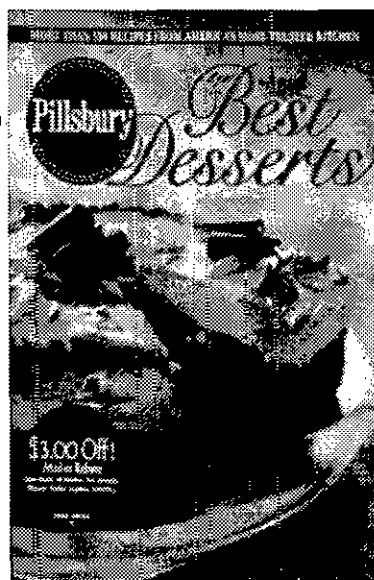
1 (1 lb., 3.5 ounce) package
fudge brownie mix
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup oil
1/2 to 1 teaspoon mint
extract (if desired)
4 eggs, separated
Powdered sugar
Mint sprigs, if desired

Heat oven to 375 F. Spray
nine or 10 - inch springform pan
with nonstick cooking spray.

In medium microwave-safe
bowl, microwave whipping
cream on high for 45 to 60
seconds or until warm.

Add white chocolate and mint
extract; stir until chocolate is
melted. Refrigerate for at least
one hour or until well chilled.

Meanwhile, in large bowl,
combine brownie mix, water, oil,
mint extract and egg yolks; beat



50 strokes with spoon. In small
bowl, beat egg whites until soft
peaks form. Gradually fold into
brownie mixture. Pour batter
into sprayed pan.

Bake at 375 F for 32 to 38
minutes or until center is almost
set. Cool 30 minutes, center will
sink slightly. Carefully remove
sides of pan. Sprinkle top of
cake with powdered sugar.

Just before serving, beat
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Make a long, deep base cut

After the turkey is done (meat thermometer should read 180 degrees when inserted into the thickest part of the thigh) cool the roasted turkey for 15 minutes, before carving, to make the meat firmer and easier to slice.

Remove and set aside the turkey legs and the last joint of each wing. Make a long, deep (to the bone) horizontal "base cut" into the breast just above the wing.

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cleared of day-to-day trinkets, soon to be replaced with festive accessories and holiday collectibles.

According to a recent Market Facts survey commissioned by Coming Home, 85 percent of women say they look forward to this hum of activity. Some of the excitement may stem from this being a once-a-year chance to transform your home without

major renovations.

Creating a holiday home is near and dear to our hearts, too. Much like a snowflake, no house is quite like the next because each of us carries distinct feelings of what makes an ideal holiday home. "Christmas is a time to show your own personal style. It's a feeling more than anything," said Alan Boehmer interior designer and stylist for Coming Home with Lands' End. "Whether you choose to decorate with a traditional, rustic or contemporary flair, your own touches will make your home special."

Boehmer offers the following tips to give your home a fresh, new look this year:

Traditional flair

About two-thirds of women surveyed decorate their homes with the all-time favorite, holiday theme — traditional. Conjuring up memories of holidays past, many Americans are incorporating holiday plaid and tinsel into their holiday theme. To give a home some pizzazz, try some of the following:

- Use traditional elements but in non-traditional colors. Instead of red and green, use blue and green or burgundy and charcoal. A new coupling of colors will give a home a refreshing look this season.
- Spice up your greens with

dried flowers like baby's breath, golden yarrow and heather. Berries and apples also add nice spots of color. Weaving a holiday plaid ribbon through a row of Granny Smith apples makes a unique garland for the mantle or table runner.

- For a truly magical tree, substitute traditional white lights with candles. Mercury glass ornaments will dance in the candlelight, sparkling in the holiday spirit. Metal holders and styrene candles can be found at local hardware stores. Remember for safety reasons the tree must be very green and fresh.

- Make your dining room table as festive as your family room with a small tabletop tree. Simply decorated with plaid ribbon and berries, this fragrant addition will dress up any table.

The rustic look

Houses that best lend themselves to a rustic look are log cabin homes, farmettes or contemporary homes.

Approximately 11 percent of women surveyed have adopted this woodsy theme in their home decor.

Following are tips to fashion a home with a rustic look:

- * Replace evergreen garland with bramble branches, adding color with berry branches of blackberry or raspberry. Fill in

empty spaces with pinecones, nuts and berries.

- The family tree can be fashioned in the spirit of years gone-by with a natural decorations. Strings of cranberries and popcorn can replace sparkling tinsel. Or wrap the tree with raffia. Dried fruits like citrus slices and flowers can hang from the tree lending charm and color.

- Wreaths, hanging over the mantle or on the door, can be a simple ring of pinecones, or decorate a circle of grapevine with dried pepper berries.
- Carry the theme throughout the house by scattering packages wrapped in crafted paper with raffia ribbon.

Classy contemporary

For a clean, minimalist look, pull out all the decorations you have in one color. About 14 percent of American women will be participating in this ritual, saying they adorn their homes and trees in a monochromatic, modern theme.

Simplicity is the key to this style. Here are some hints to get you started:

- Use long needle pines for draping garland over fireplaces and along end tables. Introduce contrast with potted orchids in terracotta pots.
 - For the tree, pick very simple decorations and use sparingly. If needed, the tree can be dressed up with flowing, iridescent gold ribbon. Or, exhibit the unordinary by displaying a grouping of trees trimmed only with white lights.
 - Tabletops can be classically styled with a silver tray of pinecones. Or cluster handblown glass candleholders accessorized with holly sprigs or incense cedar.
 - Strike gold with a timeless centerpiece. Simply place gilded resin pears in a wrought iron basket.
- After a busy day of holiday decorating and before the guests arrive, remember to take some time for yourself to sit back and bask in the beauty of your holiday creation.

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This holiday season, try creating traditional meals typical of a heritage different from yours with easy-to-follow recipes.

Hanukkah

The eight-day Hebrew holiday, known as The Feast of Lights, is celebrated by lighting candles each night. Recipes for the traditional favorites include baked brisket, potato latkes and Hanukkah gelt.

Festa di Natale

The Italian Christmas Eve celebration, known as the feast of the five fishes, includes

meatless appetizers and entrees. Some popular foods for the holiday include bruschetta, baccalà with capers and olives, and spaghetti in clams sauce.

Kwanzaa

This unique African-American holiday is celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Traditionally, the Karamu feast is a night of folktales, food, song and dance. The holiday guide offers recipes for Kwanzaa chicken, cornbread and sweet potato pie.

Christmas

Although Christians throughout America celebrate the birth of Christ in many different ways, Christmas is always celebrated among family and friends with a sumptuous dinner.

A traditional holiday feast for Christmas includes Christmas roast goose with seasoned apple stuffing, bread pudding and

holiday rainbow punch.

Feast of the Three Kings

The Spanish and Latin-Americans celebrate Christmas on Jan. 6, the feast of Epiphany, in which Three Kings presented gifts to the Christ Child.

The menu for the Feast of the Three Kings includes Spanish and Latin American favorites, such as tuna aeviche, arroz con pollo and bunuelos.

As the festivities of the holiday season wind down, enjoy an intimate New Year's Day brunch, which can be prepared in advance.

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Families that cook together, stay together — Recipes to share this holiday season

PRESERVE THE HERITAGE OF YOUR FAMILY BY MIXING IT UP IN THE KITCHEN THIS holiday season. Cooking with family members of all ages and stages is a wonderful way to pass on the tricks of the trade and your own traditional seasonal delicacies, notes Sue Zelickson, editor of the *Minnesota Heritage Cookbooks*.

What is your heritage?

Where did your favorite recipes originate? Now's the perfect time to call your relatives and learn the secret ingredients that make their pumpkin pies so perfect and their watermelon pickles so

crisp.

Zelickson offers the following recipes from the *Minnesota Heritage Cookbook Volume I* to add to your family repertoire:

Roast turkey

1/4 pound melted butter
3 cloves garlic
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
1/8 teaspoon paprika
flour

10 pound turkey
Combine the first six ingredients, using enough flour to make paste. With hands, rub mixture inside and outside of turkey. Place in large pan and

bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 2 – 1/2 hours or until brown, basting often. Cover with aluminum foil tent and cook for 2 – 1/2 hours more or until turkey is done and leg moves easily. May stuff with your favorite dressing.

Eight to 10 servings

Norwegian Krumkake (Thin cone-shaped cookies)

1/2 cup whipping cream
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
1 and 1/4 cups flour
lard or peanut oil for frying
powdered sugar

Whip the cream. Beat eggs lightly and add to the cream. Add remaining ingredients. Bake on a krumkake iron on top of the stove.

Turn the iron once while baking each cookie. Remove krumkake from the iron with a spatula. Roll at once around a wooden krumkake roller; cool and remove.

For an added touch, cookies may be filled with sweetened whipped cream and strawberry preserves.

Yield: six dozen five – inch cookies.

English plum pudding
(prepare four to six weeks before Christmas)

1 pound citron
1/2 pound candied lemon peel
1/2 pound candied orange peel
1/2 pound pitted dates
1 cup blanched almonds
1 pound currants
1 pound seedless raisins
1 pound seeded raisins
1 pint brandy
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon mace
1 teaspoon salt
1 pound ground beef suet
1 cup fine dry bread crumbs
4 eggs
4 ounces currant jelly
Hard sauce:
1/2 cup soft butter
2 cups powdered sugar
1 teaspoon brandy or vanilla
Finely cut the citron, lemon and orange peel, dates and

almonds. Place in a large mixing bowl and add the currants and raisins. Pour the brandy over the fruit mixture and let soak for 24 hours, stirring frequently. Sift the flour, spices and salt together and mix with the suet and bread crumbs. Combine this mixture with the fruit. Beat the eggs until very light and stir into mixture. Then stir in currant jelly.

Grease well one large or two small steamed pudding molds (coffee cans can be used, using foil as a cover). Pour batter into molds, secure covers tightly, and place in large kettle with water reaching 1/3 up the mold. Bring water to a boil, cover and simmer gently for 4 hours.

Check frequently to make sure water has not evaporated. When done, unmold and wrap in cheesecloth well moistened with brandy. Wrap in foil and refrigerate until Christmas. To serve, put pudding back in molds and steam as above for one hour. Serve with Hard Sauce.

To make hard sauce, beat butter and powdered sugar until smooth. Flavor with brandy.

12 to 16 servings.



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Sports

Bethlehem swimmers make strong Sectional showing

By Len Tarricone

The Bethlehem Central High School girls swim team capped a fine season with a third-place finish in the Section II swimming and diving championships that concluded Nov. 14 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Robison Pool.

"This was one of the best seasons ever for Bethlehem," said coach Kevin Merges. "Everything fell into place at the end, and some of our girls had unbelievable times."

Leading the way was Elyse McDonough, who set a school record in successfully defending her Sectional championship in the 200-yard individual medley with an All-American consideration time of 2:08.26. She will try to add a state title to her list of accomplishments when those championships are held Nov. 20 and 21 in East Meadow, Long Island.

Her teammate and fellow junior Beth Malinowski also defended her Section II crown in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.66, second only to her own area record in the event. She is still the only girl to break 5:10 in in



Bethlehem's Elyse McDonough (center) stands with the second- and third-place finishers after winning the 200-yard individual medley. Len Tarricone

the history of Section II. Her third-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle was also good enough for a school record. She will join McDonough at the state meet.

Merges said Teresa Rosetti swam very well in her two events, the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly, as did Kim Link in

the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. Ellen Bandel took eight sec-

onds off her personal best time in the 200-yard individual medley, and the school's 200-yard freestyle relay team swam 1.8 seconds under the All-American consideration time, although that effort was not enough to qualify for the

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The Eagles finished 16.5 points behind second-place Saratoga High School. Shenendehowa High School dominated the meet to capture its sixth-straight Sectional title.

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Blackbirds' football season ends with loss in regionals

By Len Tarricone

The Clayton A. Bouton High School Blackbirds had been a great second-half football team this year, so when they found themselves tied 6-6 at halftime of their state regional Class C play-off game with Saranac Lake Nov. 14, they were feeling pretty good.

But on this day, it was the host Redskins who elevated their

game, and in so doing put an end to the Blackbirds' state title hopes, 33-6.

A combination of factors served to doom the Blackbirds, not the least of which was the quality of Saranac Lake's interior people.

"We felt they'd be big, but we didn't expect them to be as fast as they were," said head coach Joe Sapienza.

That mixture of speed and size limited a vaunted Blackbirds offense to less than 100 yards rushing for the game and just 158 total yards. Star tailback Pat St. Denis, who rushed for over 300 yards in the Blackbirds Sectional finals win over Mechanicville, was held to just 79 on 20 carries.

"This was definitely the first time we've seen a line as big as that," said Sapienza, whose own talented front line of Eric Papandrea, Tyler King, Dave Ruby, Matt Dunbar, Mike Cavanaugh and Brian Washburn could not handle their Redskins' counterparts in the second half after having had their way most of the season.

Early on, though, the Blackbirds were able to move the ball somewhat effectively. They launched a couple of sustained drives that led to two Aaron Benedict field goals, and went to the break with some optimism.

"The mood was pretty good at halftime" said Sapienza. "We had played with more consistency than they did, and we felt we could run on them. (Quarterback Andy Corcione) was four for five throwing in the half, and we had a chance to feel them out and make some defensive adjustments. We felt pretty confident; we'd worn people down all year."

However, the tables were turned and it was the Blackbirds who found themselves being pushed out. Saranac Lake used a good return by Matt Burns on a fake reverse to set up a touch-down, forced a Blackbirds punt, got the ball back and scored again.

"That was when things started to slip away from us," said Sapienza.

The Redskins then seized the game by the throat by adding another score in the third quarter and two in the fourth to complete a run of 33 unanswered points.

Sapienza said the rigorous accomplishment of beating Greenwich and Mechanicville on successive weeks to capture the Section II title with a host of players going both ways may have played a role in the second half demise. Saranac Lake, now 10-0, had a week to rest before this game and had the luxury of playing on their home turf.

But he acknowledged that this was not the major problem his team encountered in the game.

"They were definitely better than us," Sapienza said.

The pain of the defeat would not be easily erased by the Blackbirds, who concluded their season at 9-2.

"There was not a lot to say

afterward; they were pretty upset," said Sapienza. "I told them that while this hurts now and will hurt for a while, in time they will look back and be proud of what they accomplished this year."

Most notably, that would include the school's first Sectional title since 1986. This was a senior-laden group with a good deal of experience playing together.

"They were tremendous athletes, a really complete group," said Sapienza. "They had all the talent, but what I'll miss is the commitment, leadership, and unselfishness—the willingness to do what they had to get the job done."

The loss brought to a close the stellar careers of Papandrea, a three-year starter on both sides of the ball, and St. Denis, who set the school rushing record this season with over 1,700 yards and scored 26 touchdowns.

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BCHS freshmen win lucky No. 13

By Len Tarricone

Keith Gunner's job description is not unlike that of any other coach of any other underclass athletic program in the area. As the man in charge of the freshmen girls volleyball team at Bethlehem Central High School, his main responsibility is to teach fundamentals, expand skills, and ready his players for potential varsity experience.

The graduates of his teams get one additional benefit, though — they learn what it feels like to win, and win often.

Gunner just completed his 13th season at the helm and notched his 13th league title, this one like several of the others, in undefeated fashion.

The girls capped their season by bringing the reward from the Burnt Hills freshmen tournament back to Bethlehem Central High School's trophy case. In that round robin event, in which the team won seven of the eight games it played, the Eagles defeated teams from Burnt Hills, Colonie, Columbia and Schenectady high schools.

"I'm a very competitive person; I push the girls hard," Gunner said. "I'm not always their best friend, but I care. A lot of the girls come in here with little experience, but they are eager to learn and they practice very hard and work very hard."

Gunner said his players are all serious about the game and want to improve so that they will be able to be competitive at the next level of play. His methods have proved very effective, and have helped to instill a winning mentality as a foundation for those who will eventually play for the varsity.

The junior varsity can expect to welcome a well-trained group of athletes next year as this team moves up.

"These kids did a great job," Gunner said. "They responded well to the instruction, and improved dramatically from day one."

The squad consisted of two eighth-graders, **Maura Ayres** and **Meghan Lohman**, and 11 freshmen — **Diana LaJeunesse**, a setter and the only holdover from

the 1997 team; **Ali McKee**, the team's other setter; **Stephanie Halbedel**, **Josie Klersy**, **Lindsay Crusan**, **Liz Alesse**, **Kelly Curan**, **Kelly Fuchs**, **Amiee Gould**, **Katharine Gould** and **Rachel Ross**.

"This was a nice bunch of kids," said Gunner. "They got along very well and worked very well together."

One might think that a record like Gunner's would justify a varsity offer whenever the job becomes available, as it has several times over the years he has been at Bethlehem but he would rather prepare his girls to play with skill and intelligence and to win.

"I've been asked to move up, but I enjoy this level," he said. "I enjoy teaching these kids good solid basics, and I enjoy watching them as they move on. The school doesn't even ask anymore."

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Tartans end RCS' season

By Len Tarricone

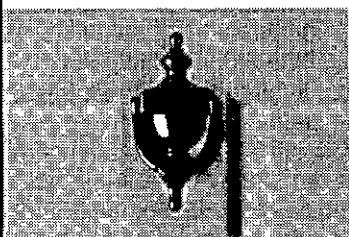
The Ravena-Coeysmans-Selkirk Central School girls soccer team saw its season come to an end Oct. 31 with a 4-2 loss to Scotia-Glenville High School in the quarterfinals of the Section II, Class B tournament.

The seventh-seeded Indians, who beat Mohonasen 6-1 in the first round, got goals from **Laura McHolson** and **Aubrey Maki** to stay even with the second-seeded Tartans until 10 minutes remained in the second half, when Scotia took control.

Indians coach **Megan McClave** said she was pleased with the play of her young team this year. "We will only be losing one senior (defender **Debbie Seutert**), and we are looking forward to doing well again next year," she said.

Ravena, which finished at 8-10-2, had one other senior on the roster, defender **Laura Trombley**, but she was injured throughout the season. Co-captains **Jessica McCumber** and **Leia Weidman**, both juniors this year, lead the cast of returnees.

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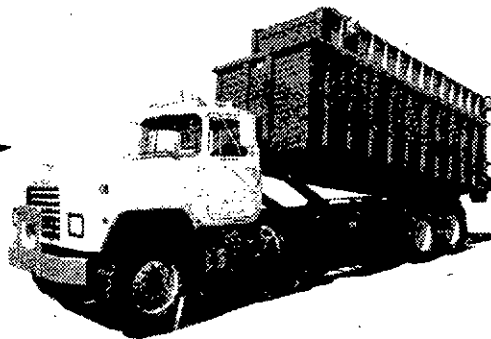
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again, with Tucker playing a key role in this, and the two subsequent Ravena touchdowns.

On the third play after Stott's pick, quarterback Minard Carkner hit his favorite target on a post route down to the Peru three, from where Jones finished. On Ravena's next possession, Tucker, who was named offensive player of the game, took a handoff from Jones on an end-around, got a good block from Kevin Reinisch, and went 38 yards untouched for a touchdown. Then, after Peru's Jon St. Clair took the ensuing kickoff back 90 yards for a touchdown off a fake reverse to give Peru a flicker of hope, Tucker answered with a long return of his own to the Peru 26.

Carkner immediately hit Glastetter down to the seven-yard line, and then found him again three plays later in the right corner of the end zone. The 6 foot, four inch senior outleaped the 5-foot, 10-inch defensive back Nick Carte for the score, and a 28-7 Indian advantage. If anyone on

hand at Colonie High School did not think the issue was quite decided at this point, Jones' 54-yard burst down the left sideline 2:30 later was a strong persuader.

The Indians rushed for nearly 300 yards on the night, with Jones accounting for 145 before exiting the game in the third quarter. "Our line definitely overpowered them; they weren't as strong as I thought they'd be," said senior tackle Lee Kittle. Then again, there has not been a line that has effectively stood up to Ravena's front all year, and Jones has been nearly unstoppable since returning from his knee injury five games ago.

This is of no small comfort to head coach Gary VanDerzee in light of the situation his team was in last year at this very juncture. Going into the state semi-final, Jones and backfield mate Ryan Merritt were injured, and the Indians were eliminated by Brewster. The offense will come in on a roll this time around.

Carkner, who scampered 32 yards off the option for a touchdown on Ravena's first series of the second half, summed up his team's

striking capabilities. "We have weapons all over the field," he said. "The line blocks great, Gary's the best back in the area, our receivers are great, and I'm not too bad at quarterback."

"They lack for no confidence," VanDerzee said of his squad, which is also careful not to take its foes lightly. "We go all out on every play, and don't give up on anything," said Kittle. "We've played like that all year, and we'll play like that the rest of the year."

"This was a good game, and the next one will be better, because that's how it works," said Glastetter. "We've got to be playing better every game now." Stott, the defensive player of the game who had another interception in the fourth quarter which he returned 60 yards for a touchdown to make the lead 52-13, added, "we are doing as well as we can right now, but there is always room for improvement."

"This is as exciting as it gets," said VanDerzee about returning to the semi-finals for the third year in a row. In 1996 the Indians ad-

vanced to the final before losing to Springville. He credited his offense for capitalizing on the two early turnovers, and his defense for shutting down Peru's attack.

"Anytime somebody has to play catch-up with us they're in trouble," he said. "Our d-backs won't give you a breath back there, and I'll take our defensive front over anybody's."

"Defense is the backbone of our team, and defense wins championships; that's what we thrive on," said Tucker, one of those defensive backs the coach referred to. Aside from the kickoff return by St. Clair and a short field (22 yards) touchdown following a Ravena fumble, the Indians starting defense blanked Peru, who scored twice late against the reserves.

"They didn't change their count at all; they went on the first cadence on every play and I was beating the linemen off the ball," said Glastetter, who was in the Peru backfield all night and had an all-around excellent game. Still, he was not pleased about St. Clair's kickoff return (Ravena also allowed a touchdown return in the Sectional final to Fonda-Fultonville a week earlier).

"I'm upset about it. We can't have that because in a close game that will kill us," he said. Of course, there have not been any of those yet, which suits VanDerzee just fine. "I like big wins," he said. "We'll learn to play close when we have to." Only time will tell if that opportunity will present itself.

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.

Vehicles parked in violation of the ordinance may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Theater group sets meeting

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.

The agenda includes election of officers and approval of by-laws, followed by an audition workshop, skit and some scene reading.

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

Zoning board sets public hearings

Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals has set two public hearings for its meeting tonight, Nov. 18.

The board will hear an application by Jory and Hope Langner of 46 Tamarack Drive, Delmar, at 7:30 p.m.

It will be followed by a hearing on an application by Noel F. Murphy on behalf of Monro Muffler Brake, at 454 Route 9W, Glenmont, at 7:45 p.m.

Youth Network

Dear Bethlehem Community Activist:

You are cordially invited to attend a very important and exciting Bethlehem Community Partnership workshop on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Bethlehem Middle School. We will enjoy lunch and refreshments generously provided by a grant from STOP DWI.

Join with representatives from town government, the school district, police, social organizations, businesses and parent groups for a day of work and fun.

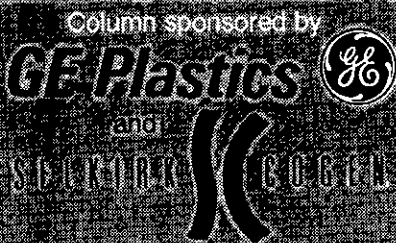
While Bethlehem Networks funding was not renewed by the state, the Community Partnership work endures. We believe it is more important than ever for you to be part of the Partnership and help improve the lives of young people. Bethlehem Community Partnership has been a model for several other local communities.

Many wonderful things have been accomplished by our partnership. These include: teen drinking video, Feestelijk, "High School Parent Guide," MiddleWorks sixth-grade picnic, TV Turnoff Week, alcohol liability fact sheet, RESPECT DAY at BCMS and open basketball at BCHS.

We will continue to use our successful format of examining concerns, generating possible solutions, forming task force action groups around those concerns and solutions, taking action, and having fun. There is still work to be done and we hope you will be there to make your contribution.

We don't ask for a lot of your time, but your participation is vital. Please R.S.V.P. by calling Networks at 439-7740 and leaving a message. We look forward to seeing you on Jan. 9.

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Catherine and Matthew Navin

Reilly, Navin marry

Catherine Marie Reilly, daughter of Herbert and Susan Reilly of Voorheesville, and Matthew James Navin, son of Michael and Mary Lou Navin of Chittenango, Madison County, were married Aug. 1.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Malecki, assisted by Deacon Timothy McAuliffe, at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

A reception followed at Crossgates Restaurant in Albany.

The maid of honor was Dianne Kissel. The matron of honor was Margaret Quay, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mary Beth Navin and Michele Navin, both sisters of the groom. The junior bridesmaids were Martha and

Amy Reilly, both nieces of the bride. Rebecca Quay was the flower girl.

The best man was Matthew Zahn. Ushers were Richard Reilly, brother of the bride, Michael Drew and Walter Kurzejeski. The ring bearer was Benjamin Quay.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, LeMoyne College and Hudson Valley Community College. She is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse.

The groom is a graduate of Chittenango High School and King's College. He is a New York state trooper.

After a wedding trip to Virginia, the couple resides in Manlius, Onondaga County.

Dean's List

Bryant & Stratton Business Institute — Richard Margiasso II and Jody Zabel, both of Delmar.

Student participates in outdoor program

Christian McTighe of Delmar participated in the annual Entering Student Outdoor Program that preceded the fall semester at Bates College in Maine.

The program involves first-year students in an outdoor excursion to get acquainted with classmates before orientation.

McTighe, a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, participated in a four-day rock-climbing trip to New Hampshire's Pawtuckaway State Park in the White Mountains.

BCHS graduate has leading role

Amanda Genovese, a 1997 BCBS graduate, recently played the lead role of Mina in Fredonia University's production of "Dracula."

Asophomore pursuing degree in musical theater at Fredonia, Genovese appeared in numerous dramatic roles while at BCBS.

Vermont college honors area student

Norwich University senior Raymond Houghton of Slingerlands received the school's Organizational Award for his graphics and animation for "Norwich Today," the school's student-produced TV program.

Houghton, a communications major, was also recently honored with the Cowdrey Award for excellence in creative writing.

Delmar sailor completes training

Navy Petty Officer First Class Suzanne Rice of Delmar has completed the eight-week course of basic training at the Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Rice is a 1993 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Cincinnati.



Sara and Maurice O'Connell

Stasko, O'Connell wed

Sara Elizabeth Stasko, daughter of George and Frances Stasko of Selkirk, and Maurice Joseph O'Connell, son of Jacqueline O'Connell of Glenmont and the late Maurice O'Connell, were married Aug. 14.

The Rev. Warren Winterhoff performed the ceremony at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar. A reception followed at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

The matron of honor was Judy Strauss. Bridesmaids were Beth Stasko, cousin of the bride, Kerry O'Connell and Jacqueline Kelleher, both sisters of the groom, and Jessica Marsh. The flower girl was Lauren Kelleher, the groom's niece.

The best man was Bryan Strauss. Ushers were Samuel

Stasko, brother of the bride, William Ziegler, cousin of the groom, Dennis McNaboe, cousin of the bride, and Daniel Kelleher, brother-in-law of the groom. The ring bearer was Jonathan March.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Russell Sage College and the University at Albany.

She is a Spanish teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, The College of Saint Rose and Sage Graduate School.

He works at Integon Insurance Co. in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Disney World and Sunset Beach, N.C., the couple lives in Delmar.

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Boy Scout Troop 75 will hold its 25th annual Sportsmart on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Attendees are asked to use the campus' Van Dyke Road entrance.

Bring your equipment for sale from 9 to 11:30 a.m. to the Van Dyke Road entrance. Pick up unsold items from 5 to 5:30 p.m.

The \$1 admission will benefit local food pantries.

Obituaries

Cornelius Dorsman

Cornelius "Neil" B. Dorsman, 80, of Mason Road in Elsmere died Friday, Nov. 13, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater. Mr. Dorsman worked for A Greenhouse in Colonie for 35 years. He was a member of the former Oaks Bowling League.

He was husband of the late Caroline Welter Dorsman.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Sorensen of Colonie; a son, Neil W. Dorsman of Grafton; a brother, Abraham B. Dorsman of Albany; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Interment was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

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

Helen Louise Mather

Helen Louise Mather, 88, of Teresian House in Albany and formerly of North Bethlehem died Thursday, Nov. 12, at the nursing home.

Born in Taftville, Conn., she was a longtime resident of New Jersey and had lived in Clifton Park.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Mather worked for Spirella Co.

She was a communicant of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

She was the widow of Bernard Mather.

Survivors include four grandchildren and eight great-grand-

children.

Services were from Teresian House.

Burial was in Beverly, N.J.

Contributions may be made to Teresian House.

James Butterworth

James E. Butterworth, 73, of Penticton, British Columbia, and formerly of Delmar died Monday, November 5, at his home.

He was a Canadian Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Merchant Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Mr. Butterworth was a fireman for the former New York Central Railroad. When he moved back to Canada, he worked for the Canadian Department of Fisheries and the Canadian Forces Military Training Regiment.

Survivors include two daughters, Lynn Williams of Westborough, Mass., and Gayle Griffiths of Slingerlands; a brother, Arnold Butterworth of British Columbia; a sister, Willa Chanin of British Columbia; and four grandsons.

Helen Young

Helen Young, 102, of Glenmont died Saturday, Nov. 7, at her daughter's home in Glenmont.

A former resident of Nassau, she was a Gold Star mother.

She was the widow of George F. Young.

Survivors include a daughter, Helen Phillips; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Thomas Mooney Funeral Home in Nassau.

Burial was in Nassau Cemetery.

Millie Oliver

Millie VanDyke Oliver, 95, of Pine Street in Delmar died Sunday, Nov. 15, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in New Scotland, she was a former resident of Albany and Speculator.

She was the widow of Clarence E. Oliver.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Benn of Florida; four sisters, Margaret Sager of Spring Valley, N.J., Marie Sager of Wolfeboro, N.H., Emma Martinese of Voorheesville and Katherine Loetterle of Westerlo; and two granddaughters.

Services will be today, Nov. 18, at 1:30 p.m. from the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Friends may call beginning at noon.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in New Salem.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205

Charles E. Coughlin

Charles E. Coughlin, 90, of Colonial Acres in Glenmont died Thursday, Nov. 12, at his home.

Born in Beacon, Dutchess County, he had worked for Empire and Grand Union supermarkets until he retired.

Mr. Coughlin was a district supervisor for Grand Union from 1953 to 1973.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, a former member of the Kiwanis Club and a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

He was the husband of the late Kathryn MacMaster Coughlin.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheila Gorman of Delmar and Ellen K. Coughlin of Washington, D.C.; two sons, Robert M. Coughlin of Queensbury and Thomas M. Coughlin of Sterling, Va.; a sister, Mary Farley of Fishkill, Dutchess County; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle and the Applebee Funeral Home in

Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

John J. Moore

John J. Moore, 70, of Delmar and formerly of Albany died Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Born in Queens, he worked for the New York City school system for 20 years. Mr. Moore also worked for the University at Albany for 10 years, retiring in 1991.

Survivors include a sister, Blanche Haines of Queens.

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

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be to Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, 141 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

Dorothy F. Cullen

Dorothy F. Cullen, 75, of Mercy Care Health Center and formerly of Delmar died Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the nursing home.

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

She was a member of Bethlehem Senior Citizens.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph H. Cullen; six sons, Michael J. Cullen of Troy, Douglas A. Cullen of Delmar, Gregory Bruce Cullen of Clifton Park, James Cullen of Washington State, and Peter D. Cullen and Thomas E. Cullen, both of Albany; and four grandchildren.

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

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

Edith F. Dayton

Edith F. Dayton, 92 of Saranac Lake and formerly of Delmar died Sunday, Nov. 8, at Adirondack Medical Center.

She was active in Bethlehem Senior Citizens when she lived in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Brown Funeral Home in Plattsburgh.

Interment was in the Cemetery of the Highlands in Highland Mills.

Thaddeus A. Pierz

Thaddeus A. Pierz, 87, of Voorheesville died Sunday, Nov. 8, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Longtime resident of Yonkers, he was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Pierz was a quality control manager for General Motors in Tarrytown, retiring after 35 years with the company.

He was the husband of the late Mary Paczek Pierz

Survivors include two sons, Frank T. Pierz of Fort Collins, Colo., and Richard Lovelace of East Charlton, Vt.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Yonkers.

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

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Delmar student wins citizenship award

Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, recently selected BCHS student Sarah Jane Sandison of Delmar as recipient of this year's DAR Good Citizen Award.

Students selected as DAR Good Citizen winners must demonstrate qualities of dependability, leadership, service and patriotism, and are chosen by the student bodies and teachers of their schools.

Entries from local chapters go on for further consideration at regional, state and national levels.

Sandison, along with recipients from the Academy of the Holy Names and Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, will be honored at the group's chapter meeting Saturday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Historical Association on Route 144 in Cedar Hill.

Chamber offers group health plan

The deadline for enrollment in group health and dental insurance plans offered through the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is Dec. 15 for coverage by Jan. 1.

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A telling tale

Tellabration to feature eclectic stories



Niskayuna resident Peggy Cimino (above) and Delmar's Joni Goldberg are among the dedicated raconteurs of The Story Circle of the Capital District who will participate in this weekend's Tellabration '98 at the GE R&D Center Auditorium.

By JOSEPH ANDREW PHILLIPS

Joni Goldberg is a part-time staffer for the Bethlehem Public Library, working with preschoolers doing the library's story hour program. But she balks at being called the institution's "official storyteller."

"It's not a very comfortable title for me," says Goldberg.

Oh, not that she minds the little ones; she's quite taken with them, in fact. But to her, the term is out of place in a setting where the stories often come read from a book—not told from memory, from within.

"Storytelling is what I like doing for adults," she says. "Storytelling is what I do when I do Tellabration."

Don't run for your thesaurus; you won't find the word "tellabration" there. But you will find it very much in evidence this weekend at the auditorium on the campus of the General Electric Research and Development Center, on River Road in Niskayuna.

That's where a group of the Capital Region's leading storytellers, Goldberg included, will gather for Tellabration '98, the local gathering of a nationwide event that hopes to regale audiences with a brace of tales that might not be quite what one might expect.

It isn't about kiddie stories or fairy-tales, although an ancient Sufi myth, an African-American folk tale and an Irish legend are included among this year's offerings. But they also include personal recollections, adaptations of literary tales, humor, even a thriller.

"We like to say, 'storytelling - it's not just for kids'," says Carol Connolly, a Niskayuna resident, co-producer of the local Tellabration event and one of the "tellers" on tap this weekend.

The local sponsors of Tellabration '98, an undertaking of the National Storytelling Association, are the members of The Story Circle of the Capital District. They're an informal gathering of practitioners of the art of oral tradition, actually a very ancient craft, but one that is undergoing something of a folk revival.

Storytelling has become a staple of events like folk music festivals, and in recent years, the National Storyteller's Festival, held each summer in Tennessee, has drawn increasing media interest.



Locally, the Old Songs fest in Altamont each July generally features a story-telling circle. They've also turned up at public fests like Bethlehem's Feestelijk in recent years. WAMC has turned over time once on month, on the third Wednesday of the month, to a live storytelling program originating from the station's Albany studios. And actor-author Spalding Gray has given the form its highest profile locally with his personal monologues on subjects as diverse as the writing process and the war in Indochina, often tried out for the first time in performances at the Egg in Albany.

But Tellabration emerges from humbler stock. Not professional yarn-spinners at all, the Story Circle is made up of dedicated amateurs mostly, about 100 strong. They meet monthly at the Scotia-Glenville branch of the Schenectady County Public Library, alternating between the last Tuesday and last Wednesday of each month to minimize members' scheduling problems. Some twenty to forty typically make the monthly get-together to listen to each other's tales in progress and offer comment, praise and perspective.

And about 11 years ago, when the national association launched Tellabration, the local group began to celebrate it too—but as a private peer gathering. They would sign up at the door, first come, first serve, to "tell" before the group.

"Three years ago, it was decided that maybe we would open it up to the public," says Peggy Cimino, another Circle member. "And it would need a whole lot more organization than just signing up at the door."

So they secured the hall of Schenectady's Unitarian Church, asked members to submit prospective stories on tape, and opened up, to what turned out to be a sold-out crowd.

Last year was a sellout too, in the first time the group got backing from, and use of facilities of, GE R&D.

"I would imagine people came the first year because they knew someone who was telling, but those same people have come back and brought friends," says Cimino.

What they hear when they get there is an eclectic mix. Goldberg will this year recount a tale derived from a book of short stories by Natalie Babbitt, "The Devil's Storybook," in which the aforementioned

demon "usually gets what he wants, but it turns out to be not what he expected," she says. In the case of her story, the devil falls in love with a goat and endows him with the power of speech, with unintended consequences. She likes the tale for its theatricality, she says; her entree to storytelling came by way of theater, and "I'm going to use a portable mike, because I can't stand still. I get pretty dramatic."

Contrast that with the more literary offering of Connolly, which is the handiwork of an English storyteller living in Scotland but set in Ireland—which Connolly has recast into 1940's New York.

Many of the tellers, naturally, are educators by profession. Connolly is a former teacher of first and second graders who found holding a storybook in hand was limiting, so began committing them to memory. She found storytelling an effective teaching tool for older students too, and so her interest in the craft was born.

Goldberg, who took up storytelling when her son was a first grader at Hamagrael School in Bethlehem ("he's 18 now, so you do the math about how long I've been at it," she quips), happened onto the adult version at folk music festivals and was hooked.

For all of the participants, the fascination in storytelling is in reaching adults in a visceral way. "You program differently for children than for an adult audience," says Connolly. "That's not to say adults don't appreciate stories for children, but their stories have many more layers, and they're apt to peel away more of them."

For which reason, the Tellabration pitches their show to 12-and-over audiences. There's no content, Cimino says, that would offend youngsters, but this is for their elders. Still, says Connolly, "the concept behind Tellabration, is to bring out to the public at large that storytelling is an art originally used for adult audiences."

"Some of the stories will warm their hearts," says Cimino. "But I've been to Tellabration where the tears will run down their eyes, either from laughter or from emotion. Some of these are quite moving. Most people come away feeling entertained or inspired, or both."

The proceeds of this event are inspirational, too. They've gone to help fund programs at local libraries throughout the region, Connolly says, that help spread the storytelling gospel through performance programs and workshops—programs from Colonie's William K. Sanford Library, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community library, and others as far north as Glens Falls and west to Schoharie County.

Tellabration is set for 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the GE R&D Center auditorium. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For information, call 370-3700. The auditorium's capacity is 325, so reservations are recommended.



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

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

"A WONDERFUL LIFE"

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.

"MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET"

new musical, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., \$25.50. Information, 346-6204.

"BLOOD BROTHERS"

musical drama, Schenectady Light Opera Co., 826 State St., Dec. 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., Dec. 6 and 13 at 2 p.m., \$16, \$8 children under 13. Information, 393-5732.

"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.

"RASHOMON"

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

"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.

"HONESTLY, NOW!"

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

"MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT"

by storyteller Spalding Gray, The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Dec. 4 and 5, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 473-1845.

MUSIC

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.

FALL CONCERT

of the University/Community Chorale and the University Chamber Singers, Performing Arts Center of University at Albany, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., \$5, \$2 students. Information, 442-3995.

ARLO GUTHRIE

folk singer, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., \$22. Information, 273-0038.

PHISH

Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m., \$23.50. Information, 476-1000.

BOK, TRICKETT & MUIR

folk trio, Old Songs concert, Masonic Temple, Route 146, Altamont, Nov. 27, 8 p.m., \$12, \$5 children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

JORGE CABALLEROS

Peruvian guitarist, chapel of Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, Dec. 5, 8 p.m., \$10, \$4 students and seniors. Information, 783-2527.

EMERSON STRING QUARTET

playing works by Beethoven, Sibelius and Zwilich, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, Dec. 6, 3 p.m., \$20, \$10 students. Information, 372-3651.

DANCE

THE NUTCRACKER

Northeast Ballet, with New York City Ballet principal Valentina Kozlova and Phillip Neal, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Dec. 6, 2 p.m., \$22.50. Information, 346-6204.

FAMILY FUN

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

Colonial Creations; visit galleries and create tiles based on traditional designs. Free with museum admission. Nov. 22, 2 to 4 p.m., 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

VISUAL ARTS

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Bears, through Jan. 3; Focus on Nature (science illustration), through Dec. 15; Stoneware and antique furniture (first time exhibited), begins Nov. 20, plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

Lunchtime gallery talk, Nov. 18, 12:10 to 1 p.m.: Multiple Images: Prints. 200 Years of Collecting, through May, Shining Objects from our Past, silver from the Institute Collection, through May.

Coming Home: A Van Alstyne Family Collection, through Jan. 9, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

The History of American Advertising, 1920-1969, through Jan. 10, Otto Neals — The Man and his Mediums, through Dec. 6, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 449-4756.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

paintings by Bobbie Bowden and Robert Moylan, through Jan. 1, 23 Monroe St. Information, 462-4775.

FULTON STREET GALLERY

paintings by Charlie Steinbrecher, sculpture by Dorothy Wilder, photo transfers by Susan Myers, sculpture and drawings by Jim Sande, paintings by Susan Stuart, 408 Fulton St., Troy, through Dec. 5. Information, 274-8464.

MARTIN BENJAMIN

photographs 1970-1998, Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial, Union College, through Dec. 20. Information, 388-6004.

FICTION/FACT: THE PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK OF DUANE MICHALS

The College of Saint Rose Art Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through Dec. 6. Information, 485-3902.

MILL COTTAGE

paintings and drawings by Stanley Maltzman, Main Street, Rensselaerville, through Nov. 29. Information, 797-5191.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

openings for percussion, tuba and bassoon players, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 356-4331.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

openings for trumpet players, rehearsals on first Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 384-1924.

AUDITION

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

AROUND the AREA

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 19

ALBANY COUNTY

CAUSES AND TREATMENT OF DRY EYE

Lions Eye Institute of Albany Medical Center, 35 Hackett Blvd., 6:30 p.m. Information, 262-2540.

POSITIVE PARENTING

PROGRAM

Albany Academy for girls, 140 Academy Road, 7 p.m. Information, 463-2201.

CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

SCOLIOSIS SUPPORT GROUP

for individuals and families, Conklin Conference Room,

Albany Memorial Hospital, Northern Boulevard, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0859.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

University Heights Health Care Center, 235 Northern Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

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.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. information, 465-9550.

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 20

ALBANY COUNTY

MOTHERS' DROP IN

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

SENIORS LUNCHEONS

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

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21

ALBANY COUNTY

RUMMAGE SALE

New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 482-8063.

Super CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Corn-meal mush
- 6 Smartly dressed
- 10 Engrossed
- 14 Knitting stitch
- 19 Cast
- 20 Luzon
- 21 "Ain't She Sweet?" songwriter
- 22 Mexican farewell
- 23 Stinging jellyfishes
- 25 Chain off the Georgia coast
- 27 Newts
- 28 Jazz dances
- 30 German river
- 31 O'Hara's "A — to Live"
- 32 Raided the ice box
- 33 Box or bush lead-in
- 34 Part or mart follower
- 36 Dumbo's "wings"
- 38 Bandleader Brown
- 39 Unadulterated
- 40 Narrow country roads
- 42 "...and often quite picturesque —" (Twin)
- 44 Large

scissors

- 47 Perceived by one's ears, eyes, etc.
- 49 Fishermen's baskets
- 53 Rice dish
- 54 Witticisms
- 55 Realtor's sign
- 57 Metal tag
- 58 Apple-growing chemical
- 59 California/Nevada border lake
- 60 Port and Canal
- 62 Graph or mat lead-in
- 63 Weight unit
- 64 Blunt-ended cigar
- 65 Shorebird
- 67 Pueblo Indian
- 68 Fork's prong
- 69 Flowerlike underwater creature
- 75 Painter or sculptor
- 78 Bikini top
- 81 Merit
- 82 Moslem Satan
- 83 Highest points
- 84 Dull and dreary
- 85 Commerce
- 87 River islands
- 88 Historic Virginia

DOWN

- 89 Desire strongly
- 90 Assert without proof
- 92 Plant of the mint family
- 94 Scheduled
- 95 Gay, light song
- 97 Dutch cheeses
- 98 FDR's fireside talk
- 99 "Cheers" setting
- 102 Portico
- 104 Wee, in Dundee
- 105 Coastal ship of the Indian Ocean
- 106 It's past due?
- 109 Assam silkworm
- 111 Hop klin
- 113 Make beloved
- 115 Isles off Ireland's coast
- 116 Skill in sailing
- 119 Marine monster?
- 121 Mink's cousin
- 122 French head
- 123 House wings
- 124 Gate device
- 125 Poke fun
- 126 TV reception problem
- 127 Der — (Adenauer)
- 128 Wild West film

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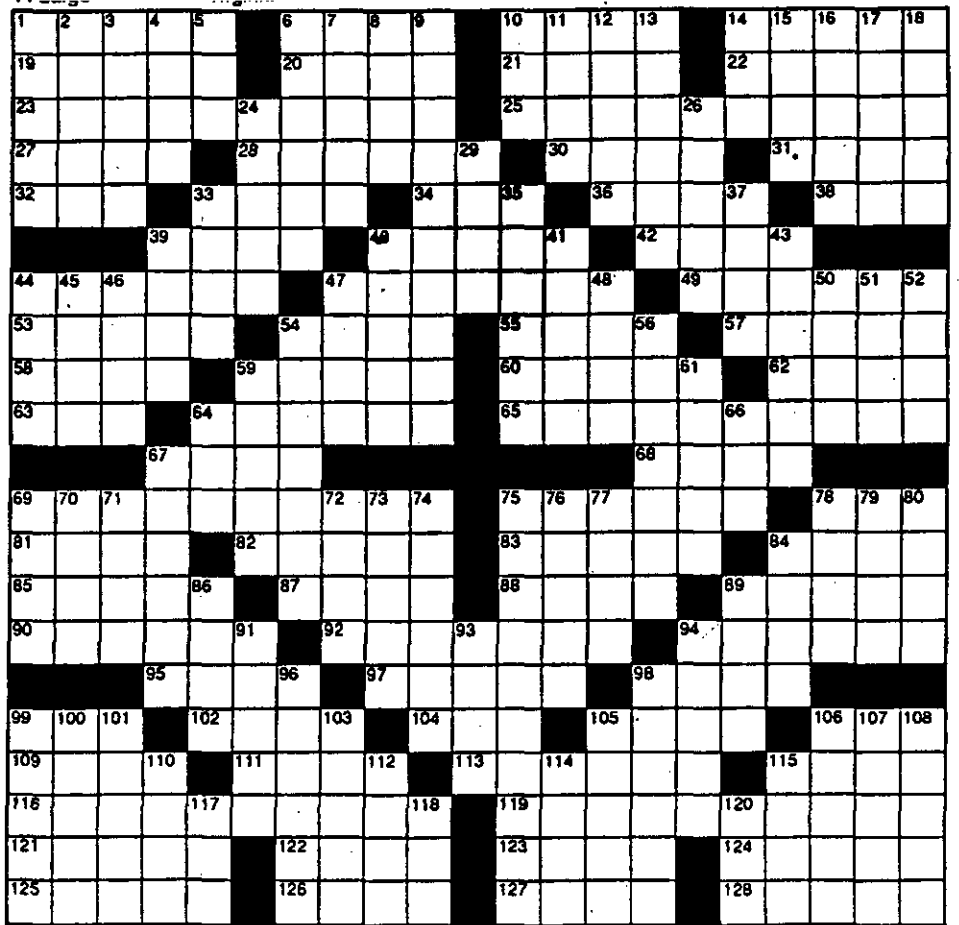
- 1 Confused
- 2 Larceny
- 3 Speak pompously
- 4 Zoom, for one
- 5 Meadow mom
- 6 Car or man lead-in
- 7 Spartan serif
- 8 Ledger entry
- 9 Body of water bordering on Iran
- 10 — Dashan (Ethiopian peak)
- 11 Author/critic
- 12 Positive thinker
- 13 Of a clan or family
- 14 White House nickname
- 15 Month after Shevat
- 16 Twofold
- 17 Resort hotel
- 18 Dangerous curves
- 24 Russian despots
- 26 Silken
- 29 — doute (certainly)
- 33 Boat or board lead-in
- 35 Legal documents
- 37 Actress Gilbert, of

"Roseanne"

- 39 Carson predecessor
- 40 Pretend
- 41 Reserve supply
- 43 Entertain at a feast
- 44 Lovers' quarrel
- 45 Hawaiian city
- 46 Verve
- 47 Section of London
- 48 Charles Lamb
- 50 Last Jewish month
- 51 Mother of Apollo
- 52 Pack away
- 54 Xylophone's cousin
- 56 Predetermined
- 59 Plith helmet
- 61 Steak or cheese
- 64 — amore (tenderly)
- 68 Social insect
- 67 English composer, born in Germany
- 69 — precedent
- 70 Actor James — Jones
- 71 Inland sea
- 72 Hodgepodge
- 73 Saltpeter: var.
- 74 Ancient chariots
- 75 Part of the

Indian Ocean

- 76 Reddish-brown horses
- 77 Spanish bull
- 78 Obnoxious child
- 79 Rage or roar
- 80 Retired
- 84 Mild oath
- 86 Shield
- 89 Hatchet or hammer
- 91 Singer John
- 93 It's before plan or point
- 94 Singer Dinah
- 96 Browns the surface
- 98 Gliding dance step
- 99 Make silly
- 100 Mountain crest
- 101 Larfat
- 103 Ghastly pale
- 105 Apportioned
- 106 River in England
- 107 Cowboy's bailiwick
- 108 Computer key
- 110 Singer Ed
- 112 Josip Broz
- 114 Farmer's milieu
- 115 South Seas port
- 117 — You Lonesome Tonight
- 118 Church bench
- 120 Letter after pl



The Spotlight CALENDAR

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 12**
BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON

for members, guests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

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 (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND
NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 13**
BETHLEHEM
DUPLICATE BRIDGE

all levels, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

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 MEETINGS

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
NOVEMBER 15**
BETHLEHEM
DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday School and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m. T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with children's program. Nursery care Available at all worship times, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child-care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR

Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 Elm Ave., Delmar, worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices, handicap accessible, coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

NEW SCOTLAND
FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER CHURCH

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., nursery and Sunday School available, Thursday night prayer and praise at 7 p.m. Information, 768-2021.

NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM (SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER)

In the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

worship service, 9:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 16**
BETHLEHEM
INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian support group for mother's of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-24377 or 439-6952.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1603.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND
QUARTET REHEARSAL

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 17**
BETHLEHEM
INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TAKE POUNDS OFF SENSIBLY

Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Information, 449-2210.

BINGO

at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

DELMAR ROTARY

Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988.

BETHLEHEM AARP

chapter meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND
VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 18**
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

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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 18, 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
(November 18, 1998)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ADIRONDAK 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: ADIRONDAK IP LLC.

SECOND: The County within

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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:

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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 payable 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 being available to satisfy the obligations of others;

(k) not assume 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

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true under the penalties of perjury.

S/ E.J. Vandergrift, Attorney in Fact
(November 18, 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 18, 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 18, 1998)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Paul Marius Beer, M.D., ("PLLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 5, 1998, effective upon the date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the PLLC c/o Paul Marius Beer, M.D., P.O. Box 74 Slingerlands, New York 12159. The purpose for which the PLLC is formed is to engage in the practice of medicine or any other business or activity for which a professional limited liability company may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. (November 18, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Garland, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 5, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (November 18, 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,

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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 18, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Bish Realty, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 2, 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 c/o Tri City Rentals, Executive Park North, Albany, New York 12203. (November 18, 1998)

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

The name of the LLC is Columbia Greenville, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 3, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (November 18, 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 18, 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 18, 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,

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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, manage, operate, finance, refinance and/or dispose of a parcel of real property at 5 Broadway, Troy, New York. (November 18, 1998)

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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 18, 1998)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar New York to take action on application of Jory and Hope Langner, 46 Tamarack Drive, Delmar, New York 12054 for Area Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a sunroom addition which would exceed allowable Percent of Lot Occupancy at premises 46 Tamarack Drive, Delmar, New York.

Michael C. Hodom
Chairman

Board of Appeals
(November 18, 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.

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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.

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:

Dreyer Boyajian, LLP
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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 18, 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:

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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 18, 1998)

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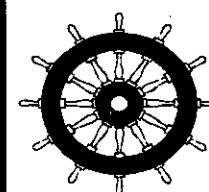
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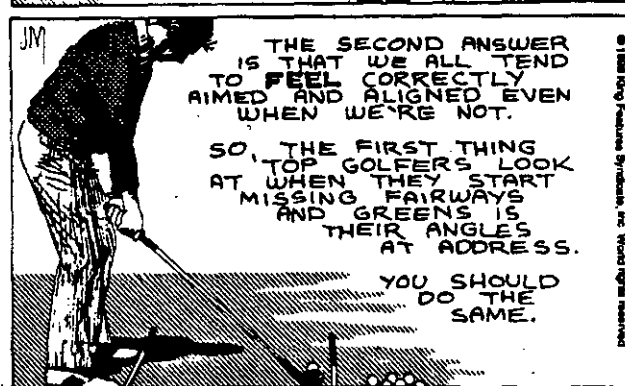
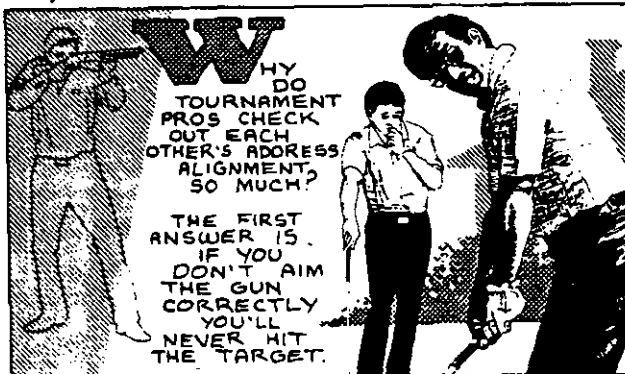
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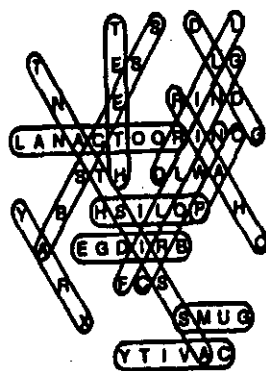
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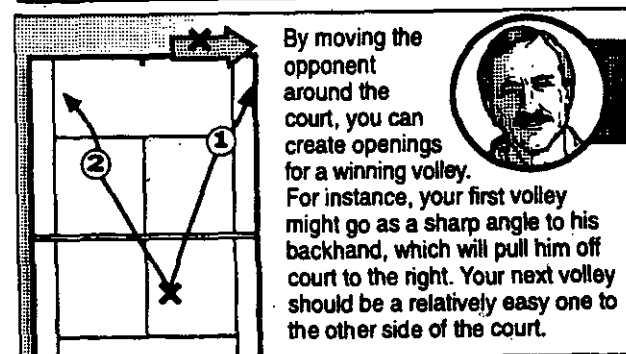
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Contract

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"Last year we had four to five incidences when the kids were left high and dry," said Marge Kanuk, president of the high school athletic association. Kanuk related an incident that took place last year when there was a mix up with the indoor track team's schedule. The 120 students on the team were left stranded at Hudson Valley Community College for three hours. "That's a little frightening. Hudson Valley is only 20 minutes away," Kanuk said. "The athletic association's basic stance is the safety and protection of our kids should be the first priority. In the event that there are not enough buses to take a kids to an event, they should hire a bus and the bus should stay with the kids and then take them home."

Loomis agrees. "This is a health and safety issue for us and we can't compromise," he said.

Loomis pointed out that it's important for buses to stay with teams because they are occasionally needed for shelter if an event is rained out, the team needs to leave early, or a student is injured.

The number of contract buses used by the district during the school year is very small and about \$3,200 a year is budgeted for them.

Gill said BCUEA doesn't want to see students stranded. "We also want a bus there all the time, but we don't think that is the only option," she said. "We are saying to look at ways to use our buses and let our drivers do the athletic runs."

Gill added that BCUEA has asked the district to provide information about the number of buses available for runs, so different solutions can be considered. BCUEA would like to study the criteria the district uses to hire subcontractors, to determine if the district

should purchase more buses or schedule them differently to make more drivers available.

"We want some protection in the wording of the contract that says a contractor will be called only when there are not any full-time bus drivers available. We don't want to open the door to the subcontractors. That has already happened with out custodians and grounds people," Gill said. "[The district] just wants an open door to use contractors when they want and we don't trust them."

BCUEA is also concerned that using contract drivers means a loss of income to the district's full-time drivers if they aren't able to pick up athletic runs. Gill said that full-time drivers are locked into a schedule and are not available for field trips and other runs that they would like to pick up to make extra money.

"We realize we have to look at

this as taxpayers and need to do what is feasible," Gill said. "But we don't want the district to have carte blanche to use subcontractors. Then we have no control."

Loomis said the district's primary concern is to protect student athletes. He also said the district was not using the contract to hire more subcontractors. "We have excellent drivers that are committed and professional," said Loomis. "It is frustrating to the BCUEA and to me to see these contract negotiations drag on. We need to settle the contract for all our support staff employees."

Mothers group plans game day

Mother's Time Out will host a game day on Monday Nov. 23, during its regular meeting, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

The Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers welcomes new members. Child-care is provided.

Beverwyck offers breakfast program

The Beverwyck retirement community at 40 Autumn Drive in Slingerlands will sponsor an informational breakfast program to help health-care professionals learn about assistive living for seniors on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 a.m.

The program will focus on options for seniors who are independent, but may require assistance with the activities of daily living.

Participants will also learn about The Terrace at Beverwyck, a new residence being constructed at the Beverwyck community, which will add 412 assistive-living units and community space to the 35-acre campus. It is scheduled to open in January.

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