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Clarksville principal to retire after 28 years

By MAUREEN FREEMAN

Joseph Schaefer, principal of Clarksville Elementary School, will retire next month after 28 years in the Bethlehem Central School District.

For nearly three decades he has greeted students at the front doors of district elementary schools. Before Clarksville, where he has been principal for the past five years, Schaefer served as principal at Hamagrael Elementary School for 17 years.



Schaefer

He began working for the district in 1971, when he has hired as principal of Delmar Elementary School, in what is now town hall.

Schaefer taught fifth grade and worked as an assistant principal in Guilderland elementary schools before coming to Bethlehem.

He hopes to move his career forward, and is considering pursuing what he calls "a second passion" — perhaps environmental education — to further extend his first. "I'm looking into a couple of things that will keep me in education," he said.

With his days at Clarksville coming to an end, Schaefer reflected on his time in Bethlehem schools, beginning with his work at Delmar school.

After his first year there, he did double duty as an elementary principal, spending his mornings in Delmar and then riding his motorcycle down Delaware Avenue to Clarksville Elementary in the afternoons.

That soon stopped. "It didn't work out too well," he said. "The parents and

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Developer gets green light

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

First Columbia, the developer of a proposed two-story, 40,000-square-foot family medical center on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, cleared another hurdle last week in the town of Bethlehem's approval process, winning the town board's approval to rezone a 16.9-acre parcel, to accommodate a planned business district.

Following a June 23 public hearing on the proposal, the board unanimously approved not only the rezoning but an accompanying state environmental quality review (SEQR) resolution that declared the project would have no adverse environmental impact.

It referred the proposal back to the town planning board for site review and another round of public hearings before a final vote by the town board, expected by early August.

In the aftermath of the vote, Supervisor Sheila Fuller hailed the proposal as "a perfect solution for our

community. The economic impact of it will be a benefit to the taxpayers without being an increased burden on services, such as the school district. They are a good neighbor for a community. It's not a smokestack industry, but a relatively clean one."

But Delmar residents Anne and David Moore, prominent in the fight last summer over the CMI senior housing project which is now mired in litigation,

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Delmar boy organizing team for fund-raiser

By BRIAN MCCARTHY

Tim Carey wants your help.

The 13-year-old Delmar boy, aided by his family, is raising money to fund researchers trying to find a cure for juvenile diabetes; his vehicle will be the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's annual Walk to Cure Diabetes.

This year's walk will take place on Sunday, Sept. 26, at Corporate Woods in Albany, and Carey is organizing a team called Bethlehem Cares to participate in the event. The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF) asks each team member to raise money by asking those around them to sponsor their participation in the walk.

Most teams are organized on either the family or the corporate level, but the team Carey is creating will be a town team. The slogan at the end of a letter being sent to local businesses reminds us that "It takes the whole village ... to cure diabetes."

However, Carey said the team isn't restricted to town residents. In another letter, described by his father Ed Carey as "a general, please-get-involved letter," Carey wrote that "anyone — friends, family members, teachers and co-workers from outside Bethlehem — can help us find a cure!"

Carey was inspired by a team from Averill Park which took part in last year's walk and raised nearly \$17,500 for the JDF. It was a family team, and its name, Andrew's Army, reflected that identity, but the team soon grew to include 210 people from across Averill Park.

Carey, who has had diabetes since he was 4 years old, has participated in the



Tim Carey

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BIG hopes to complete rink by November

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

With a formal groundbreaking last week to go with an earlier, practical one, the Bethlehem Ice Group (BIG) has hit the ground running in a race to complete a new professional-caliber ice rink in Bethlehem.

Michael Mullen, BIG's principal partner, along with 11 others, most of them residents of Bethlehem, projects a November opening for the new arena at 900 Delaware Ave., on 27 acres less than a mile south of Bethlehem Central High School.

"We've already put the road in. People can already see where it's going," said Mullen.

The target date, he said, aims for the beginning of the winter free-skating season and the start of varsity hockey

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Kit Gunther, left, Mike Mullen, Supervisor Sheila Fuller, County Executive Michael Breslin, Shawn Mullen, Dan Conophy, Evan Gall, Chris Bub and Nathaniel Drake at BIG's groundbreaking.

Constance Lupe

Sale to minors sting nets six arrests Police make DWI arrests

By Joseph A. Phillips
Continuing the month-long countywide effort to enforce laws about sale of alcohol to minors, the Albany County Sheriff's Department announced a sting operation conducted by deputies at its Voorheesville substation on June 22, involving some 26 business establishments in southern Albany County.

The result: six arrests, including one apiece in Voorheesville and Feura Bush.

The 6-for-26 night, said Chief Deputy Sheriff Craig Apple, "is probably a pretty typical compliance rate. But to me, with all the publicity out there about this program and in this day and age, it's unacceptable."

Two 18-year-old volunteers, accompanied by deputies, attempted to purchase beer at locations that included taverns, liquor stores, service stations, markets and even a country club. They attempt their purchases without any identification, but "if they're asked their age, they tell them the truth," Apple said. An investigator generally follows the decoy into the store to observe the transaction.

Among the New Scotland and Voorheesville businesses that suc-

cessfully avoided an illegal sale during the sweep were the Voorheesville Liquor Store, Supervalu, Smith's Tavern, Stewart's and Short Stops in Slingerlands, another Stewart's in Feura Bush, and Meed's Tavern in Unionville.

But at Pixie's Pub in Feura Bush, 27-year-old Kelly Mohler of 282 New Scotland Ave., Albany, was arrested for sale to a minor. The other local arrest was Jennifer Lee, 19, of 89 Hunt Road in Westerlo, who was clerking at the Mobil station in Voorheesville. The two will face forthcoming court appearances in New Scotland Town Court and Voorheesville Village Court, respectively.

The charges this time are more severe than a mere alcohol sale violation. The two accused sellers, along with four others arrested in Ravena, Coeymans and Westerlo, will face a charge of unlawfully dealing with a child, an unclassified misdemeanor. State Liquor Authority officials are also notified of each violation, which can have implications for the business and its license to sell alcohol.

Though the current sweep was undertaken as part of the Teenage Alcohol Prevention Program

under way throughout the month, involving police agencies in numerous jurisdictions across the county, Apple said the Sheriff's Department typically conducts two or three such stings in a year. "This time there were six arrests. The last time, there were four," said Apple. "The time before that, we did 31 establishments with no arrests."

Bethlehem police conducted a similar sweep on June 17 to check compliance regarding sale of cigarettes to minors. The result was three arrests on charges of endangering the welfare of a minor.

During a five-hour Thursday evening sting operation involving a minor volunteer, the first arrest of the evening took place at about 5:15 p.m. at the Hess station at 1358 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, where police arrested John Joseph Dobiell, 43, of 11 Colatosi Place, Albany.

Later the same night, police arrested Amanda Michelle Bleau, 19, of 637 Elm Ave., Selkirk, at the Petrol station at 294 Route 9W in Glenmont, at about 8:45 p.m. And 42-year-old Jeffrey Alan Schraa of Hannacroix was arrested for an illegal sale at about 9:20 p.m. at the Cumberland Farms store, 430 Route 9W in Selkirk. All three face court dates in July.

By Joseph A. Phillips
An Albany man was arrested on June 21 and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) by Bethlehem police, and another Albany man faces a similar charge following his arrest in Voorheesville by Albany County Sheriff's deputies in an earlier incident.

While on patrol at about 11:45 p.m., Officer Christopher Hughes observed a vehicle southbound on River Road in Glenmont that he allegedly clocked at excessive speed. He stopped the vehicle at the intersection with Glenmont Road, and after administering field

sobriety tests, arrested Adam James Bossard, 19, of 41 Parkwood Drive, Albany.

Bossard was charged with DWI and speeding, and ordered to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on July 20.

Meanwhile, Joseph H. Attanasio, 49, of 4 Woolridge Court, Albany, was arrested on June 9 after being stopped on Route 155 for several traffic infractions. Following field sobriety tests, he was charged with DWI, failure to keep right and following too closely. He was due in Voorheesville Village Court on June 21.

Robbery charge dismissed

A robbery charge involving a Glenmont teen-ager has been adjourned in contemplation of dismissal (ACOD) following an appearance before Town Justice Theresa Egan on June 15.

Peter M. Bukowski, 18, of 4 Hancock Drive, Glenmont, had been charged with third-degree robbery by Bethlehem police following an incident on May 30 involving a Delmar youngster. According to records obtained through an attorney for the fam-

ily, the case has now been adjourned for six months under the ACOD procedure.

Also known as "diversion," ACOD, which is used in courts throughout the state, sets a specified period of time during which the defendant must maintain a clean police record. If they have done so, at the end of the period the charges are formally dismissed, and official court records on the case are sealed.

Joseph A. Phillips

Raccoons tested for rabies

Four separate raccoons suspected of being infected with rabies were dispatched by Bethlehem police in three inci-

dents in three and a half hours on the afternoon of June 23.

All are being tested at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center to determine if they were rabid.

Between 3:50 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., sick raccoons were shot by Bethlehem police after observation of their erratic behavior.

One shooting took place at 1563 Elm Ave. in Selkirk; the other two incidents were in Delmar, where two sick animals were killed in the vicinity of Cherry Avenue and one on Roweland Avenue.

No human contact has been reported with any of the animals, and no information is yet available from Five Rivers on whether the animals were infected.

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DOT details plan for Kenwood Ave. spruce up and resurfacing project

By Joseph A. Phillips

In a public information session held at Bethlehem town hall on June 22, representatives of the state Department of Transportation (DOT) presented plans for the reconstruction of a crucial stretch of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, the first major resurfacing of the road since 1970.

DOT outlined its plans for the stretch of Kenwood from Cherry Avenue to Delaware Avenue, about a mile of heavily-travelled roadway into the heart of Delmar. That stretch has been partially resurfaced four times since the last major reconstruction — which, the DOT team pointed out, speaks to the need for the \$3.2 million overhaul.

Approximately 40 residents and town officials, including the entire town board, attended the three-hour presentation of a first cut of plans. Input gathered from the session, and comments sent to DOT by mail, will be incorporated into a preliminary design plan, to be completed by March 2000, according to project manager Shireen Gifford. DOT hopes to finalize designs by February 2001, she said, begin construction that summer and wind up by the end of 2002.

According to Gifford, DOT seeks to alleviate inadequate drainage below the road surface, serious deterioration of the road's shoulders, and cracking of the surface pavement. To do so, it will remove and replace the pavement all along the roadway.

The existing drainage system, Gifford said, is more than 60 years old, and not well-designed. Significant puddling problems occur along the current roadway, due to insufficient and poorly-placed drainage inlets.

The DOT plan addresses these issues, and Bruce Secor, the town's commissioner of public works, rose to give a cautious endorsement to the proposal, noting that "I have been lobbying very hard" for sewer line improvements in its path.

DOT also proposes to install curbs, widen and re-install existing sidewalks, and remove dead and diseased trees along the route. One completely new stretch of sidewalk is also proposed, to extend along the north shoulder of the road from Kilmer Court to Equinox Court, the entrance driveway to Deer Run Apartments.

Dot does not propose a major widening of the roadway, any additional lanes, or anything that would permanently alter the character of the tree-lined thorough-

fare. Project designers stressed that the existing roadway is approximately 28 feet from shoulder to shoulder, with two 14-foot "shared" (by both motor vehicles and bicycles) travel lanes. The early design would restore it to that width. "This is not a road-widening, but a reconstruction of the existing pavement in its existing location," said DOT's Steve Szanto.

The current sidewalk is 4 feet wide along much of its length, and the plan calls for a consistent 5-foot width. To repair the sidewalks and restore full "snow storage" strips between street and sidewalk, some property strip-takings will be required, Gifford said.

"Property right-of-way lines are not delineated yet, and nothing is in stone yet," she said. "We anticipate only minor strip-takings." That drew some objections, and one homeowner opposed the new sidewalk near Deer Run.

Others at the meeting questioned the installation of traditional, nontraversable granite curbs, concerned with the implications for bicycle safety and parking on the road shoulder. There were also numerous questions about the fate of the roadway's trees.

"I'm your tree man," said landscape architect Michael Mannosh, adding, "I would love to say nothing more than we're going to save every tree out there. To be realistic with you, that's not going to happen." But he pledged to meet with individual property owners along the route to address their concerns, and to "try to avoid, minimize and mitigate where possible."

No injuries reported in Delmar van fire

By Joseph A. Phillips

A smoky blaze engulfed a van on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar on Friday, June 25, temporarily diverting traffic near the Four Corners intersection but causing no injuries.

The van, being driven shortly before 3 p.m. by Rabbi Nachman Simon of Elsmere Avenue, caught fire when a ruptured fuel line began spilling gasoline onto the hot pavement.

Simon, who said he spotted the trail of flame in his rear-view mirror, was able to pull off the road into a driveway adjacent to Mitchie's on Kenwood.

"It took three to five minutes

for it to really get going," he said, "but it was fully blazing by the time the fire department came over."

Firefighters from the Delmar Fire Department, less than two blocks from the scene, quickly put out the blaze, which gutted the van's interior. Simon was the only passenger.

Fire Chief Greg Gould said that a mechanical malfunction appeared to be the cause of the broken fuel line.

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Bethlehem town clerk elected district director

Bethlehem Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk has been elected district director of the New York State Town Clerk's Association.

As district director, she will serve as liaison between the statewide organization's local members and its executive committee, and as a contact person for clerks seeking assistance or information.

She is one of 10 such district leaders around the state.

"Being elected by a membership of more than 850 town clerks is not only an honor to Kathy, but also to your town for having one of its own recognized for leadership skills and professionalism," wrote the group's secretary, Michael Zimmer, in a letter to Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

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Family fun



Hamagrael third-graders Kathleen Tucker and Nicole Rice had a blast at the school's Family Fun Day.

Constance Lupe

Landowner appeals code

By Lori Mangum

Karen Burrows and her lawyer Joseph Catalano appeared before the New Scotland zoning board on Tuesday, June 22, in a continuation of Burrows' appeal of building code and land use violations from the board's May 24 meeting.

Burrows, who owns 38 acres at 80 Waldenmeir Road, was cited in December 1998 for constructing a dwelling unit in an existing barn without benefit of a building permit and for operating a stable and riding academy in violation of zoning regulations.

In response to complaints by Burrows' neighbors about her disruptive business and apartment renters in her barn, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Pine searched town records on the property since 1980 when the previous owner, a veterinarian, had expanded his clinic. Pine found a record of office space, but no habitable dwelling area.

Burrows appeared in Small Claims Court in May 1998 in response to a demand that she return a rental deposit to Theresa Sherer for an apartment in the barn. After losing, Burrows insisted that the space was only rented for storage.

But, photos supplied by Sherer show a different internal structure from the one Building Inspector Paul Jeffers saw when he visited the site in August 1998. During a follow-up visit by Pine, there was a new hot water heater and work done on the electrical service without proper permits.

As a result, Burrows was issued a violation in December 1998. Zoning officials also cited Burrows for operating a stable and riding academy in violation of Industrial District regulations. Burrows and her attorney filed an appeal, which the zoning board first heard on May 24.

At that meeting, Catalano presented a survey and affidavit com-

pleted by surveyor Paul Hite that the barn, horse corral and other accessories were not in the town of New Scotland. And, according to tax records presented by Burrows, she pays taxes to the town of Bethlehem for the land underneath the buildings, and only pays tax to New Scotland for the buildings themselves. She contends New Scotland does not have jurisdiction over the use of the land.

Catalano said that if the buildings are in New Scotland, they are situated on more than 5 acres. Based on that amount of acreage, Burrows could use the land for agricultural purposes, allowing her to continue to operate a stable and riding academy.

Zoning board attorney Margaret Adkins said the board does not have the authority to rule on town lines, but can only make decisions on zoning lines.

The board discussed the possibility of rezoning the land to agricultural use at its May 24 meeting. But on June 22, Burrows' neighbors, Christine Carrington and Scott Neal, and their attorney, John Allen, complained to the zoning board about the stable and riding academy, citing health and public safety issues such as the inadequacy of sewage disposal for both animals and humans on the site, the way vehicles enter the property and the degree of commercial activity.

If New Scotland decides to rezone the parcel to accommodate Burrows' horse business, it could wind up in court, Allen said. Citing various legal precedents, Allen said New Scotland has no jurisdiction to govern land that is not within town lines, and could face a lawsuit if it rezones Burrows' land.

The board agreed to adjourn to consider its legal position. It will meet on July 7 at 7 p.m. at Jerusalem Reformed Church on Route 32 in Feura Bush for a special zoning update forum.

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Fourth is forever first in holiday memory bank

By Katherine McCarthy

The string-covered loop suspended from the dark green window shade slapped the cabin wall. The wooden slat that weighted the bottom of the shade tapped

could be turned away from huge stone fireplaces to watch gathering storms blitz and thunder their way from the Adirondacks to the Green Mountains.

The Fourth of July was always sunny, though, and the sound of slamming wooden screen doors chased us children into the vast green field behind the camps. We picked devil's paintbrush, hid in the grass, or climbed the dilapidated haystack to view the lake from a higher vantage point, shrieking at the garter snakes that slithered among the bales.

On the old clay tennis court, rolled and swept daily, our parents' tennis tournament finished on the Fourth of July, then the youngest of us hit balls, mostly into the net, before we gathered at one end of the dirt road for our patriotic parade.

Dressed in red, white and blue, paper flags held aloft, pots and pans and one lone flute accompanied us past dutiful and doting parents, up the hill to the old white farmhouse that kept watch over the fields, the camps and the cliffs leading down to the lake. The camp owners fortified us with us fresh baked cookies and cold well water before we returned to bologna sandwiches, the mandatory half-hour rest, and finally, a running leap from the gray dock into the chilly lake.

When the westward moving

sun made the lake sparkle, we rowed to the far ends of the beach, where enough driftwood lay uncollected and dried to take back and build a teepee to the sky.

We were sent into the lake one more time to bathe and shampoo, then dressed in long pants and cotton sweaters to keep off the chill sure to gather on a lake evening. We met at the largest camp for the hot dogs, hamburgers and mayonnaise-laden salads essential to any proper American holiday.

When the fireflies began lighting the fields, we made triangular holes with can openers in the lids of baby food jars we'd saved just for this night. We took the jars inside and learned that sometimes beauty is best left unexplored. The fireflies' plainness didn't deter us from trying to capture their enchanting luminescence, but we kept the jars outside until it was time to release the bugs.

Someone produced a few sparklers, and admonished us to be careful as we made circles and figure-8's, or stared in awe at the brilliance burning between our very own fingers, dropping them when there was more sagging black stick than sparkling diamonds in our hands.

Then came the driftwood bonfire on the beach. Families stood in little groups, faces flushed from the first flames that threatened to singe an overhanging tree. As the fire settled down, so did we, in chairs, on blankets or on the warm stones. We let the fire and water lead us into uninhibited song: "God Bless America" in honor of the day, followed by "Mairzy Doats," "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," "Tom Dooley," "Over

There," "If I Had a Hammer," and other classic campfire songs too rarely sung. In the distances of surrounding towns, we could hear the boom of fireworks we were too sheltered to see.

When we tossed rocks on burning logs to make our own pyrotechnics, mothers knew it was time to take us to bed, pull down the shades, and let our covers warm us against the night air.

The next morning felt quiet and anticlimactic. Black ashes, still warm stones, empty baby food jars and maybe a forgotten chair reminded us of our celebration of our nation's birthday.

We have all grown up and gone, and the camps and farmhouse don't exist anymore. But whenever I sit near a bonfire, I remember how much I loved the Fourth of July. That day, that place, that time is seared into my unconscious as the essence of America.

Maybe everybody, everywhere, has memories like that, something to make the Fourth of July, and this place we call home, special. The places may have changed—we certainly have. But I know that lake still sparkles a welcome, and driftwood keeps washing up on its stony beach.

Bethlehem library offers craft club

A craft club for school-aged children, teaching a new craft at each session, will meet weekly, July 13 through Aug. 3, at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Materials will be provided for the weekly gathering.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Bethlehem graduates slate benefit concert

Five recent graduates of Bethlehem Central High School will unite to perform a jazz concert to benefit the Interfaith Partnership for the homeless on Sunday, July 11, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Boulevard, Albany.

Adam Waite, Bill Leary, David Fatek, Matthew Aronoff and Seth Fruiterman reunite their jazz combo each summer for a benefit jam for a charitable cause.

This year's concert, will benefit the nonprofit advocacy and service organization for Albany's homeless. Admission will be \$5 at the door.

Delmar library plans toddler program

A summer fun-time program of stories, songs and crafts for children ages 22 to 35 months will take place on Monday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

Bookchat group to meet at library

The monthly Bookchat discussion group for children in fifth-grade and up, accompanied by an adult, will meet on Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, to discuss Lynda Durrant's "Echohawk"

Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book, and accompanying questions to guide discussion, are available at the young adult services desk. For information, call the library at 439-9314.

COMMENTARY:

Mom's the Word



the windowsill rhythmically as the night air lifted it away from, then returned it to the window screen.

Outside, the waves slapped gently at stones edging the lake, and the voices of the grown-ups still gathered around the embers of the bonfire were as muted and soothing as a Sunday afternoon baseball game on the radio.

It was the perfect ending to another perfect Fourth of July. The three white cabins — known in our part of New England as camps — faced a stony beach on a small Lake Champlain cove, each with a rowboat turtled up at the edge of the water.

The camps' painted-wood decks were furnished with metal patio chairs whose heat startled unsuspecting flesh chilled after swimming. From inside the French doors, mission settees



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Kaiser pulling out of region

By Joseph A. Phillips

Citing increased competition in the Northeast in the market for integrated health care management, the area's largest health insurance provider, Kaiser Permanente, announced its intention to discontinue operations in its Northeast Division by Dec. 31.

Kaiser officials offered reassurances that enrollees in the Northeast would experience no interruption in coverage. And the medical group covering the eight area offices affiliated with the Kaiser Permanente Health Plan, including the one based in Delmar, scrambled to get the word out that they're here to stay.

"We want our patients to know that their doctors, nurses and therapists aren't going anywhere," said Dr. Thomas Auer, medical director of the Capital Area Permanente Medical Group.

The Kaiser plan pullout affects more than half a million managed-care plan subscribers in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New York, as well as more than 3,500 administrative employees divisionwide and employees of the nonprofit group practices affiliated with Kaiser Permanente throughout the region.

More than 285,000 of Kaiser's enrollees are in New York alone, including 125,000 upstate, and nearly 60,000 served by the Capital area group, according to Kaiser Permanente spokesman Justin Gray. Six thousand of those are served through the practice in Delmar at 250 Delaware Ave.

Also affected are seven other practices in Albany, Clifton Park, Latham, Rotterdam, Saratoga, Schodack and Troy. The division's regional headquarters is located in Latham, and employs roughly 1,850 people.

Gray said Kaiser was withdrawing from the Northeast in order to concentrate on operations in its seven other regional divisions. "The impact on our subscribers will be fairly minimal," he said, "and until further notice, members will not see anything change in their health care."

Operation of the medical offices is being transferred temporarily to a subsidiary, Northeast Permanente Medical Group, which is expected to remain in the market and establish new, nonexclusive practice arrangements with other insurers. Gray said Kaiser is negotiating with "successors" to take over insurance coverage at the medical practices.

He said Kaiser was committed

to continue to provide service "until well after the transition period" should successor negotiations not be complete in December.

As for the medical offices themselves, most are expected to become self-managed. The Capital area group formed over a year ago to separate management of the local medical practices from

While the Capital area group awaits the outcome of Kaiser's "successor" negotiations on insurance coverage, it is making moves to establish open enrollment. "We expect to be able to continue our relationship and just accept insurance from other insurers," Auer said.

As for central administrative staff in Latham, Gray hoped that most might be retained to oversee administration of successor health plan services. But Auer said the Capital area group would need little such overhead and did not expect to hire many of the central staff. "Some of those people will transition to a new organization," he said, but he expected most would be let go.

In the event that local operations go their separate ways in the Capital District and other areas in the Northeast, Gray said Kaiser will offer severance packages and outplacement for those workers. "It's also a possibility that some of the senior management may be able to find positions with other Kaiser Permanente divisions," he said.

"We're hoping for as seamless a transition as possible, both for our subscribers and our employees," he said.

Kaiser bought out the area operations of Community Health Plan in the fall of 1996, taking over a 19-year-old managed care operation.

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Dr. Thomas Auer

the Latham-based health plan management, has a head start.

But competing health plans like MVP took out full-page ads in local dailies last week to lure away the medical group's patients, who may be confused over Kaiser Permanente's future. Auer's announcement, he said, was designed to reassure those subscribers.

"Both the health plan and the medical group are working as hard as we can to ensure that the relationship with our patients is not interrupted," he said. "It's confusing for our patients, but we're trying to clarify it. The bottom line is, there's really nothing they need to do."

Health care association announces '99 officers

The Health Care Managers Association of Northeastern New York has chosen the following officers for 1999: Mari Agnes Malkonian of Latham, president; John Templin of Greenfield Center, president-elect; Peggy Porter of Esperance, vice president for finance; Holly Fox of Guilderland, vice president for programming; Susan Brienza-Gordon of Saratoga Springs, vice president for membership; John Mackey of Rexford, vice president/American College of Healthcare Executives liaison; Richard Chady of Delmar, vice president for communications; Carol Ann Tiberia of Albany, vice president for quality improvement; Rick McGachey of Clifton Park, Webmaster; Allan Filler of Selkirk, ambassador; Annemarie O'Hearn of Schodack, special events coordinator; Elizabeth Pohl of Saratoga Springs, member-at-large; and Frank Fanshawe of Voorheesville, member-at-large.

Association of Northeastern New York is a nonprofit professional organization with about 200 members from area hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, insurance firms, health maintenance organizations, home health care agencies, physician offices and state and local government. It is affiliated with the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Academy graduates

A graduating class of 44 highlighted the 186th graduation at Albany Academy for Boys.

Among the graduates in the class of 1999 were the following local residents: Nicholas Manning Conger, Daniel Prince and Seth Purcell, all of Slingerlands; Kenneth Hamm, Andrew Laven, Kevin Leveille and Jason Moskos all of Delmar; Andrew Rodrigue of Voorheesville, Michael Sengenberger of Feura Bush; and Christen Tower-Knapp of Ravena.

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Matters of Opinion

Meetings must be open

We hope the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals sees the error of its recent decision to conduct public business in executive session or behind closed doors.

The board is clearly acting in violation of state law, which allows for executive session only under a very limited number of circumstances. Executive session, for example, is convened when there are sensitive personnel matters to be discussed.

This type of situation occurs typically on school or town boards, when an employee is facing dismissal, hardly a situation a zoning board would ever deal with.

Routine zoning requests are matters of public business, and should be handled before the public. We are not sure why the board decided to veer from its legally prescribed course, but we are sure the move was ill-advised and illegal.

The Spotlight believes strongly in the principles and practice of open government. Conducting public business behind closed doors is a totally unacceptable practice and totally inexplicable in a town like Bethlehem.

Back to basic ideals

Fourth of July — a splendid summer holiday launching our oh so short season of fun in the sun, at the pool and at the beach. The Fourth, when fireworks light up the Albany skyline in tribute to the nation's birthday, is also a time for us to pay tribute to the ideals of democracy.

Our state Legislators, in the annual budget delay debacle, appear to fly in the face of those ideals as they once again drag their feet, apparently immune to the bad taste they've left as a result of their behavior. The legislators also appear to be immune to the law that determines the April 1 deadline for budget passage, which only serves to fuel cynicism against so-called leaders who blatantly ignore the law year after year.

It's time for our lawmakers to rekindle the true spirit of the Fourth of July, and work harder to display respect for the law of the land by obeying it.

Kudos to retirees

Congratulations to Clarksville Elementary School principal Joe Schaefer, who is retiring after 28 years of service. He has made an imprint on the school and on the lives of many people throughout the district.

Kudos also to the many other Bethlehem school district teachers and employees who will retire this year after long and illustrious careers.

In upcoming editions, *The Spotlight* will profile some of these long-tenured, dedicated school district personnel, who have made their mark and leave big shoes to fill.

Thanks to each and every retiree and good luck in all future endeavors.

Leave fireworks to the pros

Teach your children to leave fireworks to the pros

With the Fourth of July approaching, children should be taught that fireworks are just too risky to handle: Don't touch them, and leave the area if other children do.

"Children account for a large share of fireworks injuries," said Randolph Smith, senior vice president of the personal insurance division of Atlantic Mutual Cos., "but most injuries could be prevented if people — including adults — simply left fireworks to the professionals."

To help prevent fireworks injuries to children, Atlantic Mutual insurance companies and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) have developed a list of fireworks safety tips that follow NFPA's Risk Watch philosophy of injury prevention. Developed by the NFPA and available for classroom instruction, Risk Watch teaches children how to evaluate risky situations.

Fireworks safety tips

- Children should never touch fireworks. Instruct children to tell an adult if they find fireworks. An adult should notify the police or fire department for safe disposal.

- Adults should always behave responsibly around fireworks. Because children copy adult behavior, adults should demonstrate safe and appropriate use of fire and fire tools. Fireworks should be handled only by trained professionals.

- Explain to children the harm that fireworks can do. Without frightening them, tell children that fireworks can cause permanent injuries such as burns, blindness, damaged hearing and the loss of fingers or limbs.

- Teach children how to leave. Discuss with children how to tell fireworks they don't want to touch fireworks, or how they will leave a friend's home if amateurs — including adults — are using fireworks.

- Give the pros room to work. At professional fireworks displays, children and adults should comply with all safety restrictions and stay clear of the experts who are handling fireworks.

- Provide alternatives to fireworks. Noise-makers, paper streamers and other similar products can entertain children and make them feel part of a celebration.

In 1997, emergency rooms in the United States treated 8,300 people for injuries caused by fireworks, a 14 percent increase over the 7,300 people injured in 1996, according to NFPA. Almost 40 percent of those injured were under the age of 15. Boys are three times as likely as girls to be injured by fireworks.

"All year long, we teach children to stay away from things that get hot," said Meri-K Appy, vice president of public education for NFPA. "It doesn't make sense to abandon that sensible approach on Independence Day."

Even sparklers, which many people consider safe, burn at temperatures in excess of 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause

severe contact burns and ignite clothing, added Appy.

In 1997, sparklers caused 12 percent of the fireworks injuries treated by hospital emergency rooms. Thirty-nine percent of the injuries were to the eyes.

Established in 1896, the international nonprofit National Fire Protection Association has as its mission to reduce the burden of fire on the quality of life by advocating scientifically based consensus codes and standards, research and education for fire and related safety issues.

The association publishes a wide variety of educational and safety materials, including the National Fire Codes, and is developer of the Risk Watch comprehensive injury prevention curriculum and the Learn Not to Burn fire safety curriculum. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Mass.

You can visit its family Web site at www.sparkv.org.

Regents should apply standards for all kids

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

There is more than one pathway to academic success. If high school students are to pass Regents examinations and meet stricter graduation requirements, we must provide them with a learning environment that is as diverse as their interests, talents and abilities. For many students, vocational-technical (Vo-Tec) education provides a context for learning that enables them to achieve academically.

Significant strides are being made in both the Vo-Tec and traditional academic arenas to facilitate student achievement. Indeed, academics have always been an integral part of a Vo-Tec education and essential to students' success both in school and their careers.

Mathematical calculations, required reading lists, detailed written proposals and reports and oral presentations have always been part of the Vo-Tec learning experience.

At Albany and Schoharie Vo-Tec centers, we are increasing our integration of academic subjects into technical programs and working closely with the high schools we serve to prepare students for success. This will not only allow students to meet academic requirements, but will also further enhance their Vo-Tec education.

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- New Visions programs for honors level high school seniors offering rigorous study of medicine, law and government, business and finance and public communications

- Programs requiring one rather than two years of study to address the need for some students to spend more time at their home schools.

As the board of Regents considers curricular and graduation proposals, it would be well-advised to look at ways of applying the state learning standards within Vo-Tec programs and to recognize the value of a technical education. High standards should apply to and be deemed valuable for all students.

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Your Opinion Matters

Candidate disgruntled over news presentation

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to the article on June 16 about the Republican county executive candidate Bob Maurer. I read with great displeasure my quote about the county executive race. My comments were taken out of context, and I want to clear the record.

The quote began with, "I hope our county executive candidate can articulate what our party's about." There was a second quote, which was taken out of context, referring to not mounting a winning campaign.

I want to make it perfectly clear that my quote was referring to any candidate in any election belonging to any political party must articulate the party platform in order to win — not to our Republican candidate who had not yet

even been announced.

As a 25-year resident of Bethlehem, I know Bob is deeply committed to our community. Bob's proposal to reduce the size and cost of county government and his vision for economic development are brilliantly conceived and will have a strong appeal to all residents of the county. Bob Maurer is a quality candidate who will articulate the issues of the Republican Party, and I am confident that come November, Albany County will have a new county executive.

Tom Marcelle
Slingerlands

Editor's note: The Spotlight stands behind the story that the writer refers to.

Slide presentation



Tori Trossel, 2, enjoys a romp on the slide at an open house at Tutor Time in Delaware Plaza in Elsmere. Constance Lupe

Liberal committee endorses Harder

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Capital District Liberal Committee, the official arm of the Liberal party of New York state in Albany County, has endorsed the candidacy of George T. Harder for town councilman in the town of Bethlehem.

Mr. Harder, who also has the

Thank you to Glenmont community

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to publicly thank Teresa Snyder, principal of Glenmont Elementary School, Kathi Davey, Pat Dolder, Adam Singleton, the third, fourth and fifth grade classes and the entire staff of the school for the beautiful ceremony and placement of the statues and plaque dedicating the garden at the school to my late wife Nancy.

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Civil officers are: Debra Lobdell, president; Karen Rutnik, vice president; Earl Miller, secretary; and Maryann Hendrickson, financial secretary.

Arlene LaDuke was recognized as Firefighter of the Year.

The Delmar Fire Co. installed the following officers for the coming year: Greg Gould, chief; Robert Lemieux, first assistant chief; David Bastiani, second assistant chief; John Smith, fire captain; Paul Spagnola, fire police captain; and David Poll, rescue squad captain.

Democratic endorsement, is a longtime resident of Delmar, and his family has deep roots in Albany County.

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Delmar doll fancier publishes encyclopedia

By Katherine McCarthy

In one carefully lighted, well-cooled room of Ursula Mertz' Delmar home there are glass cases full of dolls. Small dolls, large dolls, dolls in ethnic costumes, dolls in elegant ball gowns, a family of dolls gathered in the kitchen.

They are all American Composition Dolls, and represent 25 years of collecting.

"Tons," Mertz replied with a laugh to the inevitable question of how many dolls she has. They provided the information and inspiration for Mertz' book, "The Collector's Encyclopedia of American Composition Dolls, 1900 - 1950," published earlier this year by Collector Books.

With 390 pages and 850 full-color photographs, most taken by Mertz's husband Otto, the book covers identification, history, production and commerce of these dolls. Because Mertz repaired American Composition Dolls for a long time, she also included technical aspects of their production, history and manufacture. A short section also tells about Bernard Lipfert, who designed many of the dolls.

"The American Composition Doll is made of sawdust," Mertz said. "It's a wood pulp dipped into a glue-based composition. It's glue and whiting, which smells sort of like calcium. Then it's spray-painted." The dolls all have soft bodies.

Before 1910, most dolls were imported from Europe, and were made of porcelain, or bisque. Around 1910, a reform movement in the field of psychology led to the realization that children weren't just little adults, and



Ursula Mertz shows off some of the dolls in her extensive collection.

Katherine McCarthy

needed toys to play with. In Germany, a group of women began designing dolls children could play with, with cloth bodies and pressed cloth heads. Successful importation of these dolls spurred Americans to produce them as well.

"In 1914, when the war in Europe broke out," Mertz said, "most toys were imported. Then came the blockade, and the American toy industry got a tremendous push. After 1918, European toys became available again, but those few years made a big difference, and they never came back to the same level again."

Women's rights came into play, too, Mertz said, as more women

began designing dolls and toys. "Rose O'Neill designed the kewpie doll, and became quite famous and rich," Mertz said. "Grace Drayton came up with the Campbell kids, but she died a poor soul."

Mertz's favorite designer was Georgine Averill, who invented the "Mama Doll," an American Composition Doll with a voice box that said "Mama."

"Georgine Averill was a woman after my own heart," Mertz said. "She had a shop on Fifth Avenue in New York, and dressed all her salesgirls like baby nurses. They talked to the dolls, diapered them and put them to sleep. Even if a customer came in, they finished with the doll before waiting on them."

Mertz and her husband have spent a lot of time researching American Composition Dolls, focusing for the last eight years on material for the book. Mertz brought her first doll for her daughter about 25 years ago, but when her daughter rejected "that old thing," Mertz realized she was the one who wanted it.

"I wanted to know what the head was made of," Mertz said, "so I went to look it up. Twenty-five years ago, the world of American Composition Dolls was like a blank wall." Mertz visited a doll hospital in Troy and a doll museum in Stockbridge, then hit the libraries to research old Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs, and trade books and magazines of the toy industry. The Mertzes have

also been to the New York State Library, the New York City Public Library and the Library of Congress.

Along the way, Mertz became a writer herself, publishing in several doll publications. She has a regular column about American Composition Dolls in "Doll Reader."

"These toys are a thing of their time," Mertz said. "They reflect history, fashion, even the comics."

For Mertz, who came to the United States from Germany in 1956, the dolls also reflect what she calls "the American can-do spirit."

"One of the main companies, Effandbee, was just three people thinking things up," Mertz said, "and look at Georgine Averill. When you read the trade magazines from the teens and '20s, you see that a lot of these women were real pioneers."

Mertz worked for a year as a secretary in Germany before she came to Scarsdale, Westchester County, as an au pair. On her day off, she went to night school, and after a year and a half, got a job as a secretary in New York City. "There was more affluence, the standard of living was better, and the people were so generous," she said of her decision to stay in the United States.

Mertz met her husband in New York City, and their daughter was born there. They moved to Delmar in 1970.

Although the proliferating use of plastics after World War II replaced American Composition Dolls, Mertz's encyclopedia will keep their history alive. "I may write volume two of the encyclopedia," she said. "I wish I had more time to write something in-depth, like about Georgine Averill."

Mertz is a member of the Shaker Doll Club, and American Composition Dolls will be part of an exhibit sponsored by the club on Sept. 25 at the Polish Community Center on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany.

Five Rivers slates annual butterfly count

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will conduct its annual bio-assay survey of butterfly species on Thursday, July 8, and again on Saturday, July 10.

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Churches switch to summer schedule

Four area churches will change their hours for the summer beginning on July 4.

Mass at St. Matthew's Church will be on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church will hold worship services at 9:30 a.m.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold summer services at 9 a.m. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches will combine services on given Sundays.

On July 11, 18, and 25, services will be held at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue with the Rev. Holly Cameron of New Scotland Presbyterian Church officiating.

And on Aug. 1, 8, and 15, services will be held at New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands. The Rev. Brian Gould, assistant pastor of First United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Trash pickup on regular schedule

There will be no delay in trash collection the week of July 5 to 9. Trash will be collected on the regular scheduled day.

Museum sets summer hours

The New Scotland Museum in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem is open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon throughout the summer.

Town to hold playground program

The town of New Scotland summer recreation program will run from July 6 through Aug. 13. The program is for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade.

Voorheesville playground will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon at the town park on Swift Road.

Feura Bush playground will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon at the Feura Bush town park.

Registration forms can be picked up at town hall at 2029 New Scotland Road. There is a \$10 registration fee.

For information, call Carol Cootware at 439-4889.

NEWS NOTES Voorheesville

Jane Norris
439-8532



Seventh-graders participate in cancer fund-raiser

Seven Voorheesville students recently participated in a cancer fund-raiser, raising \$1,980 for the American Cancer Society.

The event, at Colonie Central High School, required one team member to walk on the track at all times. The walk started on Friday at 6 p.m. and ran until Saturday at 10 a.m. The students collectively walked for 15 hours.

Erin Brackett, Jessica Engel, Katie Clark, Kate Arico, Stephanie Disser, Brianna Burtman and Sarina Fiero participated in the fund-raiser.

Legion sponsors Boys State program

American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will send James Case and Andrew Tanner to Boys State at SUNY Morrisville. During the week-long program, students learn about the many levels of government.

The high school students were chosen for their character and leadership qualities.

Extension offers grilling workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension on Martin Road will offer a workshop on low-fat grilling today, June 30, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The hands-on workshop will include five low-fat grill recipes and a taste test. The workshop is free and open to the public.

For information, call Barb Stevens at 765-3500

Sign up for summer reading club

This year's summer reading club kicks off for all age levels at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, with a presentation by puppet master Bernd Ogradnik.

Sign-up is ongoing at the library. Be sure to bring some of your used books to registration so you can start reading with some fresh books from our Summer Book Swap which will be held on Thursday, July 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.

New this year is a summer reading club for kids in their mid-teens on five Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Kids entering grades six through eight are eligible, and sixth-graders



a.m. through Aug. 10. Story times at the library will be on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesdays, at 10 a.m. beginning on July 12.

ers can participate in both the daytime and evening programs. The first program in July 12 involves making hand-painted silk art.

Sign up is necessary for each program. For information, call 765-2791.

Summer story times begin on July 8 when Joyce Laiosa will entertain kids in the village park. Story times are Thursdays at 11

Summer beach reads are available at the library. We have many popular paperbacks in all genres — legal thrillers, political intrigue, medical dramas, police suspense and plenty of romance — to help wile away the hours on the beach or the patio.

Stop by soon to choose from the best selection.

Barbara Vink

Brain injury group presents certificates

The Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) recently awarded certificates of appreciation to Linden Printing Services of Delmar and the Peer Assistance League (PAL) Program at Hamagrael School in recognition of their outstanding support of the association.

Linden was honored for its extensive donated printing and copying services on behalf of the association's programs and services.

Vice president Jill Van Der Linden accepted the award on behalf of owner and president Gary Van Der Linden at the association's recent conference.

The PAL Program, coordinated by guidance counselor Gwen Guilette, was recognized for its input into development of violence prevention activities for children.

PAL students in fifth and sixth grade helped develop illustrations around the theme "Friends Not Fists" for use in BIANYS materials.

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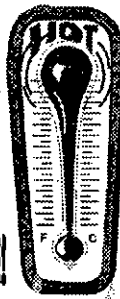
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Exhibits feature varied art styles, chess sets

Jeanne Knouse exhibits some fine charcoal portraits in the northwest gallery next month. Knouse draws from photographs, looking for veiled qualities that she says

Information about the Friends can be found in the rack by the reference desk.

It's not too late to register for the Children's Writing Workshop, which will meet on Fridays, July 9 through Aug. 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Youngsters write, illustrate and bind their own books in this program, now in its eighth year.

Appearances by local authors highlight the program. Participants must make a firm commitment to attend four of the five sessions. Adult volunteers are still needed.

Participants should register in person at the youth services desk.

Watch this column in July for a rundown of weekly summer activities. And don't forget to visit our Web site at www.uhls.org/bethlehem.

Louise Grieco



"can sometimes be seen in small tensed muscles, the tilt of the head or where the eyes are directed."

Years of drawing have taught her that "even the tiniest change of line of darkening of a shadow can greatly alter the character of a face." Knouse was a student of Diane Cotton.

Karen Williamson's color photographs, "Images of the Adirondacks," will be on display in the southwest gallery.

The Albany Area Chess Club has loaned a number of chess sets for display in our small case and Madeline Magin's Pez collection brings a bit of the past into the present in the youth service case.

"Bethlehem Public Library at the New Millennium" is the bulletin board theme in July, contributed by the Friends of the Library.

Print maker



Bonnie Curry, director of School's Out, left, joins Glenmont student Lindsey Zwleback and Allstate Insurance agent Kevin McDermott, who took photos of local school children and handed out child identification fingerprinting booklets. For information about the service, call 439-3477. *Debbie Eberle*

Geology walk

Geology expert Thom Engel will lead a three-hour walk along Minelot Creek from the cliff to its source on Saturday, July 3, at 9:30 a.m. at Thacher Park in New Scotland.

For information, call 872-1237.

Zoning board slates hearings

Bethlehem's zoning board of appeals has scheduled two public hearings on applications for zoning variances for Wednesday, July 7, at town hall at 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The first, at 7:30 p.m., concerns an application by Phyllis Chambers of 12 Caldwell Boulevard in Slingerlands; the other, at 7:45 p.m., by Amanda Jo Kercher and David Weinraub of 26 Woodmont Drive in Delmar.

Evenings on the Green concerts start July 7

Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Avenue in Delmar will resume its summer music series in July with Evenings on the Green every Wednesday evening.

The concert series kicks off July 7 with Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers holding forth with traditional Cajun music.

On Wednesday, July 14, Skip


Parsons and Friends play traditional New Orleans jazz; on July 21, it's the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps.

Finally, on July 28, the men's a capella chorus and barbershop ensembles of Schenectady's Electric City Chorus close out the series.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on the library lawn; bring a blanket or lawn chair.

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For information, call 439-9314.



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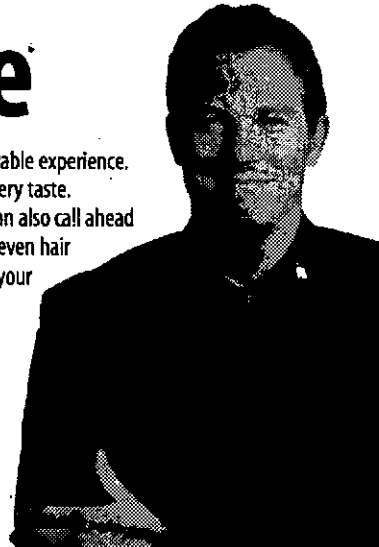
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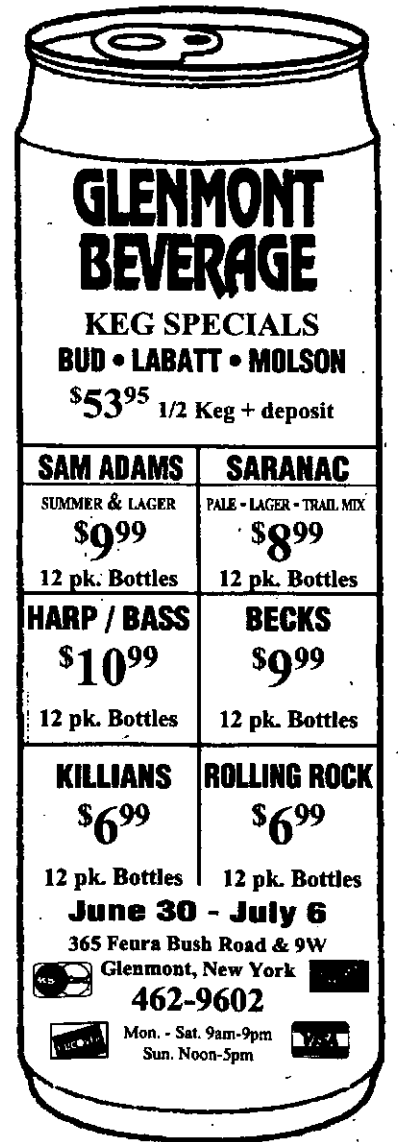
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Andrea Shaye is about to receive her diploma at Bethlehem Central High School's commencement.

Constance Lupe

Celebrate reading in summer club

Young readers throughout the RCS community are invited to come on board for the summer reading club and Traveling Library. The club runs from July 5 through Aug. 12. This year's theme is Celebrate Reading.

Summer reading club will meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Coeymans Hollow, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at RCS Community Library, Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Wyche Park in New Baltimore, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at A.W. Becker Elementary School in Selkirk, Thursdays at 3 p.m. at Feura Bush Neighborhood Library and 10:30 a.m. weekdays at the Food For Thought Program at P.B. Coeymans Elementary School.

Writers workshops set at library

Children ages 9 and older who would like to write, illustrate, and bind a book are invited to join the RCS Community Library's Young Writers Workshop.

The workshop will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. from July 6 through Aug. 11.

Young writers can sign up for either Tuesday or Wednesday sessions. A reception will be held for family and friends on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.

For information, call RCS Community Library at 756-2053.

NEWS NOTES

Selkirk
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Eck Farm on Route 144 (River Road) between Selkirk and Ravena is now open for the season. Come see the farmer for specials on geraniums, flowers and vegetables.

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Cairo artist offers interpretive drawing class

Nationally-known artist John Lees will offer a class entitled "Interpretive Drawings from Nature" on Saturday mornings from July 10 through Aug. 14.

Lees teaches drawing and painting at SUNY New Paltz, the School of Visual Arts, and at the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture.

The class, which is open to adults and teens, will meet from 9 a.m. to noon at the artist's home near Cairo. For information or to register, call 634-2289.

Tower and ropes course installed at resort

The Balsam Shade country re-

sort on Route 32 in Greenville has installed a climbing tower and high ropes course.

For information, call 966-5315.

Selkirk student wins bank contest

Congratulations to Sebastian Hallenbeck of A.W. Becker Elementary School who was selected to be a "Millionaire For a Day" by Catskill Savings Bank.

Hallenbeck received the interest from a million dollars deposited in his account for one day. He also rode in a limousine to a millionaire's lunch at La Conca D'Oro Restaurant.

The "Millionaires for a Day" were selected from students who participated in the nationwide "Save for America" program.

Catskill Savings Bank and other banks participate in the program, which is designed to encourage young people to develop the habit of saving money.

Children enjoy fishing derby

Fish were jumping at the 21st annual Fishing Derby held by the R.C. Sportsmen's club and the Ravena Fish & Game Association on June 27.

Children ages 1 to 16 participated. As in previous years, all competitors won prizes.

Glenmont resident to head society

Vernon Pilon of Glenmont has been elected to a two-year term as president of the New York State Society of Pathologists, which promotes the practice of pathology and offers continuing education in the field.

Pilon is president of a private firm, Capital Region Pathologists, and is medical director of the Albany Memorial Hospital laboratory.

V'ville resident earns college awards

Jessica Knouse, a recent graduate of Boston University, received the school's Dean Melville Latin Prize and an award for excellence in English.

Knouse earned a bachelor's in English, magna cum laude and was named to Phi Beta Kappa.

Knouse is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School.

She is the daughter of Robert and Jane Knouse of Voorheesville and granddaughter of Margaret Knouse of North Bethlehem.

Local student earns scholarship

Philip Poczuk of Delmar, a sophomore at Hobart College was awarded the Glen J. Satty Scholarship at recent Charter Day observances.

Library to close Sundays for summer

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed Sundays throughout the summer months.

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Delmar women to walk in cancer fund-raiser

By Katherine McCarthy

At the end of August, most of us will probably be kicking back and enjoying the final days of summer.

Not Ann Marie Carswell and Margaret Capozzola. These two Delmar women will be on their feet and moving — literally, as they walk from West Point to Manhattan as part of Avon's Breast Cancer 3-Day event, raising money to help fight the second leading cause of death in women.

The \$1,800 that Carswell and Capozzola have each agreed to raise will benefit AVON's Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade, a nonprofit initiative of Avon Products. In partnership with the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO), grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations that educate women about the facts of breast cancer and the benefits of early detection and treatment.

Carswell is involved for a personal reason. "My mother-in-law, Elaine Carswell, died of breast cancer two years ago," Carswell said. "She was 64, and when she first got the diagnosis, she was very positive, and we all felt she would beat it. After two years, the cancer metastasized to the bone, and she died soon after that."



Margaret Capozzola and Ann Marie Carswell will walk for the cure.

Katherine McCarthy

"My sister-in-law made me aware of the 3-Day, and three of us will be walking. This is our way of raising awareness, and honoring Elaine. She was involved in children's issues, and was very kind," she said.

Capozzola has been helping raise money to combat breast cancer since she first ran in The Race for the Cure six years ago. "Breast cancer is my charity," she said,

recalling her first run for a cause in Manchester, Vt.

"There are no words to describe it," she said. "All these women who are survivors run wearing pink caps, and people run with the names of people they know with breast cancer on the backs of their shirt. It's incredible."

Both women have found people respond positively to their letters requesting donations. "It seems like everybody knows people with breast cancer," Capozzola said. "This touches so many people."

The two women began training for their three 20-mile walks in March, and have been going strong since then.

"On the weekends, we started walking at 5:30 a.m.," said Capozzola. "We walked 17 miles, and finished at the soccer fields, where we needed to be for our children's soccer games anyway, and met up with our families. We did it in a little over four hours."

"We need to practice starting and stopping," Carswell said. "After two walk a long distance, it's hard to start again."

Both women are adding the training to already full lives. Carswell is a full-time mother of four children, 7-year-old Mary Beth, 5-year-old John, and 3-year-old twins Margaret and Megan. Capozzola is a school psychologist in Albany, and has two daughters, 9-year-old Catherine and 7-year-old Shannon.

"My kids think it's great," Capozzola said. "My husband John was a little reticent at first. Now that I've trained, he sees that I can."

Carswell said her husband Bill is moved by what she is doing to honor his mother, and has been calling friends to help solicit pledges.

"I've been really impressed with the Avon Crusade for Awareness," Carswell said. "Since 1994, they've raised \$8 million. NABCO makes sure that recipients qualify for the money. It has to go to programs that will educate women, or make sure they receive early detection. It usually goes to help underprivileged women."

When the time comes, all the participants have to do is walk, and pitch tents when they get to their destination. There will be volunteers along the way, providing water and food. At the end of the walk, the tent city will include a general store, chiropractors and other medical staff.

The tent was the only moment of hesitation for Capozzola. "I'm a Desmond Americana woman," she said. "But I thought about it, and prayed about it, and realized I'd be so tired by the end of the day, I wouldn't care."

The women will get their final route in July. In the meantime, they've received a lengthy notebook and a video, and have been assigned a trainer who checks in with them regularly.

"We get newsletters regularly," Capozzola said. "They're very concerned about our shoes, and recommend that we have a few pairs."

Both women said that finding time to train hasn't been hard.

"We wanted people to realize we're just everyday people who took on something we thought was important," Carswell said. "We've been raising money, and making a donation with our time. I haven't felt really strained."

"To walk through Delmar and get to a place like Five Rivers," Capozzola said, "the four hours just go by quickly. It's really beautiful."

Pledge forms to sponsor Carswell and Capozzola are available at Adriano's Pizzeria at Delmar's Four Corners.

RCS Library continues workshop sign-up

RCS Community Library at 15 Mountain Road in Ravena continues registration for its Young Writers Workshop, to be held July 6 to Aug. 11.

Kids ages 9 and up are invited to participate, and can choose either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon sessions. To register, call 756-2053.

Library workshop opens registration

Registration continues for 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.

BCHS class of '49 to hold 50th reunion

A 50th gala reunion will be celebrated this year by Bethlehem Central High School's class of 1949 with a weekend of activities on July 16 to 18.

A Friday evening dinner at the Day's Inn in Glenmont, a Saturday dinner in Elsmere's Normanside Country Club, and a Sunday morning brunch at Elm Avenue Park are among the activities planned. For information on the reunion weekend, call Bob Greenman at 439-5057 or John Scharff at 465-3861. Also serving on the reunion committee are Phyllis Chambers, Lois Vadney, Bob Osterhout, Cliff Scoons and Joyce Quay.

Club starts July 6

Bethlehem Public Library's annual summer reading club will be in session through Aug. 12.

This year's theme is "Celebrate! Read!" Students entering first through eighth grade can join and participate in club activities.

Registration is in person during library hours. Sessions start July 6.

Summer activities will conclude with a members-only masquerade ball. For information, call 439-9314.

Tom's Tastee Treat hosts music series

Tom's Tastee 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.

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Slingerlands family finds new son a perfect fit

By Ann Treadway

Nobody expected it to happen so fast, but it did.

The Schoen family of Slingerlands now numbers five: Larry and Jodi; their daughters, Kerri, 12, and Lindsey, 9; and James, 3, who moved in only three months ago.

The little boy was placed with the family as a foster child by Parsons Child and Family Center in April, but almost immediately the Schoens decided to adopt him.

"I guess we just felt he fit in with us," Jodi Schoen said recently. "and we didn't want him to have to go through any more transitions." This was his fourth home placement.

James had been freed for adoption, unlike many children who require foster care, according to Beth Dawson, coordinator of communications for Parsons. But she agreed that such a quick decision is "rather unusual."

Larry and Jodi Schoen met as students at the University at Albany, where he majored in business and she in fine arts. After graduating in 1984, they married the following year. Both now work for the state Department of Health.

Jodi is a native of Albany, who grew up on Ramséy Place, and Larry comes from Long Island.

Three years ago they found out they couldn't have any more children, but didn't want to give up the idea of a larger family. As Jodi tells it, she was interested in foreign adoption and Larry wanted to investigate domestic adoption possibilities, so they decided to compromise and look into foster care as a first step.

After calling Parsons in December 1997, the Schoens attended a seminar on foster care, filled out some required paperwork, took a

12-week course that met for three hours once a week, and read a lot of assigned material.

Then they and their daughters were interviewed, their home was inspected, and they each wrote short stories about themselves, complete with pictures, titled "Who We Are."

At the conclusion of this process last July they were certified to become foster parents, and in September they took in a baby who stayed with them for about six months.

It was shortly after the baby (who was not available for adoption) was returned to his biological mother in March that the call came from Parsons about James.

Donna Mohr, who is in charge of foster parent recruitment for Parsons, said recent legislation shortened the time required before adoption is allowed from six to three months. The change was made with the best interests of children in mind, she added.

Mohr said she has been with Parsons for about 11 years and has overseen an increase in ongoing foster child placements through that agency from about 25 to about 200. Of those in foster care now, she expects about 50 will be adopted within the next year.

Currently, stipends for foster care range from \$12 a day per child for basic level of care, Mohr said, to about \$45 a day for children in need of therapeutic care due to behavioral or emotional problems. The rates vary depending on each child's special needs.

About 40 percent of the children Parsons places in foster care are Caucasian, Mohr said, and 60 percent are black or biracial. These percentages have "flipped" since the early 1990s, she said, but she isn't sure why.



Jodi and Larry Schoen with their dog Lady and their children James, left, Lindsey and Kerri.
Constance Lupe

dad and sisters is new to him, so James took to them immediately. But since he's had other mothers, she realizes she must wait longer for that total acceptance.

Jodi also readily admits that there are some sibling difficulties — "but we knew to expect that," she said. "I think it happens in every family when, for example, the youngest child is no longer the youngest child."

With the addition of James, there have been a couple of other changes in the Schoen family routine. "My husband and I go out more often, just the two of us," Jodi said, so they have plenty of time to discuss what is important to them without kids interrupting.

She and Larry also now spend more one-on-one time with each of their three children.

"We all do a lot of talking," she said, with a laugh, "and Friday nights are family nights — we always do something together that night."

Still, while confident of their commitment to the newest family member, and their ability to nurture him, Jodi said she sometimes worries about the future. "Who can predict how anyone will turn out?" she says, adding that she thinks boys may be harder to raise than girls in American society today.

For now, though, the joy of having "a bright little boy" who can return hugs and kisses — and even an occasional "I love you" — is enough for the Schoens. They are glad they made that quick decision.

While Parsons makes every effort to match the racial background of foster children with foster families, that isn't always possible, as in the case of the Schoen family. James is biracial, and the Schoens are Caucasian.

Mohr said Parsons is responding to another recently-enacted law which directs that foster care and adoption agencies must not hold up placement because of the

lack of a racial match.

Jodi believes her family has solid values and the resources to offer James a good home. Her parents and a sister's family also live close by — "within biking distance," she said — lending the advantages of an extended family.

But James is still dealing with what she calls "attachment and loss issues" and Shoen bears the brunt of those, she said. Having a

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Sports

Foley and Parafinczuk rule at Tour du Parc

More than 275 people participated in the Tour du Parc cross country races at the Elm Avenue Park on May 23, raising funds to support athletics at Bethlehem Central High School. The annual fund-raising event, which included an open 5K race, and a 1.25-mile and a half-mile run for children, was directed by the Bethlehem Track and Field Boosters and the Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Clubs.

Clarke Foley of Slingerlands was the men's overall 5K winner. Foley, a 15-year-old BCHS student, clocked 17 minutes and 16 seconds, beating out 196 other runners. West Sand Lake's **Tyson Evensen**, 17, was second in 17:19. **Justin Corelli** of Shaker was third in 18:02.

Katie Parafinczuk, a 13-year-old from Delmar, was the top women's finisher (20:28). **Kate Adams**, 15, also of Delmar, took

second in 21:16 and Albany's **Alison Rodriguez**, 16, finished third in 21:42.

Delmar's **Daniel Adams**, 12, won the 1.25-mile race in 7:48, beating out **Matt Shaffer**, 10, of Delmar, by just one second. **Samuel Broadway**, 9, of Albany, finished third in 7:54.

Emily Malinowski, 12, of Delmar, was the first girl to cross the finish line (8:13). Delmar's **Katelyn Primomo**, 14, was second in 8:37, and **Emily Caesar**, 13, also of Delmar, was third in 18:38.

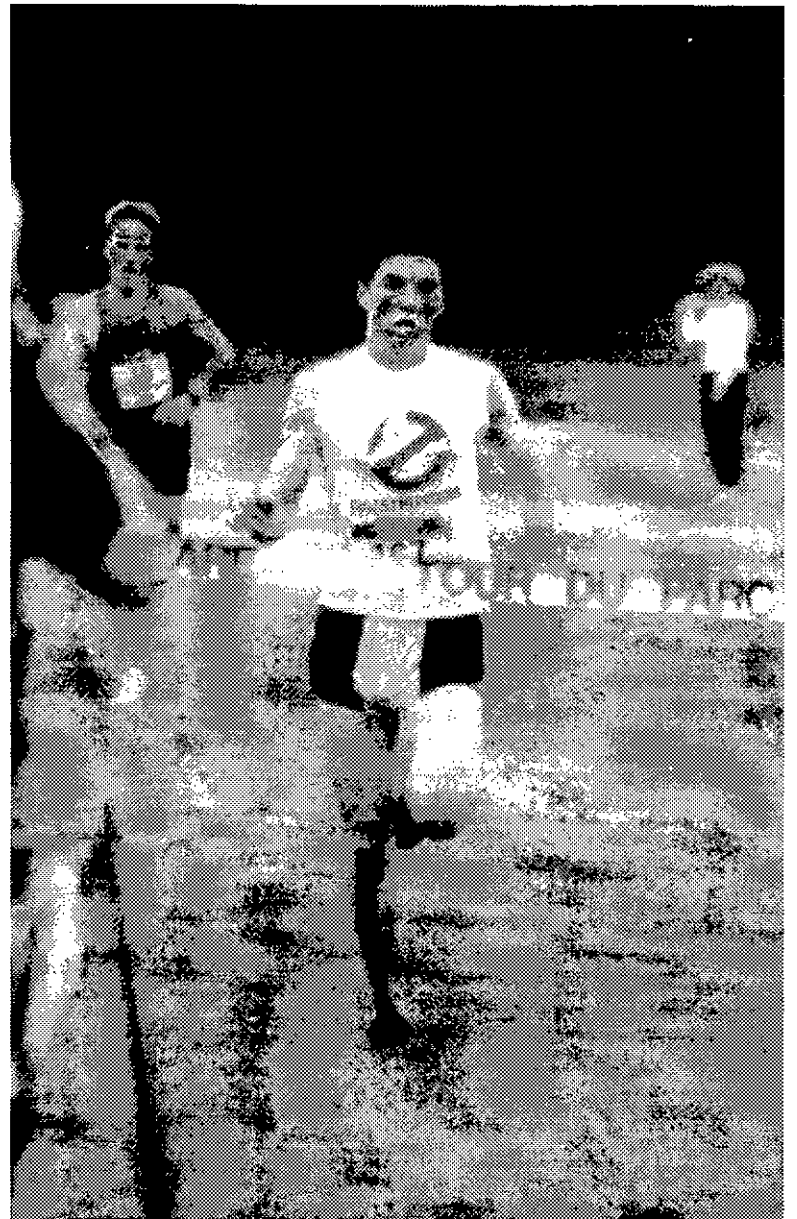
Eight-year-old **Alex Markessinis** of Wynantskill won the half-mile race in 3:33. **Shannon McCartan**, 7, of Delmar, was second in 3:46. **Michelle Primomo**, 7, of Latham, took third in 3:53.

Other local finishers in the 5K included (name, age, town, time): **Michael Gross**, 31, Selkirk, 18:09; **Fred Kitzrow**, 42, Delmar, 18:15; **Dave Austin**, 19, Delmar, 18:22; **Chad Davey**, 19, Selkirk, 18:27; **Scott Rhodes**, 20, Delmar, 18:49; **David Harvey**, 18, Delmar, 18:53; **Doug DeMarco**, 14, Delmar, 18:56; **Jim Travis**, 16,

Delmar, 19:03; **Bill McCartan**, 39, 19:04; **Garfield White**, 19, Delmar, 19:08; **Chuck Rogers**, 30, Voorheesville, 19:09; and **Ben Greenburg**, 30, Slingerlands, 19:16.

Also: **Andrew MacMillan**, 18, Delmar, 19:42; **Geoff Decker**, 16, Delmar, 19:43; **Clarke Doody**, 16, Delmar, 19:45; **David Banas**, 33, Delmar, 19:49; **Josh Kapczynski**, 16, Delmar, 20:01; **Brian Rhodes**, 16, Delmar, 20:01; **Tim Kavanagh**, 18, Delmar, 20:16; **Derek Balcom**, 16, Slingerlands, 20:19; **Chris Abbott**, 15, Delmar, 20:24; **William Thomas**, 18, Delmar, 20:53; **Rob Kuhn**, 14, Delmar, 20:54; **Michael Bates**, 36, Voorheesville, 21:11; and **Aaron William**, 15, Slingerlands, 21:13.

Also: **Peter Buckley**, 15, Delmar, 21:16; **Mason Jones**, 16, Delmar, 21:17; **Joel Melnikoff**, 42, Delmar, 21:19; **Fred Eames**, 50, Delmar, 21:26; **Dave VanHeusen**, 52, Delmar, 21:31; **Andrew Swiatowicz**, 15, Delmar, 21:32; **Colin Dwyer**, 16, Slingerlands, 21:37; **Patrick Shaffer**, 13, Delmar, 21:53; **Lisa Faist-Staton**, 43, Glenmont,



Clarke Foley speeds toward a first-place finish at Bethlehem's Tour du Parc. Runner-up Tyson Evensen looms in the background. *Dennis LaGrange.*

22:04; **Ross Stanton**, 11, Glenmont, 22:24; **Richard Beer**, 51, Delmar, 22:27; **Kevin Kroencke**, 43, Voorheesville, 22:38; and **Francis Sheehan**, 46, Delmar, 22:39.

Also: **Steven Berg**, 35, Glenmont, 22:51; **David Sampson**, 36, Delmar, 23:06; **Richard Bailey**, 14, Glenmont, 23:24; **Christopher Lee**, 12, Selkirk, 23:36; **Michael Gray**, 38, Delmar, 23:39; **Susan Burns**, 44, Selkirk, 23:41; **Don Ball**, 40, Delmar, 23:45; **Ed Solomon**, 50, Delmar, 23:46; **Craig Vroman**,

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Also: **Caitlin Crowley**, 15, Delmar, 25:25; **Gary Zirpoli**, 48, Delmar, 25:29; **Wendy Relyea**, 36, Voorheesville, 25:39; **David Ksanznak**, 38, Delmar, 25:59; **Zachary Levine**, 14, Delmar, 26:05; **Don Whiting**, 49, Selkirk, 26:09; **Richard Bailey**, 14, Glenmont, 26:22; **John Curley**, 54, Selkirk, 26:23; **Andrew Clinton**, 37, Slingerlands, 26:23; **Jim Gilmer**, 49, Glenmont, 26:35; **Mike Matthes**, 44, Delmar, 26:47; **Kathy Hermann**, 15, Delmar, 26:49; and **Shawn Lewis**, 25, Glenmont, 26:49.

Also: **Christie Turner**, 15, Delmar, 26:49; **Frank Strickler**, 54, Delmar, 26:53; **Rebecca Lee**, 8, Selkirk, 27:02; **Carlos Gamarra**, 40, Delmar, 27:04; **Julia Oakley**, 13, Slingerlands, 27:17; **Paul Dillon**, 62, Glenmont, 27:19; **Peter Thomas**, 51, Delmar, 27:20; **Michael Morgan**, 51, Delmar, 27:22; **Kathy McCartan**, 37, Delmar, 27:29; **Eric Silverman**, 16, Slingerlands, 27:46; **Dave Oakley**, 43, Slingerlands, 27:55; **Tim Nevinger**, 18, Glenmont, 28:02; and **Andrew Baker**, 27, Delmar, 28:11.

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Also: **Stephanie Chunko**, 28, Ravena, 31:31; **Rebecca Curley**, 18, Selkirk, 33:28; **Jim Travis**, 16, Delmar, 33:43; **John Teevan, Jr.**, 42, Delmar, 33:46; **Carol Martinelli**, 37, Delmar, 35:43; **Mary Russell**, 32, Feura Bush, 45:25; **Shakim Bishop**, 19, Glenmont, 47:26; **Jovan Lewis**, 17, Glenmont, 47:34; and **Art Ware**, 42, Delmar, 47:34.

Local finishers in the 1.25-mile race included (name, age, town,

time): **Scott Strogatz**, 12, Delmar, 8:07; **Nicholas Gonino**, 9, Delmar, 8:14; **Doug Lang**, 11, Delmar, 8:38; **Timmy Bailey**, 9, Glenmont, 8:42; **David Morse**, 9, Delmar, 9:17; **Adam Striar**, 9, Delmar, 9:19; **Catie Vincent**, 11, Slingerlands, 9:25; **Ross Travis**, 11, Delmar, 9:27; **Ryen Conley**, 10, Glenmont, 9:28; and **Ryan Wall**, 9, Delmar, 9:41.

Also: **Sean Kroencke**, 11, Voorheesville, 9:41; **Heather Sutherland**, 14, Delmar, 9:43; **Eileen Land**, 12, Delmar, 9:47; **Sarah Lackner**, 11, Glenmont, 9:52; **Emily Abbott**, 12, Slingerlands, 9:59; **Bethany Reddy**, 12, Delmar, 10:16; **Kirstie Caesar**, 10, Delmar, 10:16; **Daniel Lee**, 6, Selkirk, 10:22; and **David Farber**, 12, Delmar, 10:31.

Also: **Mark Rosenthal**, 10, Delmar, 10:47; **Molly Howland**, 8, Delmar, 10:47; **Andrew Vincent**, 9, Slingerlands, 11:01; **Sara Turner**, 10, Delmar, 11:08; **Kathleen Tucker**, 9, Delmar, 11:12; **Erin Leavitt**, 12, Glenmont, 11:18; **Kirstie Russell**, 7, Feura Bush, 11:24; and **Abbey Vanderzee**, 9, Delmar, 11:25.

Also: **Amanda Ball**, 9, Delmar, 11:49; **Jack Teevan**, 9, Delmar, 12:16; **Erin McCartan**, 9, Delmar, 12:22; **Jameson Hepinstall**, 11, Delmar, 12:39; **Natalie Gergich**, 9, Slingerlands, 12:56; **Tyler Zink**, 12, Glenmont, 13:08; **Meredith Sampson**, 6, Delmar, 13:08; and **Gregory Hernandez**, 5, Delmar, 14:49.

Local finishers in the half-mile race included (name, age, town, time): **Tyler Ball**, 8, Delmar, 3:58; **Evan Wall**, 6, Delmar, 4:01; **Mariah Kennedy**, 8, Delmar, 4:07; **Margaret VanHeusen**, 8, Delmar, 4:15; **Allison Teevan**, 6,

Delmar, 4:59; **Jacob Banas**, 5, Delmar, 5:16; **Max Drucker**, 6, Glenmont, 5:58; **Billy McCartan**, 3, Delmar, 6:21; and **Timothy Banas**, 3, Delmar, 7:22.

Delmar Dolphins attend meet

The Delmar Dolphin Swim Club began its long-course season at West Point on June 11. This was the first official meet of the summer season, during which swimmers compete in 50-meter pools.

In the girls' 10-and-under category: **Danielle Kaplan**, **Katie O'Donnell**, **Sydney Lane**, **Elise Walsh**, **Kim Holley**, **Molly Moriarity**, **Laurel Heighton**, **Kristianna Russo** and **Alex Scialdone** all swam personal best times and finished in the top 25.

In the boys' 10-and-under category, **Justin Murphy** finished fifth in the 100 breaststroke and eighth in the 100 freestyle. **Tyler Dudas** swam personal best times and finished in the top 25.

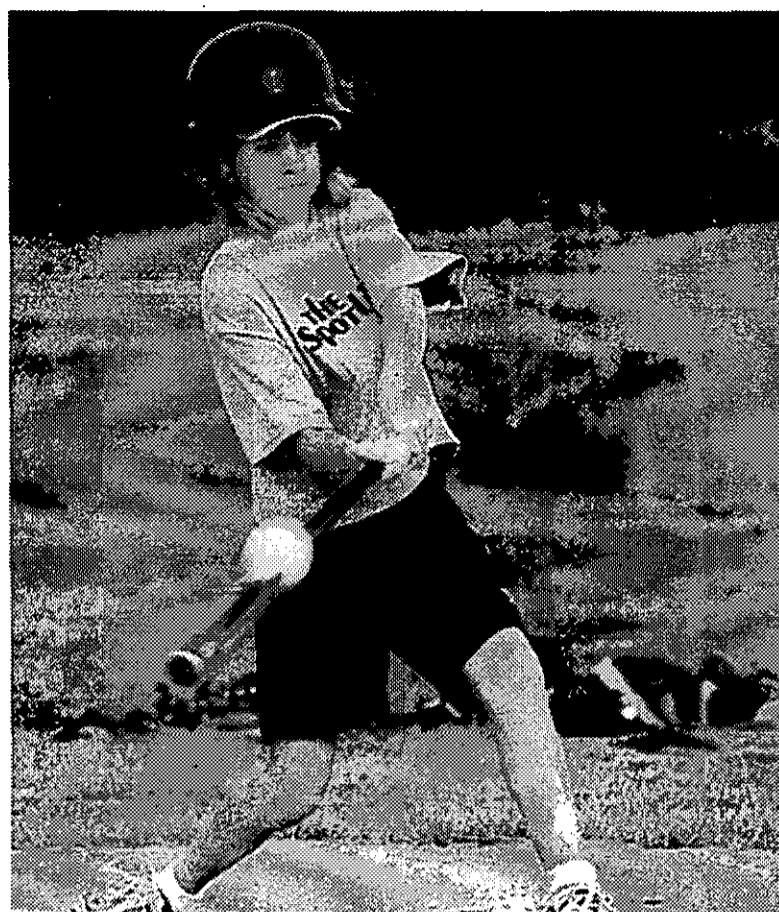
In the girls' 11- to 12-year-old category, **Ann Delucco** swam personal best times and finished in the top 25.

In the girls' 13- to 14-year-old category, **Teresa Rosetti** took fourth in the 400 individual medley, seventh in the 400 freestyle and first in preliminaries in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:36.50.

In the girls' open category, **Ellen Bandel** took fifth in the 200 individual medley preliminaries.

In the boys' open category, **Chris Shaffer** took first in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.93, and second in the 100 butterfly, 200 butterfly, 100 freestyle and 200 individual medley.

To the moon



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ARC finishes Laurel Run

More than 100 runners, walkers, bicyclists and volunteers joined forces on June 6 to complete the last leg of the Laurel Run, a state-wide event designed to increase awareness of New York's mentally retarded and developmentally disabled citizens.

The Laurel Run involved all 58 chapters of NYSARC (formerly the New York State Association of Retarded Children) and thousands of volunteers.

The Albany County Association for Retarded Citizens (Albany ARC) completed the final leg of the Laurel Run by carrying their county flag from the Greene county line in Ravena through 22 miles of Albany County.

The Albany ARC participants passed their flag from runner to runner, and bicyclists and walkers also joined in the run at various points along the route.

The event ended with a picnic lunch at the Albany ARC in Slingerlands.

The inspiration for the Laurel Run came in 1980, when Wayne

Hotelling and his family were vacationing in Canada.

There, the family watched Terry Fox, who was running across Canada to raise money for cancer research, despite having lost one of his legs to that very disease.

The encounter with Fox and his prosthesis inspired Hotelling, the father of a child with Downs Syndrome, to attempt a similar feat for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

In 1997, Hotelling, along with his wife Elaine and his daughter Laurel, created the Laurel Run. The trio ran from the Pennsylvania state line to Massachusetts to make others aware of people with disabilities.

The Laurel Run was designated as a hallmark event during the 50th anniversary celebration of NYSARC in 1999.

Beginning May 1, each of the 58 NYSARC chapters held a Laurel Run across their county, complete with the ceremonial passing of agency county flags.

Kickin' it



The Bethlehem Bobcats, an Under-9 soccer squad, captured first place at the Niskayuna Soccer Tournament on May 15. The team members are (front row, left to right): Julia Cardamone, Aaron Tress, Steve Schubmel, Matt McGann, Michael Turo, Gordon Hyde, (back row), Nick DeVries, Josh Wing, assistant coach Pete DeVries, Robby McNary, Tommy Casline, Greg McCarty, Billy Barrowman, Nick Gonino and head coach Willie Sanchez.

Locals help Northern team win title

An injured Susan Harrison paired up with Bethlehem Central High School tennis star and schoolmate Matt Treadgold in the mixed doubles set of the finals of the USA Junior Team Tennis Sectionals on April 24 at the Schenectady Racquet Club.

Their goal was to wrestle away the two-game lead that the Buffalo team, representing the Western Region, held.

The reward for Harrison and Treadgold, should they win, would

be a ticket to the nationals in August.

But Harrison developed leg cramps during the first point and became the target for many shots by Buffalo's Randy Rocchio and Amanda Pesono. She fought back fiercely, though.

Treadgold and Harrison took an early lead by breaking Rocchio's serve. Treadgold then held his serve.

Pesono reached deuce on her serve, but went wide on a shot to

Harrison, who, despite her lack of mobility, returned it, winning the point and the game.

Harrison couldn't hold, though. She was unable to cover much of the court.

Treadgold tried everything he could to help out - including a phenomenal backhand on the first point.

If Rocchio could hold serve, Treadgold would need to hold or the match would be lost. And it looked like Rocchio would hold. There were a flurry of volleys at deuce, with all the shots still being aimed at Harrison.

Both Western players crowded the net as Harrison stretched wide for a lob. She tapped the ball over and Rocchio gave chase. He couldn't put it in play though, and Treadgold and Harrison walked away with a win, propelling the Northern team to a 14-13 victory.

Evan Ambrose and Treadgold won their boys doubles match. Harrison and Ambrose both lost singles matches. Elizabeth DeCurtis and Harrison lost their girls doubles match.

The Northern region team, captained by Mike Harrison, is now preparing to represent the East in the Nationals in Cleveland, Ohio.

Abba scheduled to run Bethlehem hoop camp

The Bethlehem Boys Basketball Camp will be held this summer at Bethlehem Central High School.

Sessions I and II, for boys entering grades three through eight, will be held the week of July 26-30.

A third session, for boys entering grades nine and 10, will be held the week of Aug. 2-6, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

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Team

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5-kilometer (3.1-mile) walk with family and friends for the last seven years, and has raised around \$10,000 in that time. Last year alone, he and six others, walking under the name Cure Crusaders, raised more than \$3,300.

This year, they are expanding in order to mobilize as many people as possible. Carey hopes that many of the people who sponsored walkers in past years might now walk themselves as part of the town team. Instead of giving just one check to the JDF, walkers could collect many checks from the friends and family members who had sponsored them.

All of the funds raised at the walk are passed on by the JDF to diabetes researchers searching for a cure for the disease.

The foundation was established in 1970 by the parents of diabetic children, convinced that a cure for diabetes can be found and determined to support medical researchers in that task. Finding that cure is still their goal.

The walk is only one of many fund-raisers organized by the JDF, but last year alone, the Albany Walk to Cure Diabetes raised \$300,000. Around the country, the JDF holds more than 100 of these walks each year.

Juvenile, or insulin-dependent, diabetes can be controlled through a daily schedule of insulin injections. Insulin is a hormone involved in the conversion of food to energy, but it is rendered ineffective by diabetes. Before the connection was discovered in 1921, diabetes was untreatable and often fatal. Most people with juvenile diabetes control the illness through insulin shots, but they are not the only solution.

Carey is one of a growing number of people using an insulin pump to regulate his supply of the necessary hormone. The pump controls his body's insulin level, so he does not have to rely on frequent individual injections. But he does have to test his blood-sugar level seven times a day in case the pump has malfunctioned and its alarm has failed.

Diabetics who control their illness through injections do not have to perform such frequent

tests on their blood, which is usually drawn by pricking one finger. The tests are used to make certain the insulin is effective, because if it fails, the complications can be fatal; diabetes kills more than 175,000 people each year.

The effort to build a Bethlehem Cares team began when Carey contacted his natural supporters: other diabetics. The nurses at schools in the Bethlehem Central School District could not give him the affected students' names without breaking medical confidentiality, but agreed to send a letter about Bethlehem Cares to each student's home. Ed Carey estimates that there are about a dozen students with the illness in the school district.

This tactic, along with notices in newsletters at Glenmont and Slingerlands elementary schools, has drawn 30 people who have officially registered with Bethlehem Cares, and many more who have given verbal promises to participate.

In addition to searching for walkers, Carey and his family will soon be canvassing local businesses to raise money for team T-shirts. In return for a \$100 donation, the businesses' logos will be included on the back of the T-shirts given to team members. Shirts will be orange and black, the official colors of the school district.

If you want to join Bethlehem Cares at the Walk to Cure Diabetes this September, if your business wants to sponsor the team, or if you have questions about the project, call Carey or his parents, Ed and Katie Carey, at 439-6894.

For information about the Walk to Cure Diabetes, call the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation at 477-2873.

Church sets thrift shop hours

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church has opened its Thrift Shop for the summer.

Located on the church grounds on Willowbrook Avenue, the shop will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. every Tuesday, offering a variety of women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes, purses, linens, knickknacks, household items and other articles.

Rink

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practice for the high school, whose team he expects will be a major user of the building.

"The first day they're allowed on the ice for practice is Nov. 8," Mullen said, "and we hope we'll be up and running by then. We definitely want to be open by early winter. If we open in the beginning of January, it'll be like Boscov's opening the day after Christmas."

The facility will have two NHL-regulation rinks, 200 by 85 feet, and seating for 550 spectators. There will also be a skate rental and pro shop operated by Hockey Town, a sporting goods chain, as well as 11 locker rooms, concessions, an arcade area, meeting and exercise areas, and a glassed-in viewing room on a second level overlooking the rinks.

While undergoing review before the planning board, which gave its OK in May, parking for the facility was expanded to 185 spaces, including four bus slots.

"The planning board was extremely cooperative in helping us get through the process on such a fast track," Mullen said. The group first sought its building permit in August of last year.

Beyond the BCHS varsity, BIG is also in conversation with many other potential users of the two-sheet facility. Mullen projected hockey programs from the University at Albany will use the rink, as well as the Capital District Masters Hockey League, Capital District Speedskaters, and numer-

ous local youth hockey leagues, figure skating clubs, instructional programs and summer hockey camps.

The facility will have a staff of 18 to 20 at the outset, headed by rink manager Scott Card. And the partners hope to put in place many community-friendly programs of their own, independent of the leagues and other tenants in the building.

"We're trying to make this different from other rinks, not just brokering ice time," Mullen said. "We're trying to help improve the quality of life for people in the Capital District. There's nothing more satisfying than seeing a kid up on skates for the first time, seeing the smile on his or her face. It's not just for hockey players and advanced skaters."

To that end, Mullen envisions activities such as a proposed "Mommy and Me" family skating program, special senior skates, and "a lunchtime skate for business people," he said.

BIG management hopes the facility will become a major community asset. "We see this as a real economic plus for other businesses in town, from motels to gas stations to restaurants," Mullen said.

BIG hopes to stay local in its selection of vendors. "We'll try wherever possible to use local businesses such as Novus Engineering and Delmar Sign," Mullen said. "The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has been extremely helpful in identifying who some of the important players are in the

local business community."

The partners also received a major boost from the local business community, starting with a \$4-million inducement resolution voted in May by the town's Industrial Development Agency to help defray the costs of sales taxes on construction materials. And they've secured \$4.7 million in construction financing through Cohoes Savings Bank.

As opening of the facility nears, BIG partners will schedule a public forum at the high school or town hall to discuss the facility and their plans for it, Mullen said.

Extension offers soil testing

Before seeding a lawn or planting in a vegetable or flower garden, gardeners can have a soil sample tested by the consumer horticulturalist at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville.

Tests can determine the pH level of the soil sample. Levels that are too high or low can impede plant growth, making it difficult to absorb nutrients that naturally occur in the soil. Improving pH levels may include application of lime or sulfur depending on the exact pH of the existing soil.

Samples can be dropped off between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, or left in the drop box in front of the building when it's closed. Soil tests are \$2 a sample.

For information on how to gather a soil sample, call the Master Gardener hot line weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon at 765-3500.

Youth Network

Some ideas for summer fun

Try to make this summer a special one for your child.

Encourage him or her to try something new, to take healthy risks and to take part in worthwhile activities.

Here are a few suggestions for young people of all ages:

Turn off the TV and write a poem. Read your poem to the first person you see. Make colorful postcards. Send them to family and friends who live far away.

Write thank-you notes to people who help you, such as librarians, letter carriers and baby-sitters.

Go through your old books. Plan and organize a neighborhood book sale. Donate the money to charity.

Wake up early and make breakfast for your family. Do the shopping and menu planning.

Keep a journal of summer activities. Add photos.

Read *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by J.K. Rowling.

Have a teddy bear picnic. Invite your friends and their families to bring their favorite teddy bear.

Act out stories for your family. Dress up. Make scenery.

Discover the area around your house. Take a nature hike.

Make homemade ice cream. You can find a recipe at Bethlehem Public Library.

Bake.

Redecorate your room.

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Births

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Girl, Sarah Elizabeth Palmer, to Ingrid and Richard Palmer of Selkirk, June 1.

Boy, Peter David Kissinger, to Karen and Mark Kissinger of Delmar, June 3.

Girl, Kristin Erin Keller, to Lynn and Greg Keller of Delmar, June 7.

Boy, Nathan Charles Lawrence, to Sherri and Charles Lawrence of Clarksville, June 18.

Girl, Amanda Tori Chambers, to Melissa and Daniel Chambers of Delmar, June 18.

Girl, Maura Paige Whiting, to Allyson and Wayne Whiting of Delmar, June 19.

Dean's List

Clarkson University — Kenneth Halvorsen of Glenmont, presidential scholar.

Russell Sage College — Erin Pomakoy of Selkirk.

St. Michael's College — Leah Staniels of Delmar.

SUNY Oneonta — Stephanie Goeldner of Delmar, Daniel Cornell of Glenmont, and Vicky Desrochers and Emily Keenan, both of Selkirk.

Syracuse University — Hally Gutman of Delmar.

University at Albany — Jennifer Hahn of Glenmont.

University of Delaware — S. Matthew Fiato of Selkirk.

Westhampton College — Beth Scott of Glenmont.

Class of '99

Bryant & Stratton Business Institute

Staci Catellier of Feura Bush (associate's in travel and tourism management, with highest distinction).

Emory University

Joel Ganz of Slingerlands (bachelor of arts).

Providence College

Kimberly Ira of Delmar (bachelor's in computer science, cum laude).

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Jessica Romano of Glenmont (bachelor's in psychology, cum laude).

University of Delaware

S. Matthew Fiato of Selkirk (bachelor's in physical education).



Amy VanDeloo and Jason Brennan

VanDeloo, Brennan to wed

Amy VanDeloo, daughter of Joseph and Frances VanDeloo of Delmar, and Jason Brennan, son of Richard and Asunta Brennan of Poestenkill, are engaged to be married.

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

She is a registered nurse at St.

Peter's Hospital and a student at SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome.

The future groom is a graduate of Averill Park High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He works at Callanan Industries in South Bethlehem.

The couple plans a Feb. 19 wedding.

Girls academy announces honor roll

Several local students were recently named to the third trimester honor roll at Albany Academy for Girls.

Ninth-grader Elise Stefanik of Feura Bush, 10th-grader Stephanie Downs of Voorheesville, 11th-grader Patricia Lenihan of Delmar, and 12th-grader Meenakshi Gupta of Slingerlands were named to the high honor roll.

Those named to the honor roll were: ninth-graders Megan Tucker of Delmar and Laura Rubinchuk of Slingerlands; 10th-graders Elizabeth Pulice of South Bethlehem, and Melia Fast and Madeleine Robillard, both of Selkirk; and 12th-graders Sivanipriya Nattama of Slingerlands and Angela Marathakis of Ravena.

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Sheri and Scott Fish

Camara, Fish marry

Sheri Marie Camara, daughter of David Camara of Fair Haven, Vt., and Sheila Camara of Fair Haven, Vt., and Scott David Fish, son of Peter and Donna Fish of Glenmont, were married April 10.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Richard Tinney at Our Lady of Seven Dolars Church in Fair Haven, Vt.

A reception followed at the Holiday Inn in Rutland.

The matron of honor was Sheila Camera, mother of the bride. Bridesmaids were Grace Sheldrick, Linda Borden, Lisa Furman and Suzanne Fish, sister of the groom.

Junior bridesmaids were Megan Fish, sister of the groom, and Stephanie Trudo, cousin of

the bride. The flower girls were Mary Camara and Tia Camara, sisters of the bride, and Rachael Camara, niece of the bride.

The best man was Rob Kells. Ushers were David Camara Jr., Michael Camara, Shawn Camara and Dan Camara, all brothers of the bride. The ring bearer was Heath Genier.

The bride is a graduate of Poultney High School. She is a dental assistant for Phillip Gross in Rensselaer.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is a truck driver for the Bethlehem Highway Department.

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

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Community



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Family Day set at Elm Avenue Park

A host of special events are set for Sunday, July 4, as part of Family Day observances at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park.

There will be a Geurtze's chicken barbecue all afternoon, sponsored by the Delmar Kiwanis Club.

Jazz Factor will perform poolside from 1 to 4 p.m., and Cranberry the Clown will entertain children from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

An adult horseshoe tournament is set to begin at 1 p.m., and free watermelon will be served all afternoon.

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By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Ya gotta have a gimmick, as the song goes, if you're gonna get along.

If that song lyric hadn't been written four decades ago, you'd swear Stephen Sondheim might have had Albany's Park Playhouse summer theater in mind when it was penned.

Now in its 11th summer of free theater at Washington Park Lakehouse, the city-sponsored theater program has found a winning gimmick and is getting along quite nicely, thank you very much.

Like the Delacourt Theater in the Big Apple's Central Park after which it is loosely modeled, the Park Playhouse experience is part picnic, part carnival and a huge part crowd pleasing entertainment.

The playhouse has developed a mood of genial hucksterism with its food and souvenir vendors, its drawings, its watch-the-cast-warm-up informality and, most of all, its alfresco seating arrangements.

More than 2,000 people a night spread blankets, plunk down short-backed lawn chairs and pop open the picnic coolers in the tiered hillside arena. It faces the open-to-the-stars band shell on the dry side of the Lakehouse for fresh air, the light show of summertime at dusk, and an eye-popping spectacle stretching out over six steamy weeks of six performances a week, kicking-off Tuesday.

On the heels of last summer's 10th anniversary revival of "Camelot," the romance with the sword-and-sorcery backdrop that is a favorite of Producing Artistic Director Venustiano Borromeo, this year everything's coming up roses for Borromeo and his team with the Broadway fave "Gypsy."

Its book is by Arthur Laurents, music by Jule Styne, and lyrics by a young Sondheim — including that cheeky thought about the value of a good gimmick.

The production sports a gimmick that has been an underlying goal of the Park Playhouse artistic team for years — a mixed-race cast, featuring two-time Tony nominee Ernestine Jackson



Two-time Tony Award nominee Ernestine Jackson stars as the fiercely ambitious Mama Rose in 'Gypsy' presented by the Park Playhouse. The show will run from July 6 through August 15.

Everything's coming up roses

'Gypsy' bumps and grinds into Washington Park

returning to the scene of her "Hello Dolly" triumph two years ago to play Mama Rose, a role made famous by Ethel Merman in the Broadway original.

It's the tale of a hard-driving stage mother who bullies and prods her two young daughters, Louise and June, to become headliners of a child novelty act in vaudeville and, ultimately, adult

performers — one of whom defiantly bumps and grinds her way to celebrity as burlesque queen Gypsy Rose Lee. But it's the role of Mama that ultimately takes center stage.

Backing up Jackson's star power is a

26-member cast that mixes visiting pros with local favorites, including

Alicia Brown, who has made her mark in local community theater, as sassy stripper-to-be Louise; and Park

Playhouse regulars like Lee Griffin, Carol Butler and Shirley Arensberg in key roles. L.A. based actor Dale Jones portrays Mama's manager and unrequited love, Herbie;

They're backed by a solid pit band of seasoned vets under the baton of frequent musical director Tim Nelson, and a stage and costume design team with an eye for big and colorful production values.

As always, the park will have food and souvenir vendors on hand, and reserved seating down front, for a nominal fee, for those who aren't up for a blanket under the stars. Call 434-2035 for reservations.

And if the sensory overload of one big, brassy musical isn't enough, just wait until Aug. 3 to 15, when the Park Playhouse II youth theater will perform the charming musical "Dames At Sea," best summed up as, "Hey gang, we've got a battleship, let's do a show!" The high-spirited musical will be performed by 38 fresh young faces, most of them veterans of local high school productions.

Nightly performances of "Gypsy" kick off at 8 p.m., and "Dames At Sea" will set sail at 5:30 when it joins the lineup in August.

In either case, pack a picnic basket and come early if you want the best view of the stage.

GYPSEY

Taking stock of area's summer theater

Upstate New York is a hotbed of summer stock, from the Berkshires to Cooperstown and Lake George to Chatham, hitting stride in July and stretching to Labor Day and, in some cases, beyond.

The Capital District is ringed with high-grade professional companies offering numerous productions, from the celebrated summer camp for the Hollywood set at the Williamstown Theater Festival (413-597-3400 for information) to smaller Equity companies.

Those include Vermont's Dorset Theatre Festival (802-867-5777) and Oldcastle Theater Company (802-447-0564); Barrington Stage (413-528-8888) and Berkshire Theater Festival (413-298-5576) in western Massachusetts; Shakespeare & Company at the elegant Mount estate in the Berkshires (413-637-3353); and the Adirondack Theatre Festival in Glens Falls (798-7479) and Stageworks in Kinderhook (822-9667).

Among all-season dinner theater companies nearby, Curtain Call Theatre, now in its second summer at Schenectady's Temple Gates of Heaven, will perform "Weekend Comedy" through Aug. 28 (877-7529).

The Desisto Estate in Stockbridge, Mass., has a dinner theater company that will offer "Love and Marriage" throughout July, and "An Evening of Mad Dogs and Englishmen" from Aug. 3 to 26 (413-298-4032).

And the venerable Lake George Dinner Theater at the Turl Inn takes its audiences "Over the River and Through the Woods" through mid-October (668-5781).

I have a soft spot in my heart for true summer stock: little companies made up mostly of young, eager non-Equity performers doing a new show every couple of weeks in intimate houses. Three within an hour's ride of downtown Albany are Washington County's Fort Salem Theater (854-

9200); Chatham's Mac-Haydn Theatre (392-9292), and the Theater Barn in New Lebanon (794-8989).

Mac-Haydn's season is already a month old; remaining offerings this summer include "My Fair Lady" through July 4, "West Side Story" from July 8 to 25, "42nd Street" from July 29 to Aug. 8, "Anything Goes" from Aug. 12 to 22, and "Fiddler On The Roof" from Aug. 26 to Sept. 5.

Salem's season opener through July 3 is Neil Simon's "Sunshine Boys," followed July 7 to 17 by "Patent Leather Shoes," "Brigadoon," July 21 to 31; "The Butler Did It," Aug. 4 to 7; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," Aug. 11 to 21, and "Marriage is Murder," Aug. 25 to Sept. 4.

Finally, Theater Barn presents "Stardust," July 1 to 11; "A Murder Is Announced," July 15 to 25; "Godspell," July 29 to Aug. 18; "Little Me," Aug. 11 to 22; and "Guys And Dolls," Aug. 26 to Sept. 5.

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Principal

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teachers needed somebody full time in the buildings."

During his tenure at Delmar, Hamagrael and again at Clarksville school 22 years later, Schaefer helped establish many programs in the district. They weren't all his ideas, he said, but in many cases he helped the programs get a foothold.

In 1972, he obtained a grant from the state Department of Education to start resource room programs for kids struggling with their schoolwork. Those programs eventually spread throughout the district from Delmar

school where they began.

Two years later, he implemented the concept of "continuous progress," which removed the barriers between grade levels and grouped students of various ages together.

While at Hamagrael, he oversaw the start of more programs that eventually expanded to the district's other elementary schools. He helped find space for "School's Out," a before- and after-school program for children of working parents. "I'm proud to be associated with that," Schaefer said. "I think it started with 15 students, and it grew from there."

About 10 years ago, while he

was at Hamagrael, that school started a peer counseling program among its students, teaching them skills in conflict resolution and better communication.

Schaefer credits the teachers he has worked with for being the impetus for many of the improvements in local education. "It's exciting to sit down with them, to listen to their ideas," he said.

"Teachers have the hardest job," he added, describing their work and innovations as seeds that take hold and grow. "If we allow them to do that, good things happen for kids. They germinate the ideas, and the principals are the ones who get out the watering cans," he said.

Colleagues, parents and students said Schaefer was known as a principal with a personal touch, one who got to know all his students and their families well enough so that he could ask about a new baby, or offer condolences after a death in the family.

Every morning he greets students as they exit the yellow school buses and pour into the school.

Students and families have returned his personal gestures. An

area with a bench and plants outside Hamagrael school is dedicated to Schaefer. On a recent morning in Clarksville, a girl stopped him in the hallway to show him her butterfly barrettes. Hundreds of former students have sent him notes over the years thanking him for his influence in their lives.

It was the need to keep that interaction strong, Schaefer said, that led him back to Clarksville five years ago. Hamagrael's enrollment during his time there had swollen from 320 children to more than 500, and, "as the school, started to grow, it was harder to maintain the teacher in me," he said. While at Hamagrael, he taught classes in growth and maturity.

"When I had the opportunity to move to a smaller school, I took advantage of it," he said. At Clarksville, with enrollment just over 200, he taught math to fourth- and fifth-graders.

He remembers a moment at Hamagrael that, to him, emphasized the importance being personally involved with his students. In the early 1990s, when students learned of a planned addition to

the school building, one concerned student raised a question during a weekly meeting in the cafeteria. "A little kid in the back of the room, in maybe the second or third grade, asked, 'How are you going to say hi to all the kids in the morning if some are coming in the front door and some in the other door?'" Schaefer recalled. "It was an eye-opener, to realize that that's what's important to kids — to keep things on a personal level."

His solution: in the morning he would greet students at the school's front doors, and at the end of the day he'd bid them good afternoon from the doors of the new addition.

Schaefer's involvement in Bethlehem has extended beyond the schools into the community. He has served as auctioneer at the annual Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited auction at the high school.

An avid runner, he frequents local road races, and at last month's Tour du Park run through the town park, Schaefer timed and cheered children crossing the finish line.

Years ago he ran the Boston Marathon for his first and only time. Afterwards, he decided "there's no need for a human being to do this another time."

But his enthusiasm for education has not diminished with his decision to retire. "I still have a lot of energy," he said with a smile, "and I know I have to do something. I can't just clean the garage."

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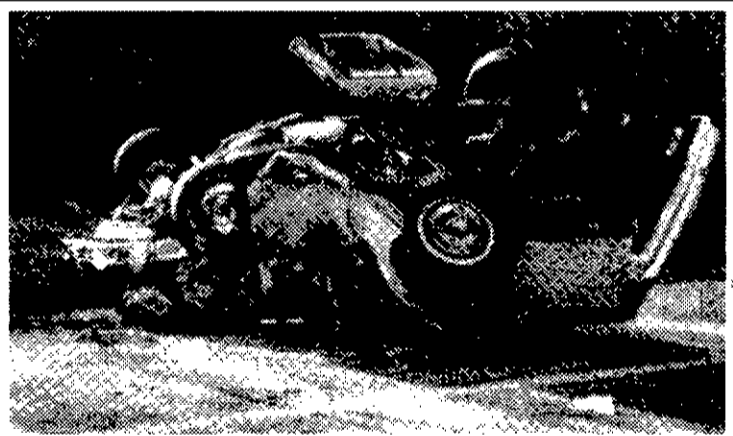
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