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Burns and Alessi spar over converting well

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

With one member absent from its June 9 meeting, the Bethlehem town board again confronted the question of what to do about the town's underproducing water treatment plant on Clapper Road.

An acrimonious discussion led to three identical 3-1 votes that will pave the way for adding some additional well capacity to the volume produced at the plant.

The votes concerned a test well drilled last year under the supervision of O'Brien & Gere Engineering, the town's consulting engineers on the balky waterworks and ongoing litigation charging that the water system's designers overstated its capacity.

The board voted to pursue the necessary applications from state and county regulators to convert a test well drilled last summer to production use supplying the water plant. It also adopted



Burns



Alessi

a declaration that the move would have no significant environmental impact.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller was joined by board members Doris Davis and Robert Johnson to pass the measures; Susan Burns dissented, and George Lenhardt was absent.

Burns suggested the vote be postponed as the town awaits additional test results, related to the siltation of the Hudson near the aquifer that supplies the water system. Those results are not expected until early next month. That drew heated retorts from the town's public works commissioner, Bruce Secor, and particularly from attorney Robert Alessi, who is representing the town in the litigation against J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates, engineers in charge of designing the Clapper Road facility, and Rust Environmental Services, Fraser's geotechnical subcontractor on the project.

Burns said that Alessi's previous statements before the board had misled her about the well's purpose. "The well was for test purposes only," she said. "That's what I thought, that's what I was told." And she suggested the siltation studies were linked to the new well's output.

Alessi denied those assertions, quoting extensively from previous board meeting minutes various remarks indicating that the well could be converted to production use.

"Mrs. Burns, you need to read the minutes," Alessi said angrily. "You have impugned the accuracy of my statements. You've just done it to Mr. Secor. You are

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Police check report of phone scam

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A Bethlehem resident reported to Bell Atlantic and to Bethlehem police that he's been the victim of a phone scam that has so far rung up nearly \$1,500 in illicit phone calls to 900 numbers.

The June 8 police report by the Delmar man was prompted by his receipt of a whopping \$320 bill from Mirage Marketing, operator of phone-sex 900 services. The same individual had earlier received, and reported to Bell Atlantic's customer service representatives, similar bills in March and April for about \$1,150 dollars. The calls were billed to a cordless phone line installed for use by the man's teen-aged children.

Bell Atlantic representatives believe the illegal calls are the result of someone having tapped into the phone line or obtained the cell phone number, and that the culprit may be nearby. Monitoring tapes supplied to police by Mirage, which is cooperating in the larceny investigation, recorded a male calling the sex service line who identified himself only as "Mike from New York." His voice was not recognized by the victim or his teen-aged children. The police investigation continues.



Shweta Karikhehalli performs in a Flag Day ceremony at the Early Learning Center in Slingerlands on Monday.

Constance Lupe

GOP nominates newcomer for exec post

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

He is the stealth candidate for Albany county executive.

Word of his candidacy trickled out to daily newspapers on a slow-news Saturday; originally scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, it was delayed four days by what party officials characterized as scheduling difficulties — but were rumored to be last-minute jitters over their slate.

Facing an uphill battle against incumbent Democrat Michael Breslin, the county GOP last week nominated for county executive a relative political unknown, Robert Maurer of Delmar.

A formal press conference to introduce the candidate will be set for later this week. But even before Republican county Chairman Peter Kermani of Bethlehem confirmed his candidacy last weekend, other Republican candidates, even in Maurer's hometown, were crossing their fingers.

"I hope our county executive candidate can really articulate what our

party's about," said Thomas Marcelle, Bethlehem resident and GOP nominee for the county Legislature in the 33rd District, representing Slingerlands and New Scotland, "even if he hasn't much chance of winning."

Bethlehem Republican Supervisor Sheila Fuller expressed surprise over her party's county standard-bearer this November: "Maurer — is that the name?"

It is. Maurer is a first-timer to seeking elective office. "At least I've never lost an election," he said. But Kermani rated his non-politician status as an asset, not a liability: "Yes I do, with a smile on my face."

Maurer said it was his connection with Kermani that won him a spot on the ticket. "This has all just happened in the last 12 days," he said. "Peter Kermani and I have been 25-year friends. I served on the Albany Symphony board with Peter, who built the country's best regional symphony orchestra here. When he became Republican county chairman, I went to his installation to congratulate him — and I walked out talking about being a candidate."

"This is possible the most exciting thing that has ever happened to me," he said. "But after 35 years of public and private business activity in this region, it's time to pay back and get involved with what the future's going to be."

Maurer is joined on the countywide ticket by controller candidate Samuel Robideau of Latham, controller of Corporate Graphics Resource; and two candidates for county coroner, Jose Masilotti of Loudonville and George Harrington of Albany, both medical professionals running on a platform to do away with the elective county coroner and replace the office with a professional medical examiner.

All are first-time candidates. "None of us have ever been a ward leader. None of us have ever been an advocate of anything but good government, community service and professional planning in the public sector," said Maurer.

A New Jersey native and Long Island resident in his youth, Maurer is a former Fulbright scholar who attended SUNY's

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Bethlehem police arrest six on DWI charges

Six individuals in five days were arrested by Bethlehem police last week and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Officer Robert Hilligrass responded to a call on Friday, June 4, at about 3:45 p.m. from the McDonald's restaurant on Feura Bush Road in Glenmont, reporting a customer at the drive-thru window appeared intoxicated.

Hilligrass followed a vehicle exiting the parking lot that was being driven erratically, and stopped the vehicle after it turned

onto East Bayberry Road.

Following field sobriety tests, Hilligrass arrested Janet Lynn Sullivan-Hansen, 43, of 30 East Bayberry Road, Glenmont, and charged her with DWI. Officer Robert Markel assisted at the scene. Sullivan-Hansen was ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on June 15.

A second arrest, on Saturday, June 5, at about 5:15 a.m., occurred when an employee of the Corner Market at 1250 Route 9W reported to police a car driven onto two

concrete pillars in the store parking lot. Officer Charles Radliff reportedly observed the driver attempting to back off the concrete pylons, and ordered him from the car.

Colin Thomas O'Neil, 20, of 16 Fogewood Ave., Albany, was arrested for DWI after failing field sobriety tests. He was ordered to make a June 15 court appearance.

At about 10:20 p.m. on June 5, Officer Charles Radliff observed an eastbound vehicle on Maple Avenue in Selkirk improperly negotiate a turn in the road. He pulled the vehicle over near Sunset Drive.

According to police, the driver, identified as Charles Louis Berns, 47, of 1402 River Road, Selkirk, exited the vehicle and began to walk away, but was stopped by Radliff.

Following administration of field tests, he arrested Berns on charges of DWI and speeding. Berns was ordered to appear in Town Court on July 6.

At about 12:45 a.m. on Monday, June 7, Officer Christopher Hughes, observed a vehicle southbound on Route 9W travelling at excessive speed. He stopped the driver in the vicinity of Pictuay

Road in Selkirk.

ADMV license check revealed that the driver of the vehicle, William Henry Wilson, 32, of 43 Columbia St., Schenectady, was operating with a suspended license resulting from a previous conviction in Rotterdam for driving while ability impaired (DWAI). Sgt. Robert Berben assisted at the scene in administering field-sobriety tests, and Wilson was arrested for DWI and unauthorized operation of a vehicle. He was ordered to appear in Town Court on July 6.

At about 1:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, Officer Brian Hughes reported observing a vehicle southbound on Route 9W operating erratically at an unusually slow rate of speed.

He stopped the vehicle at Hague Boulevard, and after attempting unsuccessfully to administer sobriety tests, arrested the driver, William James Ivery Jr., 57, of 11 Division St., Catskill. He charged Ivery with DWI, as well as several traffic infractions, and ordered him to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on July 6.

At about 3:30 a.m. on June 9, Officer Christopher Pauley observed a westbound vehicle on Delaware Avenue operating at excessive speed.

Ian Richard Mozeko, 21, of 78 Morris Road, Schenectady, was charged with DWI and speeding. He was ordered to answer the charges in Town Court on July 6.

Joseph Phillips

Court cases adjudicated

Two individuals charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) by Bethlehem police pleaded guilty in Town Court on June 2 to lesser charges of driving while ability impaired (DWAI).

James Joseph Favicchio, 23, of 154 Mansion St., Coxsackie, entered the DWAI plea to charges stemming from his arrest on March 14. He was fined \$300 and assessed an additional \$30 surcharge, and had his license suspended for 90 days.

Also pleading guilty to a DWAI charge was Lawrence Charles Storm, Jr., 25, of Stove Pipe Road in Clarksville, who was arrested on May 13. He was also fined \$300 and the state \$30 surcharge and had his license suspended 90 days.

Bethlehem Town Court also mandated participation for both in a drinking-driver remediation program and a victim-impact panel.

Joseph A. Phillips

Delmar health club slates open house

Delmar Health and Fitness Center will hold an open house mixer on Thursday, June 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at its new location, 28 Hudson Ave., near Tool's Restaurant, in Delmar.

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Two Bethlehem residents serve key roles in county departments

By Katherine McCarthy

Two Bethlehem residents currently serve in key roles in Albany County.

Delmar resident Robin Siegal took the oath of office as Albany County's commissioner of mental health earlier this year, and Ross Prinzo of Glenmont is serving a

revenue sources are from state aid," Siegal said, "and we're heavily funded through Medicaid. The county contributes, and a small amount comes through client self-pay."

Siegal sees her work as both regulatory, and providing direct service. On the regulatory side,

toms of mental illness. Children, in particular, are a group Siegal is concerned about. One of the initiatives she's proudest of is the creation of a department of children's services within the county Department of Mental Health.

"We can provide family-friendly services, and avoid the placement of a child," Siegal said. Siegal felt her past experience as an evaluator in Family Court has helped her understand the needs of families and children. One thing that became clear to her as she talked to all the different providers involved was that it was a very confusing process.

"As mental health commissioner," Siegal said, "I want to make sure that doesn't happen. I want to see clients treated respectfully, with one consistent plan. This would reduce administrative costs and can only help the client and public services."

Siegal, a graduate of Guilderland High School, has lived in Bethlehem since 1976. She has two children, Carolyn and Jonathan.

Ross Prinzo, now in his second term as county commissioner of social services, started with the department as a caseworker in 1970.

Social Services, with 510 employees, receives \$162 million from the Albany County budget and another \$300 million from outside funds. Social Services is responsible for Medicaid, public assistance, day care, adult services, and child support and enforcement of child support.

"We started welfare reform before welfare reform was started ... in 1994-95," Prinzo said. "We've made a lot of differences. We're striving to make people independent and self-sufficient. On a person's first day of welfare, we're starting to talk about their last day of welfare," he said.

"What welfare reform forced," Prinzo said, "is that we're working more closely with the Department of Health, and the Department of Mental Health. We need to address people in a holistic way."

For this term, Prinzo's goal is to keep servicing clients better. "We're working to accomplish Mike Breslin's vision," Prinzo said. "We need to keep measuring and analyzing, and implementing programs so our clients are serviced better."

Like Siegal, Prinzo is especially concerned about children. "The Adoption and Safe Families Act that came from the fed says that children in foster care have to be freed for adoption after 15 months. That's an admirable goal to set," Prinzo said.

"It's the equivalent of welfare reform in the foster care arena. We're starting to sort through these issues in Family Court, with the termination of family rights, and figuring out where the adoptive families are," he said.

Prinzo, who has a master's in public administration, is a native of Albany's Arbor Hill/West End neighborhood. He and his wife Margaret live in Glenmont with their two sons, 13-year-old Reid and 7-year-old Ryan. Prinzo has been a basketball and Little League coach. "I like coaching my kids," he said. "I like being around my family."



County Mental Health Commissioner Robin Siegal is congratulated by County Executive Michael Breslin.



Breslin, Ryan Prinzo, county Social Services Commissioner Ross Prinzo, Margaret Prinzo and Reid Prinzo at swearing-in ceremonies.

second five-year term as county social services commissioner.

Siegal has been with the county Department of Mental Health since 1981, when she started out as a staff psychologist. She has a doctorate in counseling psychology from the University at Albany. Siegal is a member of the Legal Project of the Capital District Women's Bar Association, which provides free legal advice to mental health clients.

"I'm responsible for services provided through public funding to cover mental health, drug and alcohol treatment, and mental retardation and development," said Siegal. Her job involves supervising 103 employees.

Siegal also oversees revenue sources for the department. "Our

her job involves clinical gate-keeping, monitoring the progress of clients, providing quality assurance of treatment, and seeing that clients get the right level of treatment. Cost is something she keeps an eye on. "It's always our goal to provide quality care that is cost-effective," she said.

On the direct side, there's the department's large clinic, which serves some 550 mental health consumers. "We also run a children's crisis service," Siegal said. "This provides prompt assessment and treatment for children and adolescents with mental health crises."

The department's mobile crisis team responds to emergencies within 24 hours. The intensive care management team provides assistance, with transportation, food or money, to chronically mentally ill people. There's also a small drug and alcohol treatment clinic. A clinic at the Albany County Correctional Facility also provides assessment and treatment to inmates, especially those who are at high risk for suicide.

"It's a challenging time to be the commissioner," Siegal said. "We need to help link the changing ways of providing mental health care, which involve the government and managed care, so that the transition is seamless to chronically ill people."

Changes in society's social structure means that more people are presenting very serious symp-

Your OPINION

Question

Where will you go on your summer vacation? Photos by Debbie Eberle

We'll be going to Maine to relax and renew our inner selves. There are mountains to climb and kayaking to do.

Mike Fernandes
Delmar



Our family decided, because of the long winters, to take our "summer" vacation in the winter. We go to the Caribbean.

Melanie Henderson
Feura Bush



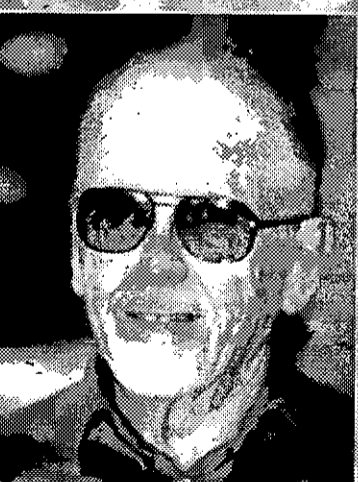
We're going to spend the summer on Cape Cod sailing, golfing and relaxing on the beach.

Jeanne Kelleher
Delmar



I will be spending my 83rd summer on China Lake in Maine.

Dave Phillips
Delmar



We'll be going to Tanglewood and SPAC to enjoy some concerts with our family.

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Father's Day summons up memories and hope

By Katherine McCarthy

This Father's Day, I will ignore the petty and mean part of me that whispers: really, every day is Father's Day.

Chris will sleep later than I will. I will make the coffee, empty the dishwasher, make the children's breakfasts, and bring in the papers. When he arises, I will let him read the *Times Union* and *The New York Times* without asking him to bring in the barking dog or pour Cormac more cranberry juice while I explain to the boys for the millionth time that M&Ms aren't a healthy breakfast.

This Sunday, I vow, I won't complain about the details of my life. Well, OK, you've got me: I've vented, and now I can let Chris have the day without a shrew of a wife making a special appearance. It's another one of those hard

COMMENTARY:

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"firsts" this year. It's the first Father's Day without my father. Since his death last fall, I have missed him many times, and thought often of the things he taught me, intentionally or inadvertently.

We used to spend hours playing tennis together; a sport I have abandoned in adulthood. But what a great way to keep a line on a teen-age daughter, spending all those hours together waiting for a public tennis court to open up. I remember my father's reac-

tion to an adult I liked, whom he found dull. "It never hurts to develop a little personality," he'd said objectively, and I've worked ever since to try to have one of my own.

Dad also loved meeting new people; finding out all about them, and letting them discover him. A stranger you meet briefly can never know all the flaws your family does, and new people always found my father full of the personality he found so important.

For those of us who waited for him to get back in the car so we could just go home, those endless conversations with the person from New Hampshire filling his gas tank were just tedious. To Dad, they were a source of joy and discovery in the world around him.

Same for new places — a love I share with him. When we were children, there were many impromptu Saturday trips throughout our native Vermont. They have become the stuff of family lore: the trip to Bromley's Alpine Slide when it first opened; the day we soaked in a little stream and Patrick got a leech in his diaper; the time we stayed in an attic room at a resort, and the bus full of senior citizens kept us awake too late, and woke us too early.

In death you tend to forgive people's faults, and remember mostly the positive. What I treasure most is that my father was the one man who adored me totally and completely, and in whose eyes I could do little wrong. He felt the same about my children, his grandchildren. I'm glad that he and they had time to get to

know each other.

I wonder what memories and traits my children will carry with them of their own father. Certainly, a love of Sunday morning newspapers! They are already like Chris in so many ways. Christopher has his father's attention span — the one that lets him sit through the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour and follow that up with two hours of talking heads on C-Span.

The two Chrises sometimes begin discussions of international events, and I will find them still at it much later, Christopher drinking in the historical perspective his father is offering on current world politics.

When Christopher was an infant, and it was his father's morning to be up with him, he would feed, burp and change him, then sit him in his infant seat on the dining room table and read *The New York Times* aloud in the alternately hushed, then excited, tones, of an announcer with the British Broadcasting Corporation.

No such stillness for Cormac, who preferred Daddy's songs: rollicking sea chanteys, Irish rebel tunes, the occasional ballad as daddy paced the floor with his 6-month-old son who had too strong an interest in life to sleep through the night.

Cormac shares his father's facility with words and puns. Chris once referred to Cormac's favorite literary characters, the Boxcar Children, as urchins, and Cormac misheard him. "Merchants?" he asked incredulously. "Urchins," Chris repeated, making Cormac burst into laughter. "Then, in a store, I guess they can't touch the urchandise!" he roared, delighted with his own joke.

I hope the boys are learning from the example Chris sets by

working so hard at his job, and the devotion he maintains to both the family he grew up in and the one he is currently raising.

Already, the boys treasure most the things that made me fall in love with Chris: his intelligence and his humor. "Never mind, I'll ask Dad," Christopher said once when he'd posed a particularly complex question to me. "He knows everything."

Or Cormac, trying to be flattering at one of my attempts at a joke. "Pretty good, Mom. That was almost as funny as something Dad might have said."

Most important, though, they will know the thing I knew about my own father: their father adores them unconditionally. Seeing how much Chris loves our children melts my heart.

Maybe for Father's Day, I'll go buy the *Boston Globe*, too, and that soccer magazine he's started reading. Any man who works so hard, and loves his children so much, deserves one day just to do whatever he wants.

Church to serve strawberry supper

Onesquethaw Reformed Church will dish up a strawberry supper on Saturday, June 19, with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The menu will include baked ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes with milk gravy, vegetables, cottage cheese/pineapple salad, rolls, beverages and strawberry shortcake.

The church is on Tarrytown Road at Groesbeck Road in Feura Bush. Reservations are required.

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Independence party makes endorsements

By Joseph A. Phillips

"The Republicans," said Gary Olsen, Democratic nominee for the Albany County Legislature seat held by incumbent David Young in Bethlehem's 34th District, "have run this town longer than the Ming dynasty. Maybe it's time for some majority representation."

Charles Dawson, the Democratic challenger to multi-term incumbent James Ross in the neighboring 35th District, echoes Olsen's storm-the-barricades stance. "It's time for a change," he said. "My opponent, as you know, has been there for a long time. I think the town needs some new representation, someone who's fresh and has some new energy, who really wants to do the job. I'm not saying I'm in favor of term limits, but we need a change."

That insurgent sentiment — if not exactly its partisan flavor — was endorsed last week by the Albany County Independence Party, which laid out its countywide slate for the Legislature at a press conference on June 9.

In three key districts in Bethlehem and New Scotland, Independence set forth on a decidedly maverick path, endorsing Olsen in the 34th and Dawson in the 35th, and Republican Thomas Marcelle in the 33rd District.

Both incumbents Young and Ross had sought Independence backing — and have won it in previous elections. But not this time.

"I interviewed all four candidates, and what the two candidates of the Democratic party talked about was bringing better things to Bethlehem," said David Pillitere, Independence chairman for the town of Bethlehem.

"It seems that Mr. Young and

Mr. Ross have had their opportunity to get the job done for Bethlehem. If they had shown me something they had accomplished, we might have (endorsed them). But the only thing they said when I asked, and I can't remember which one said it, was, 'there is no pork in the county Legislature.' That isn't what I meant. I was talking about giving a representative identity to Bethlehem."

Pillitere expressed hope that electing a pair of Democrats to join the legislative majority from Bethlehem might provide such a presence.

The county Independence party also endorsed incumbent Democrat Michael Breslin for county executive at the top of its countywide ticket, and Pillitere hoped Dawson and Olsen would help ensure "a better working relationship with the county executive. Both of them promised to work hard for that. If they don't follow through, the endorsement doesn't go to them next time."

Further evidence of that show-me frame of mind came in the 33rd District, a seat being vacated

by Republican Dom De Cecco that stretches from Voorheesville to Slingerlands. The Independence nod went to underdog Republican Marcelle, who will face popular Democrat Herb Reilly for the seat.

"It's a humbling thing," said Marcelle of the surprise endorsement. "And it's a daunting thing for somebody who was their standardbearer in New Scotland to be passed over by them. But this is the endorsement I really wanted and worked hard for. It certainly signals that this is going to be an important and interesting race."

His surprise stemmed from Reilly's previous close association with Independence. When his town Democratic party turned against him in a bid for re-election four years ago as New Scotland supervisor, Reilly's run on the Independence ticket kept him in office.

In announcing the endorsement of Marcelle, Independence Chairman Larry Rosenbaum declared the seat the most crucial test for the third-party ticket in the county.

Marcelle expressed surprise that the party had denied its endorsement to Young in the 34th. "David has promoted a lot of their issues too," he said.

But he saw the party's move as an effort to force both major parties to broaden their perspective.

"The Independence Party, to the extent that its endorsement is important, forces Democrats to adopt Republican ideas and Republicans to adopt Democratic ideas if they want that endorsement," he said. "I think it indicates a more sophisticated elec-

torate than we give them credit for."

Pillitere concurred in that view. "The obligation of the Independence Party is to get the other parties together to discuss issues without partisanship," he said.

The party also endorsed the candidacy of Republican Legislator Robin Reed, who represents Selkirk and part of Coeymans in the 36th District.

She is currently running without Democratic opposition in her bid for re-election.

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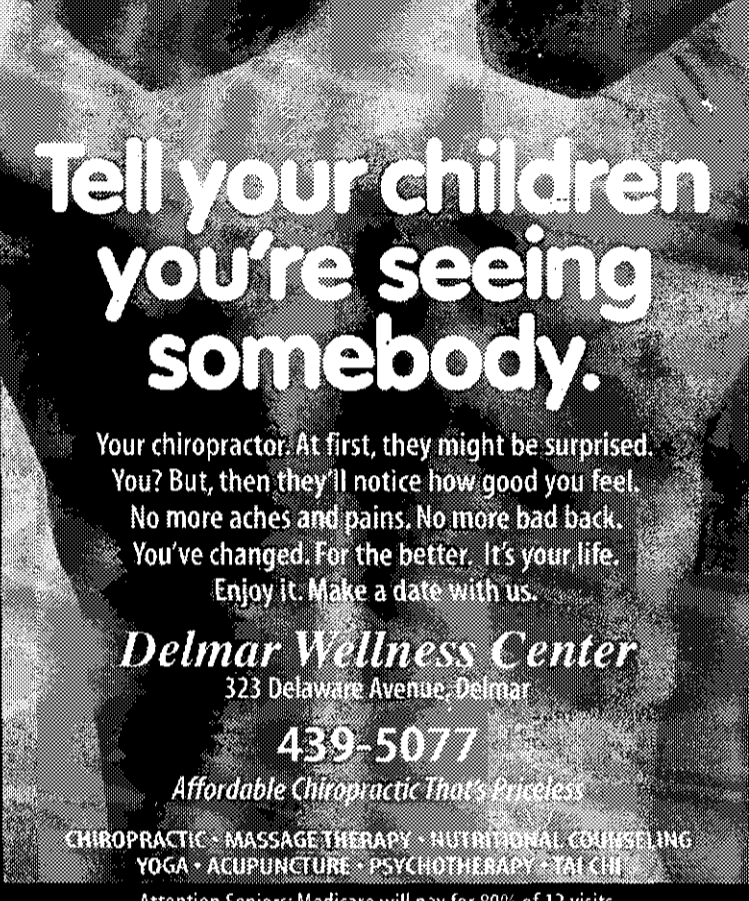
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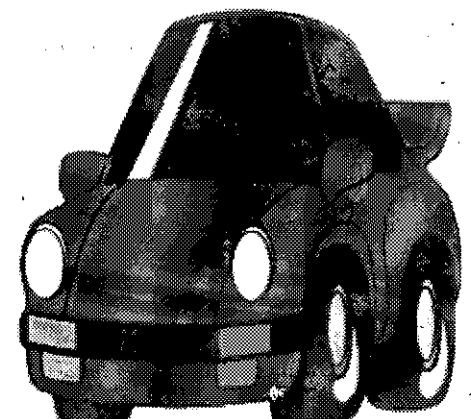
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Matters of Opinion

Give dad his due

Fathers today face a daunting task. With fewer and fewer stay-at-home moms or dads, raising children is truly a two-parent operation. What this means is that young dads, are expected to shoulder their fair share of the load — from day 1. It means sharing the responsibility of the 2 a.m. feedings, the diaper changing and trying to calm a colicky or cranky infant.

Later on dad must also share in the schleping to day care, babysitters and preschool. And then come the games — you name it, they play it — the dancing classes, music lessons, religious instruction and every conceivable activity designed for children. With these activities more the norm than the exception, there's no time for dads and moms to smell the roses.

But despite the modern frenetic schedule, we think today's dads are better off being more involved in the day-to-day activities of their children. The perks, if you will, are the intangibles — the pride in being an integral part of children's lives, and the love that naturally comes from caregiving.

All of this is not to take anything from fathers of yesterday, who somehow managed to find time for their children, in spite of the fact that they were the primary breadwinners, often toiling well beyond the 40-hour work week.

We'd like to think kids of all ages will do something special for dad on Father's Day.

We wish all fathers well on their special day coming up on Sunday.

Be a pal to Buddies

The Book Buddies program is set to begin its third year of operation and it's branching out to more areas of Bethlehem to reach even more children over the summer.

Book Buddies is designed as a confidence building program to help kids at all levels to improve reading skills.

This year, more program sponsors have signed on, but Book Buddies founder David Young, who funded the program out of pocket in its first year, is hoping that even more will come on board.

We certainly hope more sponsors will support this program that could make a big difference in a child's academic career.

Kids who fall behind in reading skills at an early level suffer the consequences, and often find the school environment difficult, since it becomes a place associated with failure. What Book Buddies does can turn that scenario around by making books "kid friendly."

Volunteers work one-on-one with kids in the program, which gives participants a leg up on the next school year.

Once again, we urge potential sponsors to get behind this most worthwhile endeavor.

Father's Day evokes fond memories

By John A. McIntyre Jr.

The author is general manager of Spotlight Newspapers.

Father's Day. When reflecting on the concept of this hallowed day, I recall fantasies of gifts, relaxation and a day of pure laziness.

I remember as a child giving my dad homemade gifts or taking time out to honor the man who was there for me when I needed fatherly things and more.

My dad was ahead of his time for a father in the mid-1960s. He was very involved with my younger brother Andrew and I, and wasn't afraid to try new things. One was Lamaze classes, so he was in the delivery room for my brother's birth.

He was not written in the traditional fatherly script of the time. The role of the expectant father of the 1950s and 1960s was to wear a groove in the floor of a sterile, plain-color wallpapered waiting room with all the other soon-to-be fathers, waiting to see a clean, clothed package of joy that could be returned to the nurse or mother once it began to cry or smell funny.

My dad's role was that of the breadwinner and provider while Mom stayed home with Andy and me, but he took extra time out from work to be with us at every special event and planned trips to places around the country thick with history and family togetherness.

Those trips would mean so much more to me 20 years later than they did at the time. It seemed we were always stuffed in the family station wagon schleping from state to state visiting places that had no reference, except the occasional cool wartime attraction.

Fast forward to May 22, 1995, 10 p.m. at Saratoga Hospital. The waiting room was a brightly lit, multi-colored room with plush, comfortable chairs, cable television, its own bathroom and access to every man's fantasy: vending machines.

It looked great as we blasted right by it, through double swinging doors into the maternity area. I looked back with envy, but my head was snapped back into reality, focused on my duty as husband and soon-to-be father.



John McIntyre with J.W.

The rest of the night was a blur from the intense excitement, joy, fear and exhaustion. Three hours after we had entered the hospital, I was finally a dad.

I soon learned the truth, rather than myth, of fatherhood:

1. Children are not born clean and bundled.
2. Women who birth children say things during that time that would curl the bright, multi-colored wallpaper off waiting room walls.

3. At the moment of birth of your first child, the most incredible crescendo of emotion overtakes your soul with a force of a San Francisco quake. It is not a relaxing experience.

4. You can't pace back and forth, you are way too tired.

5. If it is crying, you comfort it. If it smells funny, you change it.

My first Father's Day was quite different from what I had expected. Our son J.W. was 3-weeks-old. The day began with a 12:30 a.m. feeding of previously-pumped breast milk. The child let me know he was finished with a belch that would make a bartender proud followed by an extra surprise that drooled down my shirt and into my shorts. Welcome to the hallowed Father's Day hall of fame.

J.W. offered many "homemade gifts" during Father's Day that would only make the diaper pail, not the mantle. The only rest I got was when I passed out on the

couch about 1 p.m. only to realize two hours later I had a dirty burp cloth on my shoulder.

So now I was the one who smelled funny, with sticky white goo stuck to my ear.

We '90s dads have had to adjust to changing roles. With moms working more, child-rearing is a shared responsibility.

We must do all the things that moms do even if it means less sleep, fewer trips and a change in lifestyle. It is only fair that dads share in the duties as moms share in the breadwinning.

The experiences that we now share help us understand the true meaning of family life.

The fathers of my father's generation missed many of life's treasures because they were busy pouring over P and L statements or taking monthly business trips.

Performing simple maintenance duties helps a parent form a strong bond with a child. It breaks life down to its simplest terms and is the purest sign of unconditional love.

The parent also receives a bonus: a plethora of embarrassing stories to use as ammunition when they reach those fun-filled teenage years.

As I begin to plan future family trips to Plymouth Rock or Jamestown, I will always remember that these things, that seem so simple now, will become the cornerstone of our family's foundation.

Converting test well will cost town plenty

Editor, The Spotlight:

Because of a previous commitment, I could not attend the June 9 Bethlehem town board meeting. However, I was very disturbed when I learned that Sue Burns and attorney Bob Alessi got into a heated discussion as to whether or not a well under consideration was a test well or a production well.

It appears that Mr. Alessi always considered this to be a production well and should have made it clear from the beginning.

I fully supported the test well to give Fraser and Rust an opportunity to rectify their mistakes. *The Spotlight* also supported the test well. However, the results of the test well clearly show that a series of vertical wells can not make up

the 5 million gallons of water per day that is lacking, even if the test well is converted to a production well.

At that point, the system will be completely useless because it will cost more to pump and treat the water than the revenue derived from the sale of the water.

The data shows that there is insufficient drawdown available to place a high discharge head, deep well, turbine pump in the test well to make it into a production well. Further, there was no attempt to determine if pumping the test well or new production wells will cause a decrease in yield of the horizontal well.

William Kelleher
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Your Opinion Matters

Ross on target in terms of town bus route study

Editor, The Spotlight:

Mr. James Ross's letter in the June 2 issue about new bus lines in the town of Bethlehem was very much to the point because there certainly are portions of the town that lack adequate service.

As residents of North Bethlehem, my family is very familiar with the problems of getting everyone to school, work, meetings and for shopping and many other errands.

Not every family owns a car for everyone in the family. Not every person is old enough or otherwise able to drive. Conflicts are inevitable when more than one or two individuals must travel at the

same time. And being in the city or elsewhere, without "wheels" with no bus available to take you homeward bound, is hard on anyone. Perhaps the most urgent need of all is for assurance of a way to get to the work place on schedule.

Newer developments along and off Russell, Blessing and Krumkill roads have many homes whose residents lack the vital asset of public transportation. I am certain for the necessary studies to determine the actual situation, so that CDTA can proceed to act on the deficiencies.

Patricia E. Franze
Slingerlands

Iris society is grateful for support

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Capital Hudson Iris Society would like to thank Dennis and Tom Corrigan for graciously allowing us to occupy prime space in front of Main Square Shoppes on Saturday, June 5, for the society's annual perennial plant sale. Their willingness to help and the cooperativeness of Scott Gordon of Java Jazz/Seattle Sub and Pita, who made sure there was extra breakfast and lunch food for our customers, made this our most successful sale ever. Main Square was a new site for our perennial sale this year, and the success of the event proved again that location, location, location really counts.

The overwhelming response from the Bethlehem community enabled us to raise funds to bring speakers to our monthly meetings at Bethlehem Public Library. Our meetings will begin again on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will feature siberian iris and peony breeder Dana Borghlum, who will speak about the many types of peonies that are hardy in our region, and new breeds he has developed.

Coffee and cake will be served so that people will have an opportunity to meet and exchange gardening ideas with the many gardeners from Bethlehem and around the Capital District who attend society meetings.

At the perennial sale, many

people expressed disappointment that there weren't bearded irises for sale. That is because tall bearded iris shouldn't be dug and divided until after they have bloomed and gone dormant. July is when we dig iris rhizomes in this area, for planting in August and September. The annual society iris rhizome sale will be held this year on Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Colonie Elks Club, Elks Lane in Latham, off Watervliet-Shaker Road, Route 155.

Like the perennial sale, because prices are so low, we will probably sell out quickly. We suggest that you arrive on time to get the best selection. There will be tall bearded and other irises purchased from prime growers

around the country, as well as a selection of perennials from our members' gardens for sale.

Obviously, the Capital Hudson Iris Society made the right choice when we decided to hold our meetings in Bethlehem. The library opens its doors to us and makes the community room available for meetings, business people such as those at Main Square are welcoming and encourage our presence, and most of all because there are so many gardeners in Bethlehem who want to learn more about growing irises and other perennials.

Euthemia Matsoukas and
Virginia Dorwaldt

Perennial sale co-chairwomen

Bus routes need to be studied

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a homeowner in the of the faster growing areas of Bethlehem, I want to endorse James Ross's June 2 letter in *The Spotlight*. He is certainly right that updating the bus routes should have the prompt attention of authorities such as the CDTA.

Public service, or better still, serving the public, is the responsibility of those who provide and oversee transportation facilities. Demographics are constantly

changing and the transit business must be alert to adapt to new population centers, as Mr. Ross suggests.

The "big picture" of new airports and rail stations is welcomed, however, the lack of an adequate bus route covering our neighborhood needs to be addressed.

Thomas J. Denham
Glenmont

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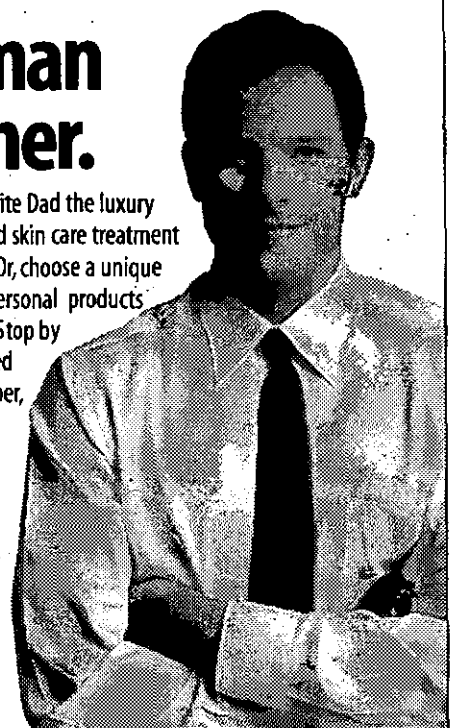
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Matters of Opinion

French students seek U.S. homes

Editor, The Spotlight:

I need a miracle. I need help finding area families who are willing to provide homes for French teens for three weeks this summer. Families are needed for August to host students age 16 to 20.

Overall, there are approximately 75 students excitedly waiting to come to the upstate New York area. Twenty five of them have specifically requested Albany. They are thrilled about the opportunity to befriend an American family — they have heard so much about upstate New York's

beautiful region and its friendly, caring people.

For some reason though, I am having trouble finding those friendly, caring Americans in Albany's community. Why? Aren't we willing to share some of ourselves with young people, who like all of us, have hopes and dreams. We really need your help. Please open your homes and your heart to children from France who want so eagerly to learn about our culture and to share with your family a taste of their own French culture in return.

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Monique Ting
LEC coordinator

Town needs more routes

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to endorse the recent proposal by Mr. James Ross for CDTA to consider extending bus routes in developing areas of Bethlehem. Just one very real example: when my children, who are old enough to ride the bus by themselves, want to visit their grandmother across town, they must wait until my husband or I are available to drive them.

A bus route into our neighborhood (Elm Avenue South—Feura Bush Road) almost certainly would make it possible for them to be dropped off near her home.

Undoubtedly, there are many other good reasons to bring the routes up to 21st century circumstances that would serve the public's needs effectively.

Patricia Ricchiuti
Selkirk

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Spotlight General Manager John McIntyre shows Tiger Cub Scouts Chris Wilsey, left, Bobby Betor and Paul Buehler from Pack 258 some of the rudiments of the newspaper business.
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by Nick Valenze, P.T.

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Casual runners may want to give some thought to running barefoot every so often to strengthen their feet. This benefit may be derived from running a few hundred yards, once a week, on grass or other soft surfaces that have been checked for hazards and irregularities. While the support that runners derive from running shoes is good for running on hard surfaces such as asphalt, many running shoes provide so much support that the foot muscles may weaken over time. Barefoot training helps keep the foot muscles toned and thereby appears to protect particularly well against plantar fasciitis and Achilles tendinitis. These conditions, which are characterized by heel pain, are often related to tight calf and foot muscles.

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Legion to dish up Father's Day breakfast

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu will include eggs, sausage, corned beef hash, bacon, French toast, home fries, toast and beverages.

Summer swim registration set for tonight

Helderberg Aquatics summer swim program will hold registration tonight, June 16, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the high school.

The Red Cross-approved swim program will offer three sessions: June 28 to July 8, July 12 to 22 and July 26 to Aug. 5.

Courses include an infant and preschool aquatics program, instructional levels 1 to 5, and an adult evening program. Session times vary depending on course level.

Registration forms can be picked up at the high school main office. For information, call 765-7987.

Kiwanis schedule fall soccer registration

New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold soccer registration on Thursday, June 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 at the elementary school.

The program is for boys and girls entering second through sixth grade in September.

Participants must live in the town of New Scotland or the Voorheesville Central School District.

Games will begin Sept. 9 and run through Oct. 22. Junior league games for second- and third-graders will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Senior league games for fourth-through six-graders will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All games begin at 5:45 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25, with a maximum \$45 for multiple family members.

For information, call Susan Casolo at 765-4402.

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Voorheesville

Jane Norris
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Village to sponsor summer soccer program

The village of Voorheesville will hold a youth summer soccer program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 29 through Aug. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school soccer fields.

The program is for students entering the first through sixth grade in September.

There is a \$5 registration fee for nonresidents.

Registration forms are due on June 18 and can be picked up at the elementary school main office.

Youth basketball program set at village park

The village of Voorheesville will sponsor a summer basketball program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6 through Aug. 6 at the village park.

The program is open to students entering third through eighth grade in September.

Youth in third through fifth grade will play from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students in sixth through eighth grade will play from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

There is a \$5 registration fee for nonresidents.

Registration forms are due on June 18 and can be picked up at the elementary school main office.

For information, call Don Catellier at 765-3324

Village board to meet

The village board will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 22, at 8 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Kindergarten graduation slated Friday

Voorheesville's kindergarten

class of 1999 will graduate on Friday, June 18, at the elementary school.

The morning class is scheduled to graduate at 10 a.m. and the afternoon class at 1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten students will attend school June 21 through 24.

Cooperative Extension offers twilight tour

Cornell Cooperative Extension on Martin Road is offering a Twilight Garden tour on Tuesday, June 22, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the gardens of Delmar and Glenmont.

The tour features showcase gardens, Japanese-theme landscape, a sculpture's garden, native plants, a backyard fish pond and more.

Maps are available for \$2. For information call 765-3595

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Taste Treat hosts music

Tom's Taste Treat on Route 85 in Slingerlands continues a weekly series of live acoustical music performances, every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. through Sept. 5.

This weekend's featured performers are Mike and Rick, of the band Hair of the Dog, on Friday, June 18, and Mikki Bakken on Saturday, June 19.

Five Rivers sets Spacious Skies Fest

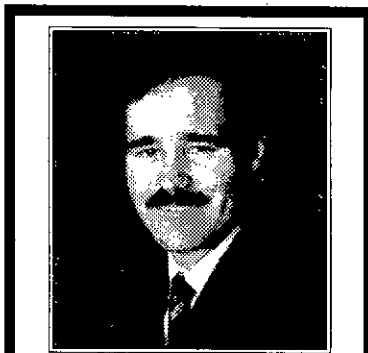
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar will host a Spacious Skies Festival on Saturday, June 19.

The dawn-to-dark festival will feature activities devoted to the appreciation and understanding of the atmosphere.

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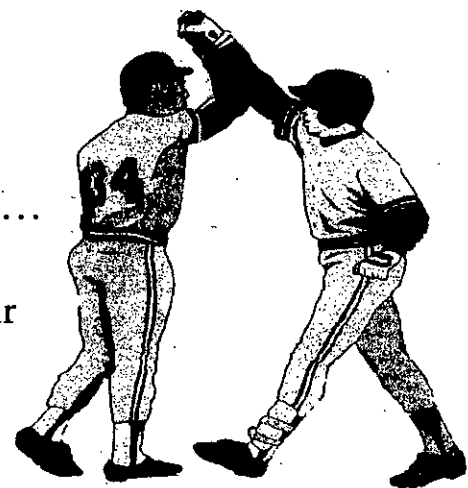
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New station manager open to ideas

Seven years ago on a train to New York, Janice Irwin first entertained the possibility of working in public access television. Last month, after 19 years in the video and film industry, she accepted the job of studio manager for TV-31, Bethlehem's public access station housed at the library.

Locally, she was assistant director for the thrillers *Black Easter* (1994) and *4.0* (1996) and producer for the latter. She also has ties with TV-31, having worked with former station managers Gregg Clapham and Chris Graf on several projects, including the documentaries *Peace Pagoda* and *Meeting Hector*, cablecast in 1997. Irwin sees her public access work as a happy marriage between creativity and community service.

"Public access is a powerful medium," she said. When people can affect what's on TV, it's a good thing. The challenge for a station manager is to accurately depict both the commonality and diversity of a community."

Urban public access programs naturally reflect a broader range of issues because of a more eclectic populus. Smaller communities tend to produce more homogeneous fare. What Irwin's noticed about TV-31's productions is that they highlight this community's

variety of interests and positive values. She intends to maintain the station's "great base of shows," and expand production into new subject areas.

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"More and more public TV these days is limited to PSAs and community calendars," Irwin said. "Some stations offer no production help. TV-31 is true public access. Anyone can knock on the door and give me a show."

TV-31 program listings are on our Web site at www.uhls.org/bethlehem.

Louise Grieco

Fire company to serve breakfast

Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company will serve a home-style breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon on Sunday, June 27, at the Clarksville firehouse on Route 301.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Kids under 5 eat for free.

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Master puppeteer Bernd Ogrodnik will bring his special magic to Voorheesville Public Library to kick off the Summer Reading Club on Wednesday, July 7, at 2 p.m. Registration for the club is now ongoing.

Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

Irwin has swum with some big fish. Currently, she is art department coordinator for Peter Berg's pilot film *Bellevue*. Last year, she was an editing room assistant for Joel Schumacher's *Flawless*. A sampling from her long list of credits includes post-production assistant for *Snake Eyes*, art department coordinator for *As Good As It Gets*, and production assistant for *The Age of Innocence*, *Billy Bathgate* and *Ironweed*.

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brown or black and will be decayed to the gumline. Any sugar containing foods the child eats will further promote this decay. The baby teeth are very important for chewing and for preserving the space for the permanent teeth that will replace them.

Other tips for prevention of decay in youngsters include; 1) clean the baby's mouth after feeding with a gauze pad or washcloth; 2) provide a balanced diet per your pediatrician's instructions; 3) give the appropriate fluoride dosage on a daily basis; and 4) keep the bedtime nursing bottle free of sugars.

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Spotlight advertising representative Joan Jackman got the surprise of her life recently when Brian Musella of the Delmar Braves proposed at home plate just before the game.

Riverfest kicks off at gazebo June 26

This year's Riverfest will be held on Saturday, June 26, from noon to 10 p.m. at Coeyman's Landing Gazebo.

Craft demonstrations will begin at noon, a storyteller will weave tales at 3 p.m., and there will be music, food, games, rides, displays and sporting events throughout the day.

Festivities will end with a grand finale of fireworks at 9 p.m.

Admission is free.

Parking and shuttle transportation will be available at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School.

Grange to serve ham dinner

Ravena Grange will serve a ham dinner on Saturday, June 19, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The dinner will benefit the Little Red Schoolhouse Historical Society.

Soccer club to meet at middle school

RCS Youth Soccer Club will meet on Monday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

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Ravena offers free swim lessons

Free Red Cross swim instruction will be offered in Ravena beginning Tuesday, July 6.

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For information, contact Pat Feuerbach at 756-6680, Kathy Meyer at 756-9544, Tina Burns at 756-8015, Ruth Rauche at 756-8046 or Jean Drexler at 756-3587.

Schools committee to meet

RCS Safe Schools Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 22, at 6 p.m. at the middle school.

Church to hold strawberry festival

Come on down to the New Baltimore Reformed Church on Saturday, June 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. for an old-fashioned strawberry festival.

Reading Club begins in July

RCS Community Library's Summer Reading Club will begin in July. This year's theme is "Cel-

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Library to show Dr. Strangelove

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will show the unrated 1963 cult classic film *Dr. Strangelove, or How I Stopped Worrying And Learned To Love The Bomb* on Saturday, June 19, at 2 p.m.

The film by Stanley Kubrick,

featuring Peter Sellers and George C. Scott, is a satirical look at Cold War hysteria, and is considered appropriate for grade six and up.

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Book group to mull over 'The Tummy Trilogy'

Adult book discussion meets today, June 16, at 7 p.m. This week's topic is *The Tummy Trilogy*. A new book will be available in August for the next meeting in September.

The Every Other Thursday Nigh Poets will meet June 24 and welcome writers to join them. Bring a poem or short prose piece to share with the group.

If your talent lies in the direc-



tion of narrative writing, Lifestories meets Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon and the group also welcomes new members. Both groups will continue to meet over the summer. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

Youth services librarian Joyce Laiosa will visit the schools this week to pass out information about summer programs for kids at the library. Two new programs are included in the lineup this year.

ScienceStorytimes will be held on Wednesdays, July 21, Aug. 4 and 18. The whole family is welcome to participate in some easy scientific experiments with a literary link. Projects are targeted for

the 4- to 8-year-old age group.

Kids in grades six through eight will have their own special club which will meet Mondays at 7 p.m. for really great art, craft and writing projects such as Japanese brush painting and creating an animated movie. Registration begins on June 28 and is required for both new programs and the Summer Reading Club.

There are no story times this month. Story times resume on Monday, July 12. Laiosa will be at the village Arts and Recreation Program Thursdays at 11 a.m. from July 8 through Aug. 10.

Nimblefingers has its annual display of quilts, afghans and wall hangings this month.

Don't miss the chance to see this lovely handiwork. The group holds its final session on June 29 before breaking for summer.

Barbara Vink

Dinner set at church

Thompson Lake Reformed Church, at the junction of Routes 157 and 157A in East Berne, will serve a roast beef dinner on Saturday, June 19, with servings starting at 4 p.m.

The menu includes mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cole slaw, rolls, beverage and homemade pie.

Garden gurus



Bob Horn, chairman of Bethlehem First's Community Appearance Committee, joins Joan Persing of the Bethlehem Garden Club in preparation for the Garden Tour slated today, June 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. Maps will go on sale at 3 p.m. at Price Chopper Plaza parking lot in Slingerlands.

Debbie Eberle

Correction

In its presentation at a public information meeting on June 7 concerning the proposed Selkirk Bypass, the state Department of Transportation distributed information on contacting Mark White, the project manager, at the department's Region One Design Group.

The phone number in the informational brochure was incorrect.

White can be contacted at 473-6612. His address is: NYS Department of Transportation, Region One Design Group, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany 12208.

Panel to discuss Kosovo at Bethlehem town hall

A panel of experts with personal experience in the Balkans will conduct a community dialogue on Kosovo on Thursday, June 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The meeting, sponsored by the Community Resource Circle, seeks to foster dialogue about the Kosovo crisis, the current conditions in that country, and the role of NATO in peacekeeping there.

Sean Becker, a former graduate student in law and diplomacy and an election registration supervisor in Bosnia; Donald Birn, a former foreign service officer and professor at the University at Albany; Geoffrey Purcell, an anthropologist with an extensive background on the geography, history and culture of the region; Tanya Purcell, a Bosnia native; and Helene Smith, director of the International Center of the Capital Region, will be on the panel.

The Community Resource

Circle is sponsored by the International Educational Coordinating Council, jointly formed by area organizations including the International Center, International Studies Program at the Sage Colleges, and Albany County League of Women Voters.

For information, contact Bonnie Beard, director of the Albany chapter of the United Nations Association, at 475-1326.

Scholar to give talk at Delmar library

Albany Area Retired Teachers Association will sponsor a free lecture by Shakespearean scholar Richard Goldman of the University at Albany's English Department on Tuesday, June 29, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Goldman will discuss Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," and the public is invited to attend.

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Top students set high standards

By Katherine McCarthy

Ryan Nolan and Trinell Russel are finishing their careers at Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School at the very top of their class.

Nolan, with a 98.8 percent cumulative average, is the school's valedictorian, and Russel, with a 96.5 percent average, is the class salutatorian.

Nolan claimed a number of awards during his final year, but most important to him were the RPI Medal in Math and Science and the Xerox Award in Humanities/Social Sciences.

These awards are evidence of his strong interest in the sciences, especially the medical field. Nolan will be a freshman at Johns Hopkins University this fall, where he plans to study biomedical engineering.

"I enjoy mathematics more than biology," Nolan said. "Biomedical engineering is a combination of medicine and engineering. It can be used for building prosthetics or doing research. It combines chemistry and physics. This is the major that interested me most, and Hopkins has the best program for it."

Nolan is no stranger to the medical field, having volunteered at St. Peter's Hospital, where he helped in the cardiac wing. He also had an internship from his freshman till his junior year with the Healthy Capital District Initiative.

"Healthy Capital District Initiative provides a unified effort in Saratoga, Albany and Rensselaer Counties to create better health in the region," Nolan said. "As an intern, I did a lot of Internet searches, as they conducted surveys and worked on the planning stages of organizing."

Nolan has an impressive list of other extracurricular activities. He was in the stage band, was managing editor of "The Helderbarker," played basketball, was vice president of the National Honor Society and president of his freshman class. Ryan also helped establish the student court.

"Students and administrators worked on setting up the student court," Nolan said. "We sat in on county cases, and talked with judges and lawyers. I thought it was a success during our first year. It gave the students a chance to participate in the life in the school. The student judges got to listen to the kids who were having problems, and the students in trouble had a chance to relate to the decisions that were made."

Nolan has lived in Voorheesville since he was 2, and cited

English teacher Chris Mastro as one of his best teachers. "I also enjoyed our great science and math program," Nolan said.

Nolan said he enjoyed living in a small community where he knew everybody in the school and the village, but is looking forward to going to Johns Hopkins, which is six hours away. Until then, he will work this summer at the Albany Country Club, as he has for the past few years, earning money to help pay for college.



Nolan

Salutatorian Russel is off to the University of Connecticut this fall, where she plans to study physical therapy. "The physical therapy program narrowed my choices," Russel said of her college decision.

Russel leaves Voorheesville with an impressive list of awards. She holds the Scholar/Athlete Award, the business award, the drama club award, the Kiwanis Club Good Citizenship Award and the Ray A. Kroc Achievement Award.

Russel was a member of the National Honor Society, and played the flute in the concert band. It's tennis, though, that has been her main extracurricular activity.

She has been the No. 1 player on the varsity tennis team since seventh grade, and also won the Colonial Council Tennis Tournament. Russel is ranked No. 22 in the 18 and under category in the east, and No. 200 in the country. For four years, she has played in the states, and in her junior year, got to the finals of the consolation round.

"Tennis has been a huge part of my life," Russel said. "My parents got me started 12 years ago. I had taken ballet, and my parents said they didn't think I'd be doing splits when I was 99, but I could always play tennis."

Russel said she has learned more than just tennis from her years in the sport. "You need a real sense of dedication and determination," Russel said, "and especially perseverance. Sports are demanding, and there's always someone better than you are. There's always someone you're striving to beat, and you need willpower and determination to say that you're going to improve yourself to be the best you can be," she said.

"You also learn how to be a good sport," Russel added. "Play-

ing sports also puts life in perspective. For instance, I've thought, 'I'm at this tournament, and there are people who can't walk.'"

One of Russel's favorite awards comes from the tennis arena. "I won the United States Tennis Association's 16s and under Southwest Zone Sportsmanship Award," she said. "That tournament was one of my best finishes and one of my first national tournaments. Sportsmanship is something I value very highly, and it was a thrill to be down there," she said.



Russel

Russel has also played on the tennis team during the Empire State Games. "I was No. 1 last year," she said. "I was undefeated, and so was the team, which meant two gold medals for the Adirondack Region."

Playing tennis has also helped Russel keep the right mind frame about academics, and the chance to play tennis at college helped her decide to attend UConn.

"The tennis team is in the building stage," Russel said. "The University of Connecticut also had available funds and the accredited physical therapy program. It just felt right, and I knew it was where I belonged."

Russel also had high praise for teacher Chris Mastro, and Bill Dodge, a biology teacher. An internship at Kids Care and her love of biology helped her decide on physical therapy as a career. "As a tennis player, I've had my share of physical therapy, too," Russel said.

Russel was born in Madison, Wis., but spent all her school years in Voorheesville.

"Voorheesville has offered me a lot of good things," she said. "I hope I've given back, too, but now it's time to move out and stretch my wings."

Ice cream fan



Hannah Rose Wilson, 2, enjoys an ice cream cone at Tom's Taste Treat in New Scotland, where there is live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays during the summer. Debbie Ebert

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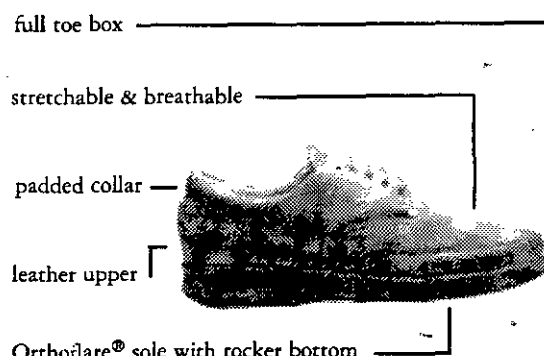
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Political underdogs get Independence backing

By Joseph A. Phillips

With the county Independence Party having thrown its support to underdogs in three critical county legislative districts, the stakes have been raised in the forthcoming legislative campaign in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

All three underdogs — Republican Tom Marcelle in the 33rd District, and Democrats Gary Olsen in the 34th and Charles Dawson in the 35th — have backgrounds on the edges of governmental service.

Dawson holds a doctorate in public administration and is presently employed by the state Assembly majority as executive director of the joint Legislative Commission on Government Administration, the latest of several staff positions in the Assembly.

He has also served as a consultant for the U.S. State Department and the University at Albany, nurturing the growth of legislatures in nations new to the

practice of democracy. He says his experience has whetted his appetite for legislative service.

"I've done a lot of work with legislatures — working in them, writing about them, teaching about legislative formation," he said. "Once you work with legislatures, trying to build a democracy where there was none, you begin to get a better appreciation for what we have back home. About my fourth trip to Managua, Nicaragua, I felt, gee, we've got it pretty good here."

He stands with the county Legislature's Democratic majority, albeit reluctantly, in opposition to the county sales tax rollback. "As a representative at the county level, you have to be concerned that the county is competitive with its neighbors," he said.



Dawson



Marcelle

"But you also have to be concerned about the sales tax impact for our municipalities. The loss of revenue could have a big impact on the town."

So too, he said, the impending change of ownership of the Albany Steam Generating Plant in Glenmont, which current operator Niagara Mohawk has put on the sale block. "There's going to be a substantial loss of property tax revenue to the town and the school district," he said. "I don't hear anybody talking about that. I think there's a county role there" in softening the blow.

He also feels the county's role in management of Pepsi Arena and Albany International Airport "hasn't been positive. I think I'd like to make the county's role more relevant, and to do so in a positive way." A Democratic committeeman for two years, this will be his first run for public office.

His community involvement has been primarily in volunteer work, particularly with the Bethlehem Soccer Club, as a volunteer soccer coach at the college level, and as a mountain safety patrol volunteer. He has also been active in the Colonial Acres neighborhood association.

Dawson's fellow Democrat, Olsen, has a longer party-insider track record, having served a de-

cade as a Democratic committeeman in Bethlehem and for 19 years a registered Conservative. His candidacy came as a surprise. "It happened kind of quickly, to be honest," he said. "I was at the committee meeting and the next thing I knew, somebody said, 'I nominate Gary Olsen.' It's certainly not an ego thing. If you run for public office, you get shot at."

He is a veteran of the political nitty-gritty as a lobbyist for more than 14 years, for such clients as the Association of Counties, the state Business Council, and his current principal employer, the General Building Contractors' Association. "I'm certainly familiar with the system," he said.

As a conservative, he favors tax cuts, but sees the debate over cutting the county sales tax as "really more of a tax shift than a tax cut. We have to take care that the sales tax cut doesn't hurt property tax rates. I'm not so sure it's a good idea." He is particularly concerned about the revenue loss in view of what he calls the "mind-boggling" residential growth in suburban towns like Bethlehem.

The Pepsi Arena is another issue he particularly focuses on. "In the debate on whether to sell it or not, we need to weigh whether it's more of a community benefit or a profit-maker," he said. "If it's going to lose money, I'd tend to want to get rid of it, but as a legislator, I'd rather improve it as a public service." He favors funding such capital improvements not out of county budget surpluses but by

bonding, to seek public input.

His party affiliation as a Democrat, he said, would improve Bethlehem's hand in the Legislature. "As bright as Dave may be, or as energetic, he just can't bring issues to the table," he said of his opponent Young.

He forthrightly opposes the Republican initiative to downsize the Legislature. "It's purely a political issue," he said. "Certainly downsizing, and expanding the districts, would run to the benefit of the minority party. So it behooves the Democrats to keep the numbers high."

That stance puts him squarely at odds with Republican Marcelle in the 33rd District. "There's no reason we should have 39 members in the Legislature," he said, noting that Albany County's is the largest such body in the state — with Westchester County's coming in a distant second, with only 19 members.

"It's just not an effective use of people's money," he said. "With all the staff people connected with serving that many legislators, the luxury of having 20 extra legislators costs us \$250,000 a year."

As for the sales tax issue, he said, the extra 1 percent added to the county levy came during hard times. "The implied promise was that when economic times turned better, we'd give the people back their money," he said. "Except we've kept it. At such a time of economic prosperity, with President Clinton cutting taxes, with Governor Pataki cutting taxes, we should at least give back the 1 percent — and I believe eliminate the county tax altogether."


The county's current surpluses raise another key campaign question for him. Noting a one-third reduction in the district attorney's budget, contrasted with a conviction rate that he said ranks 58th among 60 counties in the state, he said, "To cut public safety just doesn't make sense. Why can't we find the money to properly fund the DA's office when we have a \$25 million surplus? This notion that Albany County should have a worse conviction rate than the Bronx is ludicrous."

A former assistant Albany County public defender, he served as a prosecutor in the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division during the Bush administration. Following that tenure came his only previous run for elective office, as District Attorney Sol Greenberg's unsuccessful opponent in 1993.

He continues today in private practice as a civil rights attorney, licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and specializing in employment-related cases hinging on the rights of free speech and religion in the workplace.


Born and raised in South Bethlehem, Marcelle "grew up laying blacktop every summer" as the son of a manager at Callanan Industries. "I care deeply about the community and what happens in it," said the lifelong Bethlehem resident. "I'm invested in it personally, and with my family. I think I'd like the public to know I'm a family man (with three children), and issues effecting children are really important to me."

He also thinks his civil rights background gives him "a sensitivity to understand that there is a dark side that people have to fight




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against in public life." He is vice president of the board of the Capital City Rescue Mission, which he said represents "people caring for people, rather than some bureaucratic formulaic aid program, spending three times the money and getting half the services."

Marcelle said lame-duck incumbent Dom DeCecco "has promised to go door to door with me at least once and introduce me. He's really kind of taken me under his wing and become my mentor. And he's a great teacher."

He'll need it in what he concedes as an uphill fight against his opponent Herbert Reilly. Citing the district's nearly equal Republican-Democratic registration, he characterized it as "a neutral district with no incumbent, where (the Democrats) are running a well-known candidate. If I accomplish this and upset him, it'll mean something about the ideas I represent." He promised some innovative themes as the election approaches, "things people haven't considered about what county government can and should be."

Marcelle promises a hard-fought campaign: "Thomas Paine once said 'what we work too little for, we esteem too lightly.' This is gonna be a door-to-door effort, probably kicking off this summer."

DOT sets meeting on Kenwood project

Officials of the state Department of Transportation (DOT) have announced a public information meeting for Tuesday, June 22, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall to discuss proposed road improvements on a key stretch of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The project will start in the spring or summer of 2001.

The open house will outline plans to reconstruct Kenwood Avenue from Cherry Avenue to its intersection with Delaware at the Four Corners.

The meeting will be overseen by Shireen Gifford, an engineer with DOT's Region One Design Group, who has been named project manager.

A presentation of the preliminary plans will open the Tuesday night meeting, followed by a question-and-answer session. Representatives will be on hand to answer more specific inquiries.

Anyone unable to attend the gathering can send comments to Gifford at the state Department of Transportation, Region One Design Group, 84 Holland Ave., Albany 12208.

SADD donates \$1,000

The Bethlehem Central High School chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) has donated \$1,000 to another organization working to prevent drunk driving — Remove Intoxicated Drivers (RID).

The donation came from proceeds of an annual SADD dance held at the high school.

The groups officers, including president Heather Axford, voted

to make the donation after RID sponsored a victim's panel at the high school to bring victims of drunk driving accidents and surviving family members to the school to talk to students.

RID organizers will use the donation to buy portable microphones to use during similar school visits throughout the Capital District

Delmar woman wins award

Rena Kieval of Delmar was recently named a Volunteer of the Year by Jewish Family Services at its annual award dinner and board installation at Congregation Ohav Shalom in Albany.

Kieval, an Ohav Shalom congregant, founded its Yad Yonatan program, coordinating

hospital visits to the ill and services to the bereaved.

She has also performed numerous other volunteer tasks at the congregation.

She has served on the board of Hebrew Academy, and is Jewish chaplain for the Department of Pastoral Care at Albany Medical Center.

Couple's grandson wins national honor

Eric Kaplan, grandson of Milton and Sylvia Kaplan of Delmar, has been named a United States National Award Winner in science.

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Garden tours slated at Bethlehem sites

Two garden tours will take place this week in Bethlehem, sponsored respectively by the Bethlehem Garden Club and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County.

The garden club's tour is today, June 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and will be sold from 3 to 6 p.m. at the south end of the parking lot at Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands. The tour includes six gardens in Slingerlands and North Bethlehem. Proceeds will support the Tree Bethlehem Project and the garden club. For information, call 439-6861 or 439-0758.

On Tuesday, June 22, a tour of gardens in Glenmont and Delmar

is set for the 16th annual Twilight Garden Tour sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Featured are two large showcase gardens of mixed trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials and vegetables. A Japanese-themed landscape, a sculpture garden, a shady native-plant garden and a backyard fish pool are among the highlights.

Maps can be obtained for \$2 each from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Glenmont Elementary School on Route 9W in Glenmont.

The tour continues until 8 p.m. For information, call the Garden Tour hot line at 765-3595, or Master Gardeners weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 765-3500.

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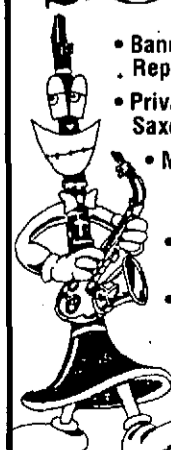
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Sharks take a bite out of competition at soccer tourney

The Sharks, an under-15 boys team in the Bethlehem Soccer Club, placed second at the Memorial Day Tournament in Needham, Mass. The Sharks competed in the under-16 division and posted a perfect record in the preliminary round.

On May 29, the Sharks won two games. They defeated host team Needham 3-0 and then conquered a team from Terryville 2-1.

"There was real stiff competition from all around the Northeast," coach Ted Swiatowicz said.

Swiatowicz said the level of play didn't intimidate his team at all. He said his squad, which serves as a feeder program for the Bethlehem Central High School soccer program, was ready for whatever came their way.

"We've done this before," Swiatowicz said. "This is our third year going to the tourney. And their level of play definitely improves when they play better competition. It helps them get better."



The Sharks are: (front row, left to right) Andrew Swiatowicz, Andrew Grand, Steve Sanchez, Thomas Stewart, Steve Hoghe, Matthew Patry, Peter Cooley, Chris Sgroi, a friend of the team who is in the forefront holding a soccer ball, (back row) Chase Chaskey, coach Ted Swiatowicz, Mike Nuttall, Alex Orsini, Ryan Hogan, Chris Abbott, Steve Maltzman, coach John Stewart, Eric Lowrey, Zach Grey, Mike Hoghe and Brian Sieman. Ron Sieman, Geoff Bedrosian, Erik Turner and Dan Dugas are missing from the photo.

On May 30, the Sharks fell behind early in the second half against a team from Appian. But the Sharks rebounded and scored a 2-0 victory.

The Sharks then dominated a team from Wellsley, Mass., and earned a trip to the tournament finals with another 2-0 win.

In the final match, the Sharks battled a team from Guilford, Conn., to a scoreless first half. Midway through the second half, Guilford netted the game's first and only score.

With 15 minutes left in the match, the Sharks appeared to score, but a linesman ruled no goal. The game ended in a 1-0 Guilford win.

But Swiatowicz was thrilled with his team's performance. He said he believes the Sharks went further in the major regional tournament than any Bethlehem soccer team has gone in recent years.

"It was just good to get that far," Swiatowicz said.

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Hughes closes out stellar career in championship style

By Len Tarricone

When the Schenectady Patriots saw Bethlehem senior Pat Hughes take the mound for the Section II Class A baseball championship June 4 at Heritage Park, they couldn't be faulted if their collective confidence wavered just a bit.

They had seen Hughes before.

In the last game of the football season Hughes scored three touchdowns to lead the Eagles to a victory that sealed Schenectady's winless year. And in February he entered the Pat Riley Complex as the starting point guard for the upstart Bethlehem basketball squad that bounced the defending state champion Patriots out of the post season in the first round.

Now, he stood in the way of their baseball dreams.

By the end of the game he would make their worst nightmares come true.

"They probably hate us over there," said Hughes of his foe's likely response to the Eagles' extra-innings, 5-4 thriller that brought the Sectional title back to

Delmar for the first time since 1993.

Hughes' grit may have been the difference in the contest, for it was his bearing down in a tough spot that kept the Eagles alive and allowed them to win.

Schenectady had put runners on second and third on an infield single, a bunt, and two stolen bases — all with nobody out in the top of the seventh. The score was 4-4. For some, it may have been a time to panic, but not for this three-sport captain.

"I enjoyed that situation," Hughes said. "I knew if I wanted to continue my career in college, and if I wanted to be thought of as one of the best players in the area, I would have to get that job done. I concentrated so much harder in that situation and honestly thought that I could strike out the side or keep the ball in the infield."

Against the Patriots' three, four, and five hitters, Hughes got a strikeout, an infield fly, and a soft fly to center field to end the threat. The Eagles went on to win the

game and the title in the bottom of the eighth on a run-scoring single by junior infielder Ryan Sweeney.

Taking charge at that moment is something Eagle coach Jesse Braverman came to expect from Hughes during the course of this pulsating season.

"I give a lot of credit to our captains (Hughes and senior shortstop Calvin Brown) for the leadership they have provided and for the team concept they promoted," the fifth-year coach said. "They had a huge influence that was very significant."

A further example of this was a meeting called by Hughes before the season even started to set the tone for the upcoming campaign.

"I had everyone over at my house and I told them we would have a good chance to win a title, but that it would come down to our team chemistry," Hughes said. "And I think that was a key to our success this year; no one disliked anybody else and we all got along."

"There were too many unknowns to have strong feelings early on as to how we'd end up

this year," Braverman said. "But we came together in an amazing way. I'm gratified because no one expected us to do much in our league, but at the end we were the only ones left playing."

Hughes was aware that this would be his last opportunity in eight varsity sports season (three baseball, three basketball, two football), to capture a Sectional crown, and he certainly did his share. He batted over .400 in the leadoff spot and had an earned run average of less than 2.50 as a pitcher. His performance typified the cumulative efforts of the team, which batted and pitched beyond expectations, and fielded well enough to hold leads and not give games away.

"It felt great for us to win this," he said. "The fact that I was able to end my high school career with a Section II title is special. Not a lot of players can say that. It was a good ending."

Hughes, who was also honored earlier in the spring by the local chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of

Fame as a scholar athlete, will continue his athletic career at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he will play football and baseball.

Selkirk bowler on a Rohl at local tourney

Renee Rohl of Selkirk took first place in the girls grade three through five division at the New York State Youth Scholarship Tournament, held April 25 at Bowling Green Lanes in East Greenbush.

Rohl became eligible for the state finals by participating in a junior league at Del Lanes in Delmar and advancing through regional competition.

Bowling with a 94 average, Rohl hit 144, 118 and 132 at the state tourney. She topped her division worth a three-game total of 680 (including handicap). Rohl took home a \$500 scholarship for her effort.

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Saratoga Shoe Depot	6	1	1	-	W1
Capital Waste and Rec.	3	1	0	1.5	W3
BEFF's	4	3	0	2	L1
Bennett Contracting	3	2	1	2	T1
C.R. Orthopaedic Assoc.	2	5	0	4	W1
Morgan Stanley D.W.	0	6	0	5.5	L6

18 and under division	W	L	T	GB	STR
McNamee, Lochner	2	0	0	-	W2
VFW Post 3185	3	1	0	-	W1
Morgan Stanley D.W.	3	1	0	-	W1
Beth. Democratic Comm.	2	1	0	.5	W2
Klersy Building Corp.	0	3	0	2.5	L3
Exit 23 Mobil	0	4	0	3	L4

10 and under game results

Riccardo Studios 21, Christopher J. Maestro, DMD 18 (R - Lauren Murray, two strikeouts in one inning of pitching, double, Megan Erickson, double; C - None reported).

I Love Books 18, Rhodes Remodeling 17 (I - Clara Sacco and Tara Zink, both played great; R - Olivia Carmmisa-Frost, great pitching, Adele Ricciardi, great pitching, two doubles, Elizabeth Stupp, great catching, single).

Frangella Associates 21, Farm Family Insurance 11 (F - Bridget Chisholm, three-run home run; F - None reported).

The Spotlight 18, Bethlehem Police Officer's PAL 11 (T - Rachel Manning, Liz Durfee, both pitched great, Katherine Seeber, single, double, two RBI; B - Kiersten Sweete, single, triple, home run).

Frangella Associates 11, I love Books 10 (F - Emma Farb had the winning hit and scored two runs; I - Sarah Eckert, great catch, Tegan Hazelton, triple).

Adirondack Record Management 13, Farm Family Insurance 8 (A - Amanda Ball, three hits including a double; F - None reported).

12 and under game results

GE Plastics 17, Frangella Associates 16 (G - Lauren Pollow, two hits, Elise Puzio, four hits; F - Shara Bellamy, two singles, two runs scored, Rose Potenza, two singles, two runs scored, Lisa Frangella, struck out seven batters in four innings pitched).

Bob Bellizzi Softball Camps 22, DARE 8 (B - Chelsea Arduini, two singles, three runs scored, five RBI, Erin Kammerer, single, two walks, two runs, one RBI; D - None reported).

Allen and Taub 14, Sherin and Glasel, LLP 10 (A - Rachel Laufer and Melissa Carriero both played great defense, Kathleen McCarthy, great hitting; S - Amanda Kondrat and Amber Knee each had two hits).

Allen and Taub 24, LG and E Power, Inc. 8 (A - Betsy Breaznell and Caroline Niehaus both played great defense, Emily Lombardo, great hitting and defense; L - None reported).

Sherrin and Glasel, LLP 31, Adams Station 18 (S - Danielle Frankovic, two home runs, Katie Biagotti, home run; A - None reported).

DARE 16, GE Plastics 13 (D - Shana Flood, game-saving catch; G - Amanda Watkinson and Katie Higgins-Ber each had two hits).

14 and under game results

BEFF's 22, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter 7 (B - Christine Jenks and Meredith DeFlummer each had two singles, Colleen Plummer, four singles, Heather Brady, single, double, Shannon Powers, three singles, Kelly Owens, single, double; M - Jennifer Marro, two home runs, Jacqueline Knabe, scored two runs).

Saratoga Shoe Depot 12, Bennett Contracting 12 (S - Elizabeth Boyle, great pitching, Caitlin Dietz, double, triple, game-tying hit; B - None reported), Saratoga Shoe Depot 18, BEFF's 11 (S - None reported; B - Kim McCall and Mary Novici each had a double, Danica Feustel, great defense).

18 and under game results

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter 11, Exit 23 Mobil 4 (M - Lauren Reis, two singles, double, struck out 10 batters, Christine Rosato and Christine Owens each had two singles, Kristin Cady-Sawyer and Robyn Smith each had three singles, Melissa Kaufman, double; E - None reported).

Bethlehem Democratic Committee 12, Klersy Building Corporation 2 (B - Kim Prior, struck out 12 batters, McCaella Curran, double, triple; K - Erica Stupp, two hits, great defense).

The entire Bethlehem Tomboys Softball League, its board, coaches, players and fans would like to express their concern and hope for a full and speedy recovery to Hilary Gray, who suffered a serious injury in a game this past week.

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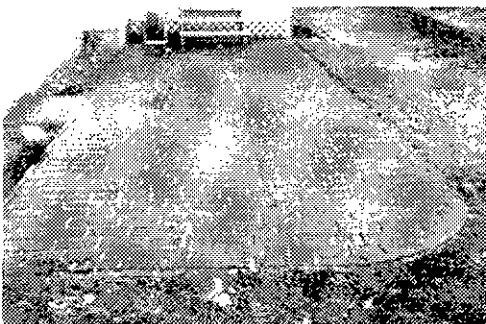
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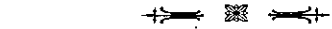
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You've just done it to Mr. Secor. You are jeopardizing the litigation."

He said public statements by Burns and critics of the controversial water system undermined the town's litigation position. "This atmosphere of politicizing this lawsuit is jeopardizing my ability to do my job."

Alessi said that one of the litigants already maintained in court papers filed in the suit that the town was not doing all it could to maximize production at the plant. Without the conversion, Alessi maintained, "I am not able to use all the ammunition I can use in defending this town."

O'Brien & Gere advised the board in February that the test well could sustain an output of 275 gallons per minute (gpm), which would significantly augment the 1,000-gpm output of the infiltration gallery. Secor maintained the new well would save the town considerable money against the cost of buying additional water from the city of Albany.

Burns countered that the well conversion was just one of several options available to the town, citing particularly continuing purchases from the city under a renegotiated contract. But Secor rebuffed Burns' call to put off a vote.

"We have an incremental step that will save us \$600,000 over the next three years, and you seem to have a problem with that," Secor said. He was echoed by board member Doris Davis, who called the Albany purchases option "obviously not a very rational one."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller also challenged the wait-and-see approach. "I have to tell you I have a problem with that," she told Burns. "Time is of the essence. Albany is getting wealthier by the day as we continue to purchase more water."

Secor reported to the board

that Albany has recently raised its contract rates for water purchases, and sought a contract with the town for a guaranteed purchase amount, whether Bethlehem used it or not. He also pointed out that the Vly Creek Reservoir, the town's principal source of drinking water, is presently below capacity as a result of a dry spring.

"This is not a final solution to the problem," he said of the test well conversion. "This is an incremental step. Someone needs to put a final solution on the table."

The costs of making the conversion, he said, will be \$100,000 to \$150,000 to install some new pipe, but he insisted the new water supply would pay for itself within a year.

The expenditure drew fire from some of the water system's persistent critics. At the meeting, Clearwater for Bethlehem member Sherwood Davies derided the conversion measure as "a Band-aid approach" to the system's problems, and said, "I would again recommend as I have previously that this board consider establishing a board of water and sewer commissioners" to depoliticize the water-supply issue. He also challenged O'Brien & Gere's assertions about the quality of the new water supply, suggesting particularly that they failed to test PCB levels.

That drew a harsh retort from Secor. "It's scare tactics, it's scare tactics, it's scare tactics," he said to Davies. "It's misstatements. And I'm surprised that you, with a scientific background, would stand there and do this."

William Kelleher, a former member of Clearwater, was unable to attend the meeting, but distributed a written statement demanding that O'Brien & Gere post a bond guaranteeing their estimate of the well's output before the town board authorize the conversion expenditures. In the aftermath of the decision, he expressed his disappointment.

"It won't work, and you can quote me," he said. "The town is being fleeced. I'm very disappointed with the way this is going. We're gambling \$150,000 and we may never get that back."

He declared that the matter would be an issue in this fall's electoral campaign for the town board. "By God, I'm gonna make it an issue," he said. "And let me say this: it isn't hurting the lawsuit at all."

Referring to the underperformance of the Clapper Road plant, he said, "This lawsuit is obviously not going to be settled before the election, but at some stage someone is going to have to assure the citizens of this town of a full investigation of how this happened and why."

Harlequin Players to perform

Harlequin Players will present a children's play entitled "The Book That Saved Earth" on Friday, June 18, at 7 p.m. at Slingerlands Community Methodist Church on Route 85. Admission is free, and the production is suitable for ages 4 and up.

Registration under way for summer program

Registration is now open for the eighth annual Children's Writing Workshop at Bethlehem Public Library, open to children entering grade three and up. The group will meet Fridays, July 9 to Aug. 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Local authors will present different aspects of writing at each session, and participants will write, illustrate and bind their own

books, which will remain in the library for one year.

A reception on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. will close the program.

Registration, daily during business hours, is in person only. Participants must commit to four of the five sessions. Adult volunteers are needed. For information, call the youth services desk at 439-9314.

Student wins scholarship

Alyce Smith of Delmar won the Davis Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Smith, a second-year professional photographic illustration student, was awarded the scholarship as a student leader who significantly contributes to improving campus life.

She is a residence adviser, a

house manager and lecture committee member of Photo House, and is active in the RIT Dance Company.

Based partly on financial need, the scholarship frees students from having to supplement their incomes, thus allowing them to focus on campus life.

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Bethlehem enters the commercial composting business

By Joseph A. Phillips

The Bethlehem Highway Department is getting into the compost business, following a resolution approved at the June 9 town board meeting.

The resolution, requested by Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, set hours and a schedule of fees for the sale of composted yard waste from the town's composting facility at 1244 Feura Bush Road. The facility will now be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 to noon on Saturdays, from early spring to late fall.

Compost and wood chips, byproducts of lawn waste and tree limbs collected by the department from roads and the department throughout the town, have been given away free to town residents who have come to pick it up from the highway department garage

or from the more recent composting site, Sagendorph told the board. Nearby GE Plastics in Selkirk has also given away quantities of it to employees on request.

But the giveaways were unable to keep up with the accumulating mountains of recyclable lawn trash accumulating at the site, he said. "We're not trying to put commercial (composters) out of business," Sagendorph said. "We're just trying to peddle our product."

The decision to sell, he said, was also prompted by the presence of a full-time staff member on the site. Recent state Department of Environmental Conservation requirements called for solid-waste facilities like the compost facility to have a full-time attendant during operational hours, and an employee has been as-



A lone backhoe is dwarfed between compost piles at the Bethlehem town composting facility. The town board authorized the Highway Department to sell compost to reduce the pileup. *Constance Lupe*

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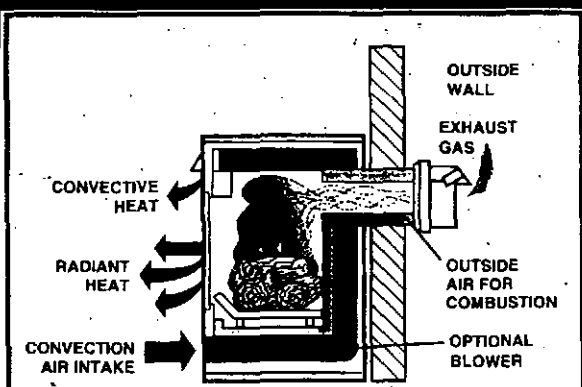


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signed to the facility for the operating months.

According to the new fee schedule, compost and chips will remain free to town residents who pick up and load the material themselves.

For those who require loading, it will be sold at \$2 a yard, up to 4 yards a week. Beyond that, buyers will be charged commercial rates: \$3 a yard for wood chips, \$4 for unscreened compost, \$8 for screened compost. The department may limit the amount of material taken commercially, to ensure an adequate supply on

hand for free distribution to residents.

Sagendorph indicated the rates were fair and competitive with other municipalities, including the town of Colonie and the city of Albany, both of which run similar operations.

He did not anticipate that the revenue brought in by sales would make the operation self-sustaining. "We don't want to turn anybody away," Sagendorph said. "We don't want excess product on site, so we'll entertain anybody."

The department will also accept yard waste brought to the

site, free from town residents at up to 4 yards a week; commercial users will be charged a \$10 per yard tipping fee. Town residents will also continue to be able to pick up compost and chips at the highway department garage on Elm Avenue East in Selkirk.

Sagendorph is consulting with town attorneys regarding liability waivers to be signed by those who load and cart their own compost at town facilities.

ZBA sets hearings

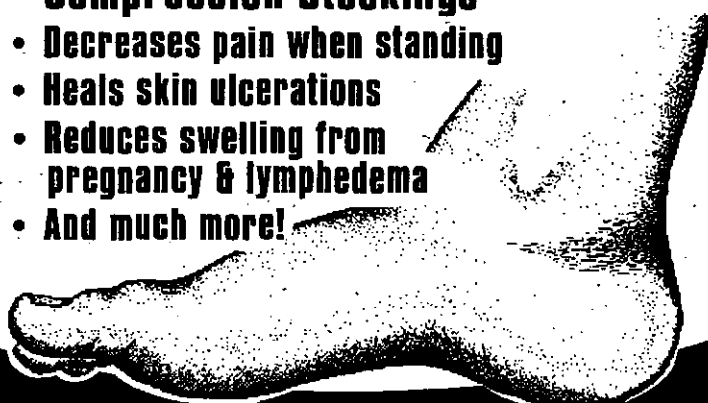
Two public hearings on applications for zoning variances will be heard tonight, June 16, by Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals. A 7:30 p.m. hearing will discuss an application by John and Jane McCann of 162 Murray Ave., Delmar, followed at 7:45 by a hearing on a request by Joseph and Annemarie Cardamone of 10 Bittersweet Lane in Slingerlands.

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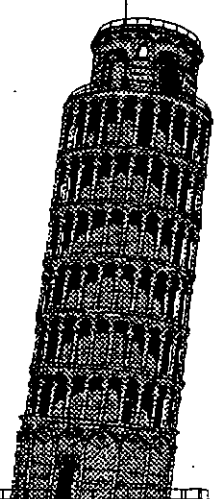
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Obituaries

George Momberger

George Frederick Momberger, 78, of Glenmont died Saturday, June 12.

Mr. Momberger retired from Conrail. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a longtime member of Selkirk Fire Department and a former chief of fire police. He was active in Boy Scouts and was a unit commissioner for the Fort Orange Council. He was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

Mr. Momberger was a founding member of Glenmont Community Church, serving as deacon and elder for many years.

He was the husband of the late Dorothy Myers Momberger.

Survivors include a son, George Momberger of Scotia; a daughter, Lisa Craig of Altamont; and four grandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17, from Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Calling hours will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today at Meyer's Funeral Home, Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

Gerard F. McGann

Gerard F. McGann, 80, of Delmar died Wednesday, June 9, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

A native of Staten Island, he attended St. Francis Xavier Military Academy in New York City.

Mr. McGann retired from AT&T as a district manager.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 95th Infantry Division in the European Theater.

He was a former chairman of the Fairview New York Board of Fire Commissioners.

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

He was husband of the late Anita M. McGann.

Survivors include two daughters, Maureen DeVito of Yonkers and Kathy Cajugas of Bradenton, Fla.; two sons, Kevin McGann of Arlington, Mass., and David McGann of Glenmont; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

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

Edward J. Cassidy

Edward J. Cassidy of Delmar

died Monday, June 14, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

A Bronx native, he graduated from Manhattan College.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Cassidy was a chief engineer for the state Division of the Budget when he retired. He was involved with the construction of Thacher Park and Empire State Plaza.

He was a member of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, the University Club and Normanside Country Club. He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Helen A. Campbell Cassidy; a daughter, Anne Cassidy Aiken of Virginia Beach, Va.; two sons, Edward Cassidy of Delmar and Robert Cassidy of Albany; and 10 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Friday, June 18, at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 45 Adams Place, Delmar.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

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

Leonid Abramov

Leonid Abramov, 41, of Longhouse Lane in Slingerlands died Friday, June 11, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Russia, Mr. Abramov was an optometrist at Empire Vision in Latham.

He attended Temple Israel in Albany.

Survivors include his wife Anna Baskin Abramov; his parents, Mark and Lisa Abramov of Albany; a son, Demetri Abramov of Slingerlands; and a daughter Alla Abramov of Slingerlands.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Independent Benevolent Cemetery in Guilderland.

Lillian Sammons

Lillian Doncaster Sammons, 101, of Concord, N.H., and formerly of Delmar died Tuesday, June 8, at Genesis Eldercare Pleasant View Nursing Home.

Born in Long Island, she was a graduate of Albany High School.

Mrs. Sammons worked for the state Department of Transportation.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the Delmar Progress Club.

She was the widow of Howard W. Sammons.

Survivors include a daughter, Olive Buckley of Laconia, N.H.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Waters Funeral Home in Concord, N.H.

Burial was in Elsmere Cemetery.

Anne W. Johnson

Anne W. Johnson, 84, of Albany and formerly of New Scotland, died Monday, June 14, at Albany County Nursing Home.

Miss Johnson lived in Loudonville for many years.

She was a graduate of Albany High School and the former State Teachers College. She worked for New York Telephone Co. for 42 years before she retired.

Miss Johnson was a member of the Telephone Pioneers. She was a communicant of Newtonville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Carl Johnson of Berlin, Rensselaer County.

Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. today, June 16, at the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, 8 Dudley Heights, Albany.

Burial will be in Memory's garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Whiskers, PO Box 11190, Albany 12211.

Marguerite Kemp

Marguerite S. Kemp, 86, of Autumn Drive in North Bethlehem died Tuesday, June 8, at Community Hospice of Albany County at Memorial Hospital.

Born in Berne, she was a graduate of Albany Academy for Girls. She received a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Albany and Schuyler Meadows Country Club.

Survivors include a son, Edgar M. Kemp Jr. of Milford, Mass.; two daughters, Ellen H. Kemp of Nassau and Martha Kemp Thomas of Stow, Mass.; and six grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

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

Library seeks summer volunteers

In an effort to recruit youth volunteers for the summer months to lend a hand at the reading club desk, read to children or help with craft programs, Bethlehem Public Library will hold a volunteer workshop on Friday, June 25, at 11 a.m.

Registration is limited, and the workshop is open only to those whose applications are on file.

The library is at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

For information, call youth services at 439-9314.

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Rebekkah Gericke, left, and Jasmine Bellamy, raise money at a car wash at Delmar Full Gospel Church garage sale to help fund church members who are going on a mission to Monterrey, Mexico. Debbie Eberle

New Scotland discusses funds for vaccinations

By Lori Mangum

At its June 9 meeting, the New Scotland town board considered allotting funds to vaccinate its outdoor employees against Lyme Disease, which is transmitted by infected deer ticks.

The board initially considered vaccinations to protect two animal control officers from contracting the disease when removing deer carcasses, but realized that a total of 45 town employees who work outdoors could potentially benefit from the shots. Highway workers are also at risk of getting Lyme Disease because they work in brush or wooded areas where deer ticks are typically found.

It would cost the town \$4,950 to vaccinate all its outdoor employees against Lyme Disease. The vaccine costs about \$110 per person, for a series of three shots.

According to Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly, the town's insurance company will not cover Lyme Disease vaccinations, so the town would have to pay for the shots.

Board members expressed concern that if enough employ-

ees contracted the disease, it could cause an increase in the town's operating expenses due to loss of workers and an increase in Worker's Compensation and/or disability insurance costs.

"Will we pay more to Worker's Comp than the cost of the shots?" asked board member Mark Dempf, adding "What do other towns do?"

"It doesn't matter what other towns do," said Melanie Henderson of Mornings Star Lane in Feura Bush, whose daughter had a deer tick removed and was treated with antibiotics as a precaution. "She's fine and insurance paid for it," added Henderson.

"I would like to see the town spend their time and money on attaching my street to town water instead of wasting tax money on a vaccine that is controversial, expensive and unproven to work," said Henderson.

The board decided to find out what other towns are doing about the Lyme Disease threat before taking action.

Five Rivers Ltd. receives governor's service award

The citizen's group that provides volunteer support for Delmar's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center has been named the 1999 recipient of the Governor's Community Service Award in the adult organization category.

Five Rivers Limited, a non-profit group, will receive its award, to be presented by Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue, at a lunch and ceremony on Monday, June 21, in Hart Lounge of The Egg at Empire State Plaza.

The group was chosen from among 12 nominees for the honor, one of nine Governor's awards presented annually to honor New Yorkers committed to community and volunteer service.

Five Rivers Limited was nomi-

nated for the honor by Craig Thompson, director of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, a facility operated by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Daniel E. Lewis, vice president of Five Rivers Limited's board of directors, will accept the award at the ceremonies, standing in for the organization's president, Margaret Farrell, who will be unable to attend the ceremonies.

The Theodore Roosevelt Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring a New Yorker who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to community involvement through volunteerism and community service, will also be presented.

Death Notices

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

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

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

Book Buddies to launch program's third year

By Joseph A. Phillips

The Book Buddies summer reading program, matching trained volunteers with youngsters from kindergarten through second grade to help fledgling readers build reading skills, continues to grow as it enters its third year in Bethlehem.

This summer Book Buddies is expanding geographically from its Delmar roots — and looking to broaden its base of sponsors and volunteers as well.

"It's really become a community project," said David Young, founder of the program and its principal sponsor in its first two years of operation. "We're trying to get more and more people involved as volunteers and sponsors."

What the program is all about, said Young, is confidence. "It's a one-on-one program to keep youngster's skills up over the summer," Young said. "What's so important for this, and why the program is successful, is that it's for all skill levels. Everybody needs confidence building and positive

reinforcement at this point in their development. At this age, so much of learning is about getting over fear — the fear of failure, of raising your hand in the classroom. It really becomes basic to how they perform in the classroom throughout their academic career."

Volunteers are trained to tutor their young charges in word identification skills, reading strategies, and comprehension in three 30-minute sessions a week for three weeks, beginning this year on July 12. Training sessions will be scheduled later this month.

Last summer, Book Buddies set up shop in two locations, Bethlehem Public Library and Hamagrael School, and hooked up 25 volunteers with students. This summer, the program, coordinated by Paul Mance, departs from Hamagrael for points south and west, setting up satellite programs at Clarksville and Glenmont elementary schools, arranged by Kathy Bartley, who coordinated school arrangements with Judy Wooster at Bethlehem Central School District offices. Bethlehem

Public Library will also remain a host site this year.

"What we'd like to do is spread it around, so more people in a wider region can participate," Young said. "With the new schools, we'd really like to take on a whole new group of kids and expand it."

The same goes for sponsorship of the nonprofit venture. "I funded it myself the first year," Young said. "And we sort of split the costs of it with sponsors the second year. I'm hoping this year to move it entirely to sponsors."

Among those who have signed on for this summer are Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited; the Delmar Rotary; and the locally-based Marcelle Foundation. Bell Atlantic will donate cell phones for site coordination, and Barnes & Noble is supplying books for the program.

"But there is always room for

more sponsors," Young said. "We're at least \$1,000 shy right now of the cost of the program."

In two years of operation, Book Buddies has developed a solid core of volunteers, "from 14 to 84," Young said. "We've got a pretty nice spread. We do have a good cadre of high school and college students, but we have volunteers of all ages." And looking for more: Book Buddies hopes to serve 40 or more students this summer.

Volunteers must be age 14 or older, attend one of the training sessions and commit to attending every session during the three-week program. Registration will be limited only by the number of available volunteers.

For information, parents and volunteers can contact the Bethlehem Central School District at 439-7098, Bethlehem Public Library at 439-9314 or David Young at 439-8513.

BCHS graduate performs service at Bates College

Jennifer Rifkin of Delmar participated in the Bates College Community Service-Learning Program.

Students plan and obtain funding for projects and internships with local, national or international government or nonprofit organizations under the administration of a program at the college.

Rifkin volunteered at the Renaissance School, a school for behaviorally impaired children associated with St. Mary's General Hospital in Lewiston, Maine.

Rifkin, a 1995 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is the daughter of Richard and Jill Rifkin.

Local attorney joins practice

Philip Rosenberg of Delmar has joined the Albany office of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, one of the nation's largest law firms, as a partner in the firm's health care practice.

Rosenberg was previously a partner at Sherrin & Glasel.

A graduate of Cornell University and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, Rosenberg has more than 12 years of experience in all aspects of health law, including state and federal licensure, reimbursement, fraud and abuse, managed care, and tax matters.

He has provided counsel to various health care providers and trade associations.

Student earns award

Sarah Macarin of Delmar was honored recently by the Binghamton University Foundation with the Henrietta L. Pitler Award.

School to continue program

Bethlehem Preschool at 397 Route 9W in Glenmont, will renew for another year its sponsorship of a Child and Adult Care Food Program, under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Children who are eligible for

Food Stamps, Head Start or other federal assistance receive the same meals offered all students, but the school is reimbursed by the agriculture program on an income basis. For any meals with a separate charge, these children are also eligible for free meal benefits under the program.

Teacher retirees honored

Twenty-seven local employees of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System were honored at the organization's recent Ser-

vice Award Program for achieving service milestones.

Among the honorees was John C. Miller, recognized for 30 years of service with the retirement system. Thomas E. Clement of Delmar, Suzanne S. Sarr of Slingerlands and Susan A. Kondrat of Glenmont were each honored for 20 years' service.

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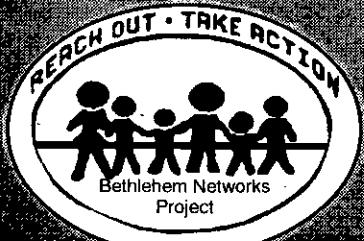
Thank you to the many teachers, guidance counselors, administrators and other school personnel of the Bethlehem Central School District who provided support for Bethlehem Networks Projects. We thank our friends at the Ed Center for both moral and technical support. We appreciate the funding which the district provides.

Bethlehem Networks is grateful to its many generous contributors, Albany County Stop DWI, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Delmar Rotary Club. The chamber of commerce is a wonderful community resource, and we value its ongoing support. Thanks to the Bethlehem police for their cooperation, especially with Home and On Your Own and other similar programs. We also appreciate the help and support we have received from both elected and appointed Bethlehem town officials. Local churches have allowed Bethlehem Networks to use their facilities. Special thanks go to First United Methodist Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Two dedicated parents, Maureen Crucetti and Barbara Hoffman, recently volunteered their time to run an EPIC group for parents. Our Mentoring Program has been a success thanks to the many business community volunteers who have given of themselves to help children. Thank you for being wonderful role models.


Finally a huge thanks to the wonderful, hard working volunteers who made the various projects possible -- Respect Day at BCMS, A World of Difference, TV Free Week, parent orientation, Parent Involvement Coalition, Feestelijk Bethlehem, Bethlehem Pride Award, middle school picnic and others. Your commitment and dedication are amazing. It has been my pleasure and honor to work with all of you.

Mona Prenoveau




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Molly Farmer and Richard Reilly

Farmer, Reilly engaged

Molly H. Farmer, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Farmer of Rochester, and Richard C. Reilly, son of Herbert and Susan Reilly of Voorheesville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of The College of the Holy Cross. She is employed by Brown &

Brown in Boston. The future groom is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and The College of the Holy Cross. He is a legislative aide to state Assemblywoman Barbara Clark.

The couple plans an Aug. 7 wedding.

High school students to attend Boys State

James Case and Andrew Tanner from Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville and John Hanley and Daniel Traub from Bethlehem Central High School have been selected by the Albany County American Legion to attend Boys State from June 27 to July 3 at SUNY Morrisville.

Boys State gives young men an opportunity to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government and of their role and responsibility in it as citizens.

The county Legion selected 12 students who exhibited qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service.

Class of '99

Albany Law School

The following students received juris doctor degrees: James Dayter Jr. of Delmar, Thomas Dolin Jr. of Voorheesville, and Michelle Helm and Jason Semago, both of Slingerlands.

Mayo Medical School

Anna Georgiopoulos (doctor of medicine).

Roanoke College

Brian Scott of Glenmont (bachelor's in mathematics).

Union College

Eric Bettinger (master's in busi-

ness administration), Karen Bonventre (master's in teaching), Michael D'Aleo (bachelor's in political science), and Katherine MacDowell (bachelor's in history, cum laude), all of Delmar; and Wendy Jacques (master's in teaching), John Love (master's in business administration), Robert Nichols (master's in health systems administration), John Popp (bachelor's in political science, cum laude) and Richard Zakrzewski (master's in computer science), all of Slingerlands.

Births

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Larissa Abigail Engel-Flores, to Ledia and Edward Engel of Delmar, April 6.

Boy, Almir Cecunjamin, to Esma and Muzafer Cecunjamin of Delmar, April 11.

Boy, Brandon Taylor MacDonald, to MaryBeth and Randolph MacDonald Jr. of Delmar, April 11.

Boy, Benjamin Ellis Halpert, to Arlene and Jonathan Halpert of Delmar, April 12.

Boy, Samuel Parker Rowe, to Kirsten and Patrick Rowe of Glenmont, April 13.

Boy, Daniel Patrick Rutnick, to Mary and Daniel Rutnik of Delmar, April 16.

Girl, Maya Alexandra Looney, to Elsa and Keith Looney of Glenmont, April 22.

Girl, Rachel Laura Stram, to Nadine and Ronald Stram of Delmar, April 23.

Girl, Abigail Dorothy McDonald, to Caroline and Michael McDonald of Delmar, April 25.

Boy, Jacob Edward Zautner, to Sue and Edward Zautner of Slingerlands, April 26.

Girl, Veda Catherine Hensel, to Tanya and James Hensel of Voorheesville, April 27.

Girl, Molly Louise Cochrane, to Betsy and Douglas Cochrane of Feura Bush, April 30.

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Lauren Lydia Ward, to Darlene and George A. Ward Jr. of Voorheesville, May 17.

Girl, Ann Randolph Fisher, to Jane and Randy Fisher of Delmar, May 17.

Boy, Kyle Daniel Katlan, to Marcy and Michael Katlan of Slingerlands, May 21.

Boy, Ethan Max Naviasky, to Barbara Pats and Laurence Naviasky of Delmar, May 24.

Boy, Matthew Brandon Toy, Debra and John J. Toy Jr. of Delmar, May 24.

Girl, Sara Marie Gannon, to Trisha and David Gannon of Delmar, May 26.

Boy, Charles Timothy Seward, to Karen and Timothy Seward of Delmar, May 27.



Theodore Greene and Jacquelyn Steadman

Steadman, Greene to wed

Jacquelyn Steadman, daughter of Henry and Carolyn Steadman of Delmar, and Theodore Russell Greene Jr., son of Theodore Greene of Greensboro, N.C., and Deidre Hicks of Raleigh, N.C., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the University of North Carolina and Harvard Law School.

She is a staff attorney for Covenant House New Jersey in Atlantic City.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

He is a corporate investigator for Sterling Testing Systems in New York City.

The couple plans an Oct 23 wedding.

Dean's List

Boston College — Matthew Kelly Jr. of Delmar and Sarah Stiglmeier of Glenmont.

Duke University — Amy Venter of Delmar.

Hamilton College — David Shaye of Delmar.

LeMoyné College — Nadine Maurer of Delmar.

SUNY Brockport — Benjamin

Chady of Delmar.

SUNY Cortland — Rachel Pierce of Glenmont, Charles Fields of Voorheesville, and Matthew Carotenuto, Kelly Dobbert and Megan Stevens, all of Delmar.

Syracuse University — Jill Foster of Delmar.

Wake Forest University — Virginia Blabey of Delmar.

Student earns honor

Andre Ellman was recently named a dean's scholar during Charter Day ceremonies at Hobart College.

The honor is awarded to freshmen for outstanding academic achievement.

He is the son of Chris Ellman-Currit of Delmar and Dr. Albert Ellman of Loudonville.

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Albany Institute Women's Council to host Elegant Elephant Sale

The Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History & Art will sponsor a 1999 Elegant Elephant Sale Friday, June 25, from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1092 Madison Ave., Albany, near Price Chopper. Admission is \$3.

There will be a preview party and sale Wednesday, June 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. by reservation for \$25.

Donations will be accepted Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No clothes. For information, call Nora Quigley at 877-5898 or Jean Miele at 456-3430.

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Summer sounds are all around

ASO quartet plays Ten Broeck Mansion

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Albany's 200-year-old Ten Broeck Mansion will be the elegant backdrop for a musical performance this weekend to benefit the building's nonprofit operator, the Albany County Historical Association.

A quartet of players from the Albany Symphony Orchestra will set up in the formal gardens on Friday, June 18, at the historical mansion, at Livingston Avenue and Ten Broeck Street in Arbor Hill.

A two-hour program will include selections of chamber music contemporary to the Federalist-era estate such as Mozart and Vivaldi.

Actually, the program is not quite set just yet for "Music Under The Stars," but that seems only fitting for an informal affair. Patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic basket, a bottle of wine and a lawn chair; Starbucks Coffee and other refreshments will be on hand.

Ten Broeck Mansion — the home of Abraham Ten Broeck, the statesman from the early republic and a key field commander at the Battle of Saratoga — once commanded a sweeping view of the Hudson Valley.

But as the neighborhood has closed in around it over the centuries, it has become an overlooked architectural gem.

To bring in visitors, the mansion hosts other occasional musical events; it's been a sometime venue for classical ensembles on First Night. The historical association hopes the upbeat music offered by the ASO String quartet — for this occasion, made up of first violin Elizabeth Silver, second Susan St. Amour, violist Harriet Thomas and cellist Erica Pickhardt — will encourage the curious to take a house tour and explore the grounds as they enjoy the music.

Formal house tours will begin about 5:30 p.m. and the music about 6. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, \$5 for children. There's plenty of parking available in a lot accessible from Livingston Avenue. Information and advance tickets can be obtained by calling 436-9826.

Ice cream shakes, rattle and roll

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Live music at the neighborhood ice cream stand?

"Well, Tom Bruno is a pretty creative guy, as far as business goes," said singer/songwriter Michael Eck of Bethlehem.

Tom as in Tom's Tastee Treat, a roadside touchstone along Route 85 in New Scotland en route to the Helderbergs — a spot to pull the Voyager off the road, unload the kids still wired after a summer's afternoon at Thacher Park, and cool off with a shake or a sundae.

Bruno caters to this passing trade with family-friendly amenities. He's installed a host of picnic tables on the lawn behind his parking lot, and some playground equipment as well.

"And five years ago, he said to me, 'What about doing some music here?'" Eck recalled. "He'd just recently bought a gazebo and wanted to put something in it on weekend evenings."

Eck began booking local performers for Friday and Saturday early-evening gigs that have become a sort of local institution, every weekend from 6 to 9, all summer long.

"On the first day Tom was open to sell ice cream this season, he was getting calls about when the music schedule would come out," Eck said.

The music's been playing since Memorial Day Weekend and will run weekly until Labor Day, featuring local favorites like Rosanné Raneri, Mark Rabin, Frank Jaklitsch and Jim Gaudet — and Eck has slipped himself into the schedule once or twice too.

Mostly the music is acoustic and family-friendly.

"We tried to book rock bands, but the rock bands were rock bands, and showed up late and played too loud," Eck said. "We pretty much stick to acoustic now."

Some of the singer-songwriters on the roster hold forth with original material; mostly it's covers and comfort music — the perfect accompaniment for gathering twilight and an ice cream treat.



Area venues offer entertainment variety

Summertime brings out live music at public venues from library front lawns to public parks throughout the region, too numerous to list here — and much of it free to anyone with a lawn chair and a tube of sunscreen. Here's a sampler of free live music for summer days.

Alive At Five Concerts

Tricentennial Park, across from Kiernan Plaza, Broadway, Albany; rain location, Corning Preserve Boat Launch.
5-8 p.m.

- June 17: New Blues Night, with Jim Weider and the Honky-Tonk Gurus.
- June 24: Celtic Night I, featuring The Whole Shebang, from Ireland.
- July 8: Nostalgia Night, with Gary U.S. Bonds.
- July 15: R & B Party Night, with The Refrigerators.
- July 22: Rock Night, with Molly Hatchet.
- July 29: Celtic Night II, featuring The Paperboys and The Prodigals.

Music at the Plaza

Empire State Plaza, Albany. 473-0559.

- June 28: U.S. Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors, 7:30 p.m.
- June 30: Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys, Ron Sunshine, Gary Setzer's King Cadillac, 6:30 p.m.
- July 4: The Fabulous Fourth, with Alex Torres and the Latin Kings, Aged In The Hills, the King Inter-denominational Mass Choir, starting 4 p.m.
- July 10 & 11: Fleet Blues Fest, 6:30 p.m.
- July 21: Theresa Broadwell's Thrivin' On A Riff, The Camaros, Indigo Swing, 6:30 p.m.
- July 25: Kids Day, including music by Mark Rabin & Randy Mauer. 1-5 p.m.
- Aug. 7: African American Arts & Cultural Festival, with Native Vibe, Alfonzo Blackwell, others. 1-8 p.m.
- Aug 11: Pat Benatar. 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 13: Glenn Miller Orchestra. 7:30 p.m.
- Aug 31: Little Feat. 7:30 p.m.

Performing Arts at the Common

Clifton Common, Route 146, Clifton Park. 7 p.m. Family Arts series Thursdays in July; call for info: 371-6667.

- June 27: Clifton Park Community Chorus.
- July 7 & 9: Youth Ballet Co. & Dance Eclectic.
- July 11: The Vogues.
- July 18: Rhythm & blues with Mumbo Jumbo.
- July 25: Sonny & Perley with the John Hilton Trio.
- Aug. 1: Big Block Band.
- Aug. 8: Barbershop Night.
- Aug. 15: Irish music with The McKrells.
- Aug. 22: Swing Night, with Doc Scanlon.
- Aug. 29: Rain date, TBA.

Evening On The Green

Lawn of the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. 7:30 p.m. Rain location indoors.
439-9314.

- July 7: Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers.
- July 14: Skip Parsons and Friends.
- July 21: Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps.
- July 28: Electric City Chorus, barbershop and a capella.

Thursday Night Summer Concerts

Guilderland Performing Arts Center, Tawasentha Park, Route 146, Guilderland. 7:30 p.m. 456-8604 or 355-1980

- June 17: Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers.
- June 24: Olds Songs Festival Preview.
- July 1: Guilderland Town Band, conducted by Don Webster.
- July 8: Janis Ian, with special guest Corley Roberts.
- July 22: Guilderland Town Band, with guest conductor Colonel Gabriel.
- July 29: Lake George Opera Company vocalists present An Evening of Songs From "Showboat."
- Aug. 5: Leslie Ritter and Scott Petito.
- Aug 12: Guilderland Town Band, conducted by Don Webster.
- Aug 19: Siobhan Quinn, Ben Murray and friends.
- Aug 26: Mother Goose Jazz Band.

Washington Park Music Series

Lakehouse stage, Washington Park, Albany. 7:30 p.m.
292-0368.

- July 12: Big band Cubanismo!
- July 19: Afro-pop with Samba Ngo, special guests Umoja Dance & Drumming Co.
- July 26: Cajun squeezebox with Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, with Buzz Chavis and the Majic Sounds.
- Aug 2: R & B with Walter "Wolfman" Washington and the Roadmasters, with the Hot Tamale Brass Band.
- Aug. 9: Singer-songwriter Cherly Wheeler, with guest Stacey Earle.
- Aug 16: Irish music with Donal Lunny and Coolfin.

Jazz On Jay

Jay Street, downtown Schenectady, noon. Sponsored by Schenectady Arts District. 382-3884.

- June 23: Brian Pateneau Quintet.
- June 30: Ragtime Island Windjammers.
- July 7: Essence, with jazz organ.
- July 14: Ray Jung Trio.
- July 21: Rosie & the Riveters.
- July 28: Ed Munger Quintet.

Central Park Concert Series

Agnes MacDonald Music Haven, Central Park, Schenectady, 3 p.m. 292-0368.

- July 11: Irish folk singers the Clancy Brothers.
- July 18: Quebec musicians Hart Rouge
- July 25: Celtic music with John Whelan.
- Aug 1: Tex-Mex musician Joe Ely.
- Aug 8: Afro-pop dance party band Sankai.
- Aug 15: Singer-songwriter Iris DeMent, with Valerie De La Cruz.

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Rockefeller Institute Graduate School of Public Affairs, and settled in Delmar. A longtime manager with various governmental entities, he served in the upper echelons of the state Education Department and is currently president of the Higher Education Services Corp. (HESC), the agency that administers state college loan programs.

At HESC, he said, he turned around a \$2.2 billion, 9,000 employee agency slated for the scrap heap: "I built in just four years a 24-million dollar surplus and a 7-million dollar revenue stream."

His candidacy rests on his managerial acumen, said Kermani, announcing the campaign theme for the county slate as "Team Albany — Professionals for a Change."

"We feel we're going to offer an

alternative to the voters of Albany County, because we know we're going to have to get other voters besides Republicans to join us in order to get them elected," Kermani said. "They're all professionals in the fields for which they're running for office. Bob Maurer has been running various government agencies for 35 years. He's dealt with budget issues, dealt with reducing costs, faced the issues a county executive will have to face."

"I want to talk to the voters about the desirability of rebuilding, or rather building, a strong Republican presence here, bringing the Pataki revolution here to Albany County," Maurer said.

He promised reform over "a pretty weak county government where the county executive doesn't have the fullest control over what's happening" in the executive departments, and pledges

support for a downsizing the county Legislature from its current 39 members. "The taxpayers don't need to support that," he said. "They could get very good representation with a substantial reduction in the numbers."

Maurer also derided Breslin's leadership. "I attended the sales tax debate (Monday) in the county Legislature, and even though the county executive had proposed that the sales tax be reduced, he was nowhere in the room, he had no presence. And his party defeated it; the Republicans were for it. That's not leadership."

The tax debate, he said, is a smokescreen for "the real issue, which is overall growth of revenue in Albany County and a sharing of revenue" with municipalities and school districts to soften the blow of a sales tax reduction. He also wants to address countywide resource sharing, focusing particularly on water resource issues that bedevil suburban communities like Bethlehem.

Maurer pledges nonpartisanship: "Mayor Jennings has shown what you can do when you have a bipartisan approach. I'm fed up with politicians more interested in control than in policy, more interested in winning than really the purpose of what government is: having leaves picked up, and garbage picked up, and having fresh water for the next century ... I hope the election campaign will become a public civic debate about where we're going in the future in this county."

Construction group to award scholarship

The Capital District chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction has announced a new Founders' Scholarship for local college students aspiring to careers in construction or engineering.

Applicants must be enrolled in a full-time course of study leading to a bachelor or associate degree in a related field of study.

They must be at least freshmen and have a cumulative grade-point index of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Part-time and graduate students are not eligible.

For information, contact Nancy Van Ast at 459-8395.

Delmar physician joins advisory board

Gov. George Pataki recently announced the appointment of a new Spinal Cord Injury Research Board.

The board will administer the statewide Spinal Cord Injury Research Trust Fund, established by the Legislature last year to support research into spinal cord injuries and their treatment.

Actor Christopher Reeve was named to chair the volunteer panel, joined on it by four neuroscience researchers and educators from around the state. Among them is Dr. Jonathan Rickel Wolpaw of Delmar, chief of the state Laboratory for Nervous System Disorders at SUNY's Wadsworth Center.

BCHS graduate wins college honors

BCHS graduate Sarah Cook, a senior majoring in biology at Hamilton College, recently received the college's Holbrook Prize in biology.

The prize is awarded to a senior for academic excellence in six courses.

Cook is the daughter of David and Kathi Cook of Delmar.

Local man named to transplant council

James Barba, a Bethlehem resident and chairman of the board and chief executive of Albany Medical Center, has been appointed by state Sen. Joseph Bruno to the New York State Transplant Council.

The council advises the state commissioner of health on matters related to organ and tissue procurement, distribution and transplantation.

Glenmont Car Wash hosts state conferees

The annual conference of the New York State Car Wash Association in Albany on May 25 included a showcase visit to Glenmont Car Wash.

Conferees from New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey paid an afternoon visit to the local operation to observe operations and commend owner Dennis O'Shaughnessy and his staff.

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