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Brouhaha over stop signs ongoing at board meeting

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

For the second time in a month, a proposal before the Bethlehem town Board put residents of one of Delmar's core neighborhoods at odds with the town's Traffic Safety Committee on how best to control motor vehicle traffic on their residential street.

A proposal to install a stop sign on Jordan Boulevard at the intersection with Winne Road was the subject of a public hearing before the board on Nov. 10. But several Winne Road residents—who signed the petition that led to the committee's action in the first place—objected to the proposal, maintaining that it did not address what Winne resident Mark Bryant characterized as "excessive bad driving on that road by many, many citizens of our town."

"Our little community was asking for something," Bryant said. "They wanted to give us something else ... it's us against them."

The residents' complaints echoed those at a similar hearing on Oct. 13 concerning stop signs at the intersection of Sylvan Avenue and Wellington Road, a proposal the board sent back to the safety committee for reconsideration.

This time out, a half hour of discussion produced a 2-2 deadlock, with one board member abstaining, on the safety committee's Jordan Boulevard recommendation, and another public hearing set for next month to take up the matter all over again.

Last summer, residents petitioned the committee for stop signs on Winne at Jordan, concerned about the speed of traffic along the road, the main route from Delaware Avenue to Hamagrael School, at Winne's easternmost end.

"If you're in the neighborhood about 8 o'clock in the morning or 3 o'clock in the afternoon, (drivers) are speeding down to Hamagrael, no question about it," said Joanne Buess, a resident who operates a day care facility at her home just four doors

from Jordan Boulevard.

Her neighbor, Mike Cassidy, concurred: "We've had a lot of very close calls just recently, in the last two weeks, with children just barely missing being hit by cars." Like many streets in Delmar's older neighborhoods, Winne lacks sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians, joggers and cyclists.

With a growing number of young families living on Winne, "I want my neighborhood to be someplace my kids can walk across the street to their friends' house and feel safe," Bryant said.

Lt. Tim Beebe of the Bethlehem Police Department, a member of the committee, told the board that a survey of traffic on Winne confirmed its heavy volume, an average of almost 550 cars a day. But he said 85 percent of traffic on Winne travels at 35 mph or less, with an average speed of 29 mph, a mile below the speed limit.

The committee felt the uncontrolled intersection of Jordan entering Winne from the north called for a stop sign, Beebe said, but rejected the request for signs on Winne.

"What we disagreed on was whether stop signs are going to slow traffic down," Beebe said. "I honestly don't believe a stop sign at that intersection is going to solve this problem. That's why we didn't recommend it."

Citing Federal highway safety guidelines, he said, "Our interpretation of the stop sign is that it is not to control speed but to control right of way at the intersection."

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V'ville school expansion plan still on hold

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

At last week's meeting, audience members questioned the Voorheesville school board about its proposed building project following the state Department of Agriculture and Markets commissioner's recommendation that the district take only 2 acres in its eminent domain proceedings.

In order to expand the junior/senior high school to create a cohesive middle school program and add athletic fields, the board is seeking 20 acres of farmland from neighbor John J. O'Connell. The Department of Agriculture & Markets has found that this will have an adverse affect on farming in Albany County and recommended that the district take less land. School Superintendent Alan McCartney said last week that at first blush, the Ag and Markets recommendation does not fit the district's needs.

Lawyer Justin Corcoran, who is O'Connell's nephew, said that he hoped the Ag & Markets findings would provide an amicable resolution between the district and O'Connell.

Corcoran acknowledged that the school board does not have to accept the



Judy Woolsey looks on as Michael Amico chooses a bunny rock from her collection at Elsmere Elementary School's craft fair over the weekend.
Constance Lupe

commissioner's findings, but pointed out that the department has a good record of the state Supreme Court agreeing with its findings, should the matter be pursued in court.

"More and more," Corcoran said, "people are saying to me that they had no idea of what eminent domain meant. People are saying that they won't vote for a project that involves land condemnation."

As he has at the past few meetings,

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Justin Corcoran

Corcoran asked the board to consider a separate proposition on the ballot for the land condemnation issue.

"I'll ask again," Corcoran said. "If the Ag & Markets recommendation does not serve as a vehicle for compromise, that the board consider a separate proposition on the issue of land

condemnation. I don't know what you will do if the voters reject the whole building project outright."

When Ag & Markets issued a hold order in September, McCartney had architects Scoville & Collins stop working on the \$16.9 million project pending the recommendation. Town resident and architect Tom Poznanski asked the board why that work had stopped.

"My understanding is that we meet the minimum requirement for the land," Poznanski said, expressing his concern that by the time the architects finish their drawings and the proposal is posted to the public for 45 days, the 10 percent bonus that the state is offering school district building projects will be gone.

Board President John Cole pointed out that everything is integrated. "The board considers an adequate land base an essential part of the project," Cole said. "We asked the architects to not spend any more money until we see how the land acquisition works out. We don't believe the 10 percent is yet in jeopardy."

"The thing that bothers me," Poznanski said, "is that last year, the board was worried about losing the 10

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New 'kid' pledges cooperation

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem's newest elected public official, as "the new kid on the block," pledged a spirit of cooperation with Supervisor Sheila Fuller and her colleagues on the town board.

The election of Dan Plummer to an open seat on the board gave Bethlehem's Democrats a second vote on the five-member, Republican-dominated body for the first

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Town board adopts 2000 budget

By Joseph A. Phillips

Between the clutch of public hearings that opened it and the lengthy executive session to discuss various personnel and litigation issue that closed it, the Bethlehem town board meeting on Nov. 10 was one of the longest in months, as the board labors to wrap up before the Christmas holidays.

Amid the usual roster of sea-

sonal hirings or promotions of full-time town personnel, approval of documents received from the town planning board and vendor bids, several major items of board business were transacted without dissent.

In contrast with a nearly 45-minute-long hearing and discussion of traffic-sign placement, and another hearing on the assessment rolls for the Bethlehem

Sewer District for the coming year, nearly a foot of documentation, came and went without public comment.

The board also unanimously adopted the \$24.1 million proposed budget for 2000. Board member Susan Burns took the occasion to briefly renew her call for creation of an Office of Economic Development, and also for a review of residential development in the town — an issue raised by the town's Democrats and in particular by board member-elect Daniel Plummer during the recent campaign.

The board also authorized Comptroller Judith Kehoe to apply for a grant of up to \$20,000 under the Federal Justice Court Enhancement Program, with an eye toward underwriting part of the cost of a planned upgrade to computer services for the Bethlehem Town Court.

Two more board meetings remain on the calendar before the annual Christmas recess. The board's usual fourth-Wednesday meeting for November has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m., due to Thanksgiving. The board resumes its usual Wednesday night schedule on Dec. 8. The meeting normally scheduled for Dec. 22 has been canceled.

Good skates



Lexie Gravelin, left, and Amanda O'Brien enjoy a roller-skating party sponsored by the Voorheesville PTA at the school. *Constance Lupe*

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Physically Speaking

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While most people concentrate on achieving a "washboard" stomach, they would do well to complement their strenuous abdominal exercises with stretching and strengthening exercises that focus on the back, neck, and shoulders, where strain and pain are most common. If your physical fitness program has you groaning, instead of onlookers "ahing" and "ohing," ask your physician for a referral, or call the number listed below to learn more about our wide range of services. Evening treatment hours available for your convenience.

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Teens right on track with technology

By Katherine McCarthy

This is the second of 10 articles profiling people from each decade of this century. Bethlehem Central High School seniors Michelle Kagan and Elliot Freeman; and seniors Cheyne Suker, Elissa Waltz, Matthew Horn, Meredith Bentley and Mindy Greene from Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School spoke for people born in the 1980s. Bethlehem resident Suzanne Hillinger, born in 1981, e-mailed her perspective from Boston University, where she is a freshman.

Computers, technology and the Internet get teens' winning votes as the biggest lifetime changes on the road to the new millennium.

"When I used to go to summer camp," Greene said, "we used to write letters to each other after the summer was over. Then we got e-mail, and letters became obsolete. Without e-mail, you're out of the loop."

The Internet has become the primary research tool for this group of students, who, as Waltz said, grew up with computers and the Internet.

"Before the Internet," Suker pointed out, "we were too young to have been writing too many letters or doing research."

"Computers and the Internet really affects our relationships, and the way we communicate," Kagan said. "Elliot and I are very involved with our temples' youth groups, and we stay in touch with people from a lot of different places through the Internet. We also rely heavily on the Internet for research."

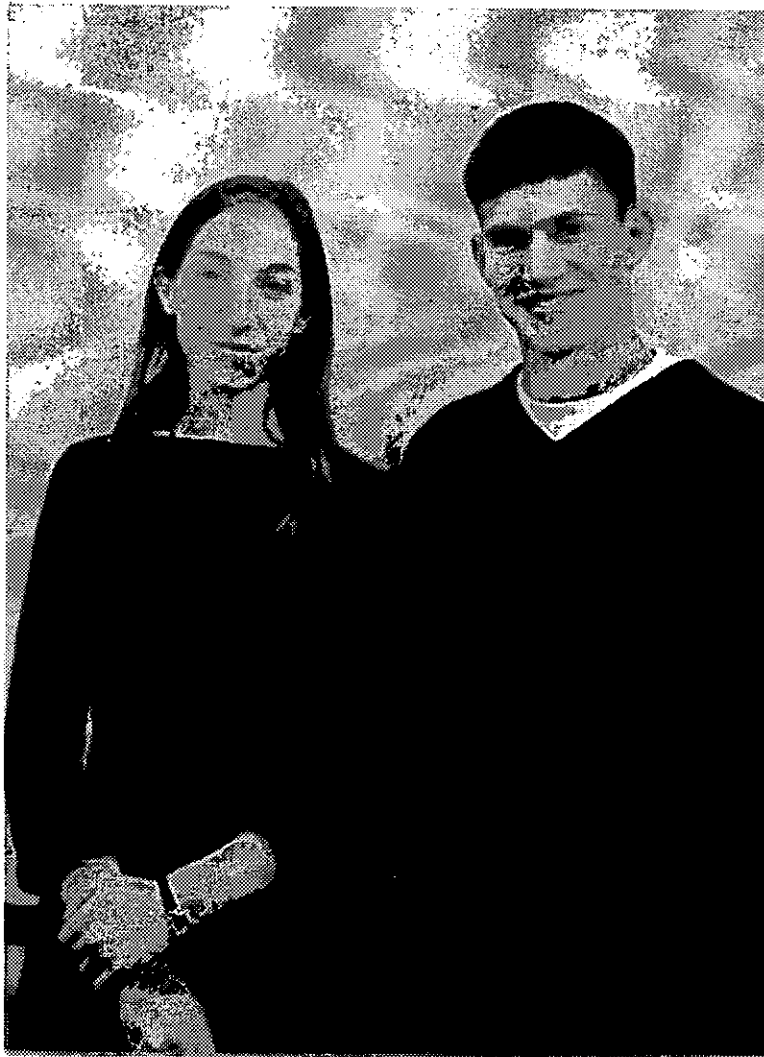
"I gave up guitar lessons, and started taking them on the Internet," Freeman said. "It gives us access to all sorts of information, along with communication through e-mail and instant messages."

"A lot of people from just one generation ago don't realize the influence AOL (America Online) has on our lives," Kagan said. "If you take a homework break and go on AOL, you can talk to 30 people at the same time."

Although all the students see the Internet as a good thing, Kagan acknowledged that it can de-personalize things. "Obviously, you'd rather talk on the phone or in person to someone," she said.

"But I write e-mails to my siblings at college, and I wouldn't necessarily call them," Freeman said. "It provides a cheap way to stay in touch."

Hillinger's communication by



Michelle Kagan and Elliot Freeman.

Katherine McCarthy

e-mail was proof of the power of technology. "I remember when I was still in elementary school and my family got our first computer, an Apple II GS," Hillinger wrote. "I thought it was amazing and completely overwhelming. Now I have my own laptop which I can sit in bed with and buy just about anything while still in my pajamas. I don't know if that is healthy, but it sure is fun!"

These nearly 20-year-olds have also watched technology change the way they learn.

"It used to be there was always just one teacher in one classroom," Suker said. "Now a couple of us are taking a distance learning class, where there's one teacher reaching three to four classrooms by television hook-up, and you're talking with people in different places at the same time."

"There are computers in every classroom and media centers in every school," Hillinger wrote. "I remember using card catalogs, and they are practically extinct now."

Freeman pointed out that technology, in the form of cellular phones and beepers, has increased communication possibilities. "There are so many ways to find people now," he said.

Freeman keeps a cell phone in his car, at his parents' insistence, so that he has a way to call for help if he needs it. Kagan and Freeman said Bethlehem is unusual because most of the kids do not carry beepers or cell phones.

The accoutrements of technology are just one part of the many "things" teens felt were part of their lives.

"Everyone expects to have more money," Horn said. "They expect to have more clothes, more video games; people want things and they want them now. Two weeks later, it's outdated and people want something else. My parents talk about how they had \$2 for the week, and that was it,"

Horn said.

"It seems like everyone has cars," Greene said. "A new computer comes out, then it's outdated, and people want the latest this, or the latest that."

Hillinger said she thought that teens don't realize how image conscious they are. "I think subconsciously they all want to be part of an Abercrombie & Fitch advertisement," Hillinger e-mailed. "They want to be a bunch of happy skinny models running around a field in really expensive jeans."

Hillinger named the Columbine shootings as the greatest historical event in her lifetime. "I couldn't believe how similar Columbine was to Bethlehem," she wrote, "a little middle class suburb outside a big city. I was a little afraid to go to school in a 'safe' place like Delmar. I looked at the news clips and magazine pictures of the victims and wondered if those kids would have gone to college with me the following year."

Kagan agreed that the shootings were an issue, but Freeman said he felt very sheltered in Bethlehem. To him, the greatest historical event was the fall of the Soviet Union, which happened when the seniors were 9 years old. "We're the first generation not living in fear of another superpower threatening us," he said.

Kagan and Freeman said they pay attention to major issues like abortion and AIDS, but feel removed from them. As for the perpetual issue of teen drinking, Kagan said that a lot of people don't realize how available alcohol is to teens.

"I don't think it's a major problem," Freeman said. "It's a part of adolescence, and most people will try it."

Greene said teens have to face the issue of growing up too quickly. "Teen-agers try to act and be older, to have more independence and expect to be allowed to

do everything," she said.

"A lot of younger students are more like we are now, as high school seniors," Waltz said. "This gives teens a bad reputation."

"It decreases respect for others," Horn said. "Parents don't have a lot of control."

Greene also said that along with that independence, there's more emphasis on being well-rounded. "People have to volunteer, to be more diverse, and culturally aware," she said. "What it comes down to is that there's so much competition. You have to have the best resume, or the best grade, to get into college."

"Everyone's looking to get something different for their college application," Suker said.

"We're all so busy," Greene said. "I think teen-agers in the '90s have more pressure, from friends, parents, and school, than any other teen-agers have had. Life is so busy and fast."

The main topic of conversation for most high school seniors is college. Horn predicted that the coming months will bring the most important personal event of their lives, as they receive college acceptance letters and decide where to go. All are looking forward to leaving the nests of their hometowns.

"I'm looking forward to being on my own," Greene said.

"We live around cows," Waltz said. "I'm looking for a change of scenery."

Horn added: "You can't meet a new person in Voorheesville — everybody knows everybody."

"I feel held back," Kagan said. "I have all these goals for myself, and being in Delmar restricts me."

And Freeman said he is "looking forward to figuring things out for myself. I can't learn from my mistakes here because I don't have any room to make them."

Hillinger confirmed that starting college was the biggest change in her life so far.

"Going to Boston University, or college in general, has changed my life in so many ways," she wrote. "I have never lived anywhere but Delmar, so Boston as a city and school was a big change. I am learning so much about myself and life in general everyday. It is so exciting, and I never thought I would say that about school."

All are optimistic about their futures, although they express some concern about the future in general. Racism, politics, the intrusiveness of the media, the depletion of Social Security, overpopulation and a drain on resources, were some of the concerns they named.

Hillinger predicted that technology will continue to play a huge part in making daily tasks more efficient. "Hopefully, some of these technological advances will be made in the field of medicine and therefore develop a cure for cancer, AIDS and other diseases," she wrote.

"People grew up with more gifts," Greene said. "We'll have some really talented people running things."

Rabid animals on rise

By Joseph A. Phillips

With the approach of winter, Bethlehem animal control officers are facing an abrupt rise in reported encounters between town residents and rabid wild animals.

Four animal sightings were reported to the town's animal control officer in recent weeks, according to police reports — and in all four cases, wildlife pathologists at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, operated by the state's Department of Environmental Conservation, have positively confirmed the presence of rabies.

Animal control was summoned twice on Sunday, Nov. 3, once to dispatch an ill raccoon in a garage at Clean Harbours, a firm on 32 Bast Road in Glenmont, the other to deal with a rabid skunk at a residence on South Street in South Bethlehem.

The following morning, police responded to another South Bethlehem call involving a skunk in the driveway of a Willowbrook Avenue residence.

The most recent report, on Saturday, Nov. 9, also involved a skunk later found to be rabid, found at a residence on Fife Lane in Slingerlands.

No human contact was reported with any of the four rabid animals, and on only one of the South Bethlehem calls was there a possibility of contact with a family dog, who had been properly vaccinated but has been placed under observation.

In all four cases, the animals had exhibited odd behavior often associated with a rabid animal including unsteadiness or lethargy, and a lack of the usual avoidance of people. Police advise that residents avoid contact with any wild animal that appears ill, aggressive or otherwise behaving uncharacteristically, and to call police.

Elsmere student named AP Scholar

Ariane Cohen of Elsmere was recently designated an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction by the College Board.

The award, which recognizes the Cohen's college-level achievement on Advanced Placement Program (AP) Examinations, is granted to high school students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 (out of 5) on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more AP Exams on full year courses.

Cohen, who graduated in June from Germantown Academy in Fort Washington, Pa., was also honored as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

Her athletic and academic achievements were recognized by her three-time membership in the U.S. Swimming Scholastic All-America Team.

Cohen is a freshman at Harvard University.

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School board names facilities director

By Katherine McCarthy

At a special meeting last Tuesday, the Bethlehem school board appointed professional engineer Gregg Nolte to the new position of director of facilities and operations.

"This is a significant step forward, that will help us do a number of things," school Superintendent Les Loomis said.

When longtime maintenance foreman Sam van Hoesen retired in September, the school board spent some time deciding how

the future structure of buildings and maintenance should run. At last week's special meeting, the board abolished the maintenance foreman post and created the director of facilities and operations position.

"In the last couple of weeks of our selection process," Loomis said, "Gregg emerged as the front-runner. He will report to Steve O'Shea, the assistant superintendent for the business and support operations in the district. Bruce Houghton, superintendent of

buildings and grounds — and Larry Gill, the health and safety coordinator, will report to Gregg."

Nolte will begin work on Dec. 6, and his annual salary of \$65,000 will be prorated for the remainder of 1999.

Since 1995, Nolte has been deputy commissioner in the city of Albany's department of general services, where he managed more than 300 employees for the department's division of public works, engineering, central maintenance, traffic engineering, and parks and recreation. He managed the annual operating and capital budgets, and developed and managed the major capital improvement projects for the city, and for the Albany Water Board.

Prior to that, Nolte had been an engineer in Albany's department

of engineering, and at Erik P. Damberg, P.E. in Schenectady. He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Clarkson University in 1985, and registered with the state of New York as a professional engineer in 1992.

Along with his appointment, Nolte received a 12-point list of job priorities, which include developing a long-range planning process for future facilities needs, analyzing the adequacy of custodial staffing at the district's buildings, and improving the cleanliness and attractiveness of the school buildings.

Nolte said he sees a lot of doable projects in the district. "I'd like to work toward a standardization of services and a higher level of quality in the schools," Nolte said.

At first, Nolte said he'll work to familiarize himself with the schools. "There will be lots of communication," he said, "from the principals to the custodians. I'd like to identify the problems, see where the deficiencies are, and prioritize what needs to be done."



Nolte

Fire district schedules election

The annual election of the Slingerlands Fire District will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Slingerlands firehouse at 1520 New Scotland Road.

The purpose is to elect one commissioner for a five-year term starting Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31, 2004.

All duly registered residents of the Slingerlands Fire District will be eligible to vote.

Candidates for district office must file their names with the secretary of Slingerlands Fire District at 628 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, no later than today, Nov. 17.

Men's Garden Club to see slide show

Joseph Huth of the Men's Garden Club of Albany will present a slide program on his recent Elderhostel experience in the Netherlands at the club's monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Day's Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

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Hello! My name is Lee Bormann, and I would like to welcome you to my column. In the weeks ahead, I will be sharing information helpful to seniors as they make decisions that affect their health and their quality of life.

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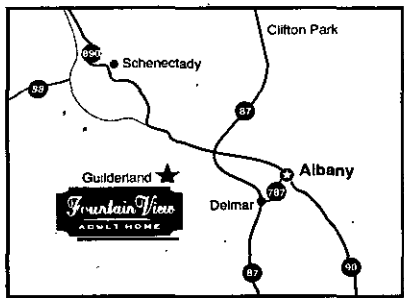
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Thacher Park manager aims to increase local use

By Joseph A. Phillips

A new park manager has taken the reins at New Scotland's John Boyd Thacher State Park — and one of Christopher Fallon's top priorities will be getting a grip on why a scenic rural park so near an urban center is underutilized.

"The park doesn't have the visitorship it should have," said Fallon, whose appointment took effect Sept. 16. "We need to get the word out that Thacher is a great place to go with your family if you live in the Capital Region. It's not far from Albany, and yet somehow a lot of people in the region have never been here."

Fallon replaces Michael Krish, who was recently transferred to a new manager's posting at Selkirk Shores, a park in central New York.

As Thacher Park manager, Fallon will oversee not only the scenic park overlooking the Helderberg Escarpment, but also Thompson Lake State Campground in nearby Berne; Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center, soon to begin construction near Thompson Lake; the central maintenance garage for the Capital-Saratoga Region of the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation, which is located on the Thacher grounds and handles fleet vehicle maintenance for the region; and Hudson River Islands, a campground facility accessible only by boat from two state-owned launches in Cox-sackie and Athens.

A Long Island native, Fallon

comes to his new job after 16 years as a parks employee. A former marine services representative assigned to Albany, he oversaw marine regulatory programs, including boat licensing, regulatory enforcement and educational programs for boaters.

He currently lives in North Greenbush but will relocate shortly to the park manager's residence at Thacher, along with his wife, who is pursuing a counseling degree at The College of Saint Rose, and three school-age children, who will attend Berne-Knox-Westerlo schools.

For Fallon, the Thacher job represents both career advancement and change of venue.

"Maybe they were looking for a fresh perspective," he said. "Rather than somebody in the system who knew the system and said, 'That's the way it is,' perhaps they wanted someone fresh to shake it up a bit."

The park, he said, is "in gener-

ally good shape, although certainly there is room for improvements. I'll see, and focus on some of that as time goes on."

For the time being, having joined the park after the close of its busiest season, he said he is not yet acclimated to such matters as staffing levels and peak demand for park services.

He oversees a staff of eight permanent employees and five "half-time seasonals" who in fact work year round. Seasonal hiring in the summer months swells the staff to as many as 50 more.

"The easy answer is, over the years the staff has been cut, and we could always use more," he said. "But I haven't been here long enough and seen enough to really evaluate it."

Some additional staff will be hired, he said, upon completion of the nature center. He is also seeking a new full-time caretaker, a position currently vacant.

One matter to which he has already turned his attention is attendance at the park.

"I think attendance has sloughed off a bit, so maybe we need to put more interpretive programs into place," he said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to expand on those in the near future, especially after we open the nature center."

Perhaps, he suggested, the park's low utilization has to do with its perceived distance from the bulk of the Capital District. "In this day and age of two-income families, you have soccer moms running from game to game, and maybe we don't think we have as much time anymore for places like Thacher," he said.

A marketing effort to help soften that perception of remoteness might be in order, he

said. "You would never think you're near a city when you're up here," he said — and that may be

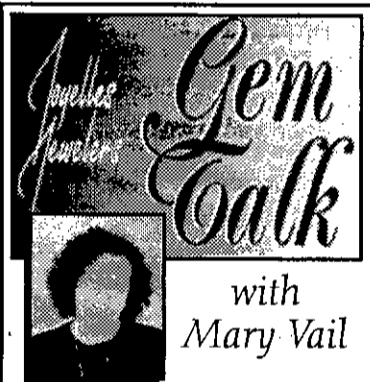
the park's most marketable feature.

Fallon also plans an effort to reach out to the park's volunteer support group, the Friends of Thacher Park.

"I certainly want to work closely with them," he said. "They help us out tremendously as stewards of the park. I want to be active with them and make sure they continue to grow. I want to reach out and become an active part of the community, and make sure Thacher Park and Thompson Lake are considered a part of the community."

He anticipates being at Thacher Park for awhile.

"My personal belief is, that in order to do a job effectively, you have to take a number of years, you have to learn the job and do it effectively before you say, let's move on to the next thing," he said. "So yes, I expect to be here for the long term."



Gem Talk
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Matters of Opinion

Violence is a crime

The rise of domestic violence incidents in Bethlehem is alarming, but the leeway afforded police agencies to take action in these cases stemming from the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Act of 1994 may help to deter repeated offenses. Police also now are required to receive training to be better equipped to handle incidents of violence, which can also help to diffuse potential harmful situations.

Years ago, police had a more casual attitude about domestic violence in large part because the victim would refuse to press charges, usually against a spouse. Police generally felt their hands were tied, since the victim's cooperation was required to legally intervene. Today, regardless of the victim's reluctance to pursue a domestic violence incident in the courts, police can and do lodge charges against the perpetrator, when there has been physical contact.

Domestic violence — as some CDTA bus advertising cautions — is a crime, not a shame. Physically threatening or assaulting an individual is totally unacceptable and should not be tolerated. In family disputes, tempers often flare and emotions run high, but that is never an excuse to threaten or physically abuse another person.

People who have a history of domestic violence should seek help before they find themselves in trouble with the law and, as important, before anyone gets hurt.

The numbers of incidents reported in Bethlehem clearly show violence at home is a problem here. Domestic violence is a problem that crosses all social and financial — all demographic lines, and the fact that so many incidences occur in a town like Bethlehem bear that out.

Countdown to 2000

In preparing for the millennium, it might be helpful to take a look at where we've already been and how far we've come in 100 years. To do that, Kathy McCarthy is writing a 10-part series, where she will try to present a perspective on each decade.

So far, we've heard from the younger set (kids almost age 10 and in their teens), who for one thing seem to embrace technology as a comfortable old shoe.

We suspect that attitude will shift dramatically as McCarty with time travels back toward the middle and early decades with the help.

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Editorials

State should tighten lobbying rules

By Blair Horner

The writer, a resident of Delmar, is legislative director of the New York Public Interest Research Group.

It's as bad as you think. Your stereotype of lobbyists seeking to influence lawmakers by doling out goodies like free dinners at posh restaurants as well as free entertainment tickets to the ballot, the US Open and the Indy 500, turns out to be right on target.

New Yorkers were given a unique insight into political influence-peddling in Albany this summer as the result of investigations published by *The New York Times*. According to the *Times*, tobacco giant Philip Morris' internal documents stated that the company had given gifts to 115 of New York's 211 state legislators, as well as to high-ranking Pataki administration officials.

The *Times*' revelations — as well as the findings of other independent researchers — has resulted in the tobacco industry being caught red-handed in several instances of violating New York state's lobbying — and possibly ethics — laws. Through a strategy of gift-giving, campaign contributions and lobbying, the tobacco industry has thwarted efforts by health advocates to improve New York state's public health protection laws. It is now clear that the tobacco lobby combined legal activity with illegal activities to get its way. Here's what we know so far:

- According to documents obtained as a result of a settlement between the state of Minnesota and the tobacco industry, the Tobacco Institute (TI), the industry's trade association, was caught spending \$400,000 more in New York state lobbying than it disclosed.

As the result of an investigation launched at the request of good government groups — NYPIRG, the League of Women Voters and Common Cause — TI agreed to amend its filings and

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disclose these expenditures in an effort to avoid sanctions by the Lobbying Commission.

- The Tobacco Institute investigation revealed that the tobacco lobby had funneled hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Empire State Tavern and Restaurant Association to act as a front group in lobbying state and local lawmakers on behalf of TI. Empire State was forced to agree to amend its filings and disclose these expenditures in its effort to avoid penalties by the Lobbying Commission.

- According to internal documents available as a result of the



Citizens can rarely afford to take a lawmaker out to dinner to make their case for changes in state law — why should lobbyists be allowed to do so?

national tobacco settlement, No. 1 tobacco company Philip Morris was found to have given gifts (dinners, entertainment tickets, etc.) to 115 state lawmakers. These gifts were not disclosed as lobbying expenses to the Lobbying Commission.

When confronted with these allegations, PM has admitted that these expenses were not disclosed and has apparently agreed to amend its filings and disclose these expenditures as well as cooperate with the Lobbying Commission's investigation as part of its efforts to avoid civil — and possibly — criminal sanctions.

In addition, several Albany-based Philip Morris lobbyists have admitted that they failed to disclose some of their activities to the Lobbying Commission and have agreed to amend their filings and disclose these expenditures to the Lobbying Commission.

Also under consideration is an investigation by the state Ethics Commission into recent reports that Philip Morris provided the bulk of the funding for Gov. Pataki's 1995 and 1996 trips to Hungary; another possible violation of New York ethics laws. According to the *Times*, not only did Philip Morris help underwrite the governor's trips to Hungary, it also flew its top lobbyist to have dinner with the governor in Budapest.

- The New York City Clerk and Suffolk County officials are on notice of instances where the tobacco industry and its allies may have failed to adequately disclose their lobbying activities.

According to documents obtained as a result of a settlement between the state of Minnesota and the tobacco industry, the Tobacco Institute has stated that it spent far more than it reported to the New York City clerk's office (which regulates lobbying of city officials). Common Cause, the

League of Women Voters and NYPIRG have urged an investigation. According to a report aired by Long Island's News 12 (a local cable TV station), the TI and the Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association may have failed to disclose its lobbying activities there. According to News 12, Suffolk County is considering launching an investigation.

Clearly, state laws need to be tightened to make it more difficult for powerful special interests — like the tobacco industry — to control the flow of legislation in Albany.

It is well-known that New York state has one of the weakest lobbying laws in the nation. The growing scandals surrounding the tobacco industry's efforts to weaken New York's public health laws cries out for a response from Gov. Pataki and state legislators. The special legislative session scheduled for December provides a real opportunity for reform.

New York state's lobbying law expires at the end of the calendar year, which means that the governor and state legislators must vote on whether to strengthen the law or merely extend the status quo. So what should be done? Here's a roadmap to real reform:

- Modernize the state's lobbying commission. This 22-year-old "temporary" commission operates with a weak mandate and without adequate enforcement powers. New York's lobbying law must clearly cover all lobbying of state agencies (it doesn't now) and grant the commission the power to assess real penalties on those special interests that evade required disclosures.

- Place tough restrictions on the activities of lobbyists. Lobbyists take lawmakers out to dinner every night that the Legislature is in session. New York must prohibit lobbyists picking up the tab for these night-time lobbying meetings. Citizens can rarely afford to take a lawmaker out to dinner to make their case for changes in state law — why should lobbyists be allowed to do so? Congress prohibits gifts — including dinners — from lobbyists to representatives and senators. New York should ban it too.

In addition, lawmakers should be prohibited from holding campaign fund-raisers during the legislative session. The spectacle of lobbyists meeting with lawmakers during the day and then forking over contributions at night creates — at least — the appearance of a conflict. Let's end the practice.

It's important for citizens to let their representatives know that they want the current state of influence and access peddling reformed. We urge you to write letters to Gov. Pataki and your state representatives and urge them to support the Integrity in Government Act (Assembly bill 1161/Senate bill 3794) when they vote on extending the state's lobbying law.

Tell them that they must not merely extend the law without significant improvements. To maintain the status quo would clearly send out the message that Albany is up for sale.

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Your Opinion Matters

Pressure officials for research money

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am 14 years old and have had diabetes since 1990. Earlier this year, I helped organize a team of walkers, called Bethlehem Cares, to participate in a walk-a-thon to raise money for diabetes research.

The event was very successful, but we must remember that the biggest supporter of diabetes research is not any not-for-profit organization but rather the federal government.

I've been following the news from Washington lately about the budget battle between Democrats and Republicans. One item that's been missing from the coverage is the wide agreement in Washington about the need to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

This important government agency funds most of the medical research performed in this country. This year, key leaders in Congress have proposed a \$1.5 to \$2 billion increase in NIH's budget. This is good news for all Americans.

But the budget increase could be especially good news for the 16 million Americans who suffer from diabetes. That's because the additional funding means NIH will now

have more than enough money to implement the research plan of the Diabetes Research Working Group (DRWG).

This plan was requested by Congress and developed by a panel of the world's leading diabetes experts. The DRWG found that significant progress could be made — maybe even a cure — if significant resources were dedicated to diabetes research.

But, now that Congress is set to provide additional funding, it is up to the NIH and the Clinton administration to see that the DRWG plan is implemented, not ignored. By doing so, they can help the millions of Americans who suffer from this deadly disease.

Diabetes affects more people and costs our country more in health care dollars (\$40 billion) than any other disease, yet diabetes research continues to be short-changed. We need to put pressure on our elected officials to get more money for diabetes research.

Tim Carey
Delmar

Thanks and congratulations

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to acknowledge my appreciation to the voters in the town of Bethlehem who supported my bid to become a member of the town board.

While I was not successful in this effort, I do thank each of the nearly 5,000 people who went to the polls in support of my candidacy.

I also applaud the tremendous effort that the Bethlehem Republican Committee and other friends provided to ensure that my campaign was well designed and managed. Each member of the committee worked tirelessly in performing his or her assigned responsibilities on my behalf.

While I offer that my professional background would have been a valuable asset to the town board, the people have selected their councilmen, and we all respect that process.

I congratulate Doris Davis and

Dan Plummer in running professional campaigns, and I wish them much success as our newly elected board members.

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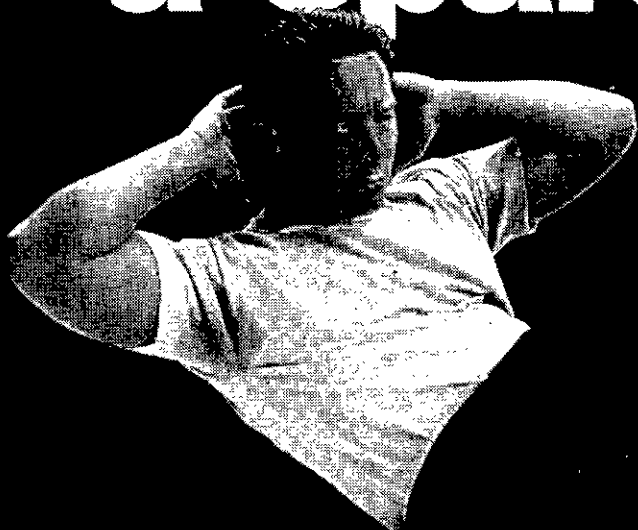
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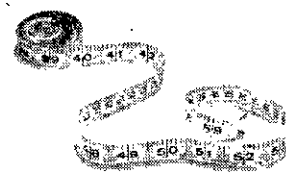
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PTA, kids say thanks to Grand Union

Editor, The Spotlight:

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Nancy Phelan
Delmar

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New Scotland churches to present ecumenical service

The churches of New Scotland will hold a community service on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Mountainview Evangelical Free Church on Route 155.

Pastors from St. Matthew's Church, First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, New Scotland Presbyterian Church and Mountainview Evangelical Free Church will share in the liturgy and there will be an ecumenical choir.

Cub Scout Pack 73 to collect food

Cub Scout Pack 73 will hold its annual food drive on Saturday, Nov. 20. Troop members will pick up filled bags throughout the village and the town of New Scotland starting at 9 a.m.

The food drive will benefit the New Scotland food pantry.

High school musicians tune up for concert

High school students will present their annual fall concert tonight, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The chorus and the band will perform.

St. Matthew's to host holiday bazaar

St. Matthew's Church will hold its annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be crafts, food, games and a Chinese raffle.

School to dismiss early on Nov. 19

Students at the elementary school will be dismissed at 11:50

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a.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, for parent-teacher conferences.

Children who attend afternoon kindergarten will follow their regular schedule.

PTA to sponsor roller-skating in gym

The PTA will sponsor roller-skating on Friday, Nov. 19, from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the elementary school.

Children are asked to bring their own lunch and drink. Parents are reminded to sign their children out in the cafeteria at the end of the program.

Fifth- and sixth-grade activity night slated

An activity night for fifth- and sixth-grade students will be held on Friday, Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

There will be a DJ, games and food. Tickets will be sold at the school and must be purchased before activity night.

Village to take brick orders

The village of Voorheesville is extending the date for ordering bricks.

The tax-deductible \$40 contribution per brick order can be made at the village office on Voorheesville Avenue.

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be engraved with up to 14 characters, on up to three lines. The first order of bricks is currently being installed.

Extension to hold holiday workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold a holiday workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 30, on Martin Road. Two sessions will be offered - 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

Participants will be provided with detailed, hands-on information on preparing low-cost holiday crafts and gifts, personalizing holiday gifts and preparing tasty, health holiday meals.

The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required by Nov. 24.

For information or to register, call 765-3500.

Kiwanis to hold ball registration

New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold its last night for baseball and softball registration tonight, Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Participants must live in the town of New Scotland or the Voorheesville school district. The child must be 5 years old by, and not 13 before, Aug. 1.

The registration fee is \$20 for T-ball and \$25 for all others with a \$45 maximum for multiple family members.

The leagues and age require-

ment are: T-ball — boys and girls age 5 and 6; Big Sticks T-ball — boys and girls age 6 and 7; Pee Wee league — boys and girls age 7 and 8; Mirror league — boys and girls age 8 to 10; Major league — boys and girls age 10 to 12; Girls softball — girls ages 10 to 13, but not 14 by Aug. 1.

Congrats to NYSSMA All-State participants

Five students from the high school were selected to attend the Area All-State Fest.

The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) selects students from an area that covers more than 40 school districts to join the prestigious Area

All-State chorus or band.

The students selected for band were Jessica Hover and Matthew Horn. Matthew Hubert, Josh McMahan and Jeff Hover were selected for the chorus.

The Area All-State Fest will be held on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19 and 20 in Saratoga Springs.

SuperValu Foods to build addition

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There are no meetings or other requirements to participate until April, when we will have one wrap-up meeting and award some prizes.

Make sure to fill out the liter-

ary fact sheets, which are in the packets. Twenty-five people participated last year, and we want to have even more this year.

Book discussion on *The Voyage of the Narwhal* meets tonight at 7 p.m. Pick up your copy of *Reading in the Dark* by Seamus Deane when you sign-up for the January meeting. There will be no meeting in December.

The Library Club for kids meets on Thursday, Nov. 18, after school for grades four through six. Registration is necessary.

A puppet project is in the works which will be the group's focus for several months. If you like puppets, join up.

"Three Cheers for Arthur and Friends" is the theme for evening story time on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. Arthur loves the library and wants all his friends to come for games, stories and a cupcake.

Regular story times for preschoolers end on Nov. 24 and resume after the holidays.

The library closes at 1 p.m. Nov. 24 and reopens at 10 a.m. on Nov. 26. The staff and board wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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The program will stress the importance of early reading experiences. Activities include making a toddler-sized book to take home. Call 439-9314 to register.

Look for a feature article on early reading experience by Beverly Provost, head of the youth services department, in this month's "Capital District Parent Pages." Copies are available at the library.

Addressing an even earlier stage of development is "Babies Need Books and Libraries," a project funded by federal grant money procured by the Upper Hudson Library System. The library will join 11 other area libraries in an effort to reach expectant mothers and young families. The libraries will partner with health care agencies to distribute gift bags to new parents and provide

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picture books for doctors' waiting rooms.

The grant will also help fund a Red Cross Infant Childsaver course and library programs that promote literacy, health and parenting.

For older children, the youth services department has procured a state Library grant for an innovative proposal called "Homework Connections All Around." With the aid of TV-31 studio and two school district media specialists, library staff will produce a 30-minute video about the "Big 6"

approach to homework assignments.

The Big 6 strategy employs both traditional and electronic resources toward successful homework learning.

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The festival will feature baked goods, crafts, a white elephant sale, a holiday cafe, and a visit from Santa Claus.

Come on down to Ravena for an early start on holiday shopping, and enjoy lunch and the friendship of a small village.

The church is on the corner of Mountain Road and Main Street.

PTO to meet

The middle school PTSO will meet tonight, Nov. 17. The meeting will focus on the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

RCS Library news

RCS Community Library will offer a class on Choosing Internet

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Search Engines on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m., and again on Friday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. Call the library at 756-2053 to register.

Small group, hands-on Internet for Beginners classes will be held most Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through December.

Participants are asked to register in advance. If there aren't enough participants, the class will be cancelled.

Preschool story hours will resume on Dec. 2 and 9. The weekly program is scheduled Thursdays at 11 a.m., with arts and crafts

activities following each story hour. Programs last approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

Registration is not necessary, but a courtesy call to the library is requested for those who are bringing groups.

This month, the library is honoring area war veterans with a display of items from local veterans Francis Currey and Angus Doyle. Among the items on exhibit are Doyle's photographs, medals and uniform, and Currey's Medal of Honor.

Business association meeting slated

Business Association of Ravena-Coeymans (BARC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:45 a.m. at Yanni's restaurant, 131 Main St., Ravena.

Guest speakers will be RCS school board members Jerry DeLuca and Cathy Long, who will present information regarding proposed improvements to the RCS buildings and grounds. For information, call BARC president Pam Moore at 756-3178.

Little League sign-ups set for weekend

Sign-ups for the spring Hudson Valley Little League season will take place on Friday, Nov. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Ravena

Lanes on Main Street.

The league is looking for coaches and managers for both Little League and girls softball.

Dance group to perform at high school

Save the date: The eba dance group will present "So, This Is Dance" at RCS High School auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m.

The eba dancers will illustrate ballet, tap, jazz, and hip-hop styles of modern dance. The production is sponsored by RCS Community Library, and partially funded by the state Council on the Arts through the Community Arts Connection of the Albany/Schenectady League of the Arts.

Historical group plans program

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m., the New Scotland Historical Association will host a program on teaching local history through local documents and songs.

Owen Colfer, a fourth-grade teacher and social studies coordinator for the Guilderland schools, will be the featured speaker.

The association's programs are at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on The Old Road off Route 85 in New Salem.

The New Scotland museum opens at 7:15 p.m. and stays open after the meeting.

The public is invited to attend free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call Peg Dorgan at 768-2852.

Iris society to meet Sunday

Capital-Hudson Iris Society will hold its monthly meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m.

Elaine and Chandler Fulton, both microbiology professors at Brandeis University and certified AIS judges, will discuss qualities to look for in Japanese irises. Participants can take a short test after the talk as part of training to become an iris judge.

The meeting begins with a half

hour of coffee and cake and an opportunity to talk with other gardeners. Borglum's slide presentation will begin at 2 p.m.

The program is free and all area gardeners are welcome. The society, which sponsors activities in Delmar and throughout the Capital District, is affiliated with the American Iris Society.

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Sports

Spartans sweep dreams a Lady Eagles nightmare

By Noah Feit

In the Section II, Class A championship game held at Skidmore College on Tuesday, Nov. 9, the girls volleyball team from Bethlehem Central High School would have needed more than a sling shot to defeat area giant, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School.

The Lady Eagles played a solid match and battled the Spartans all the way through the hard fought games. Under normal circumstances, a No. 3 seeded team that posts an 18-3 record is not considered a decisive underdog. However, facing the methodical winning machine that the No. 1 seeded BH-BL team has become, when Goliath eventually rolled to victory in the form of a three game sweep it became clear how much BCBS would have had to overcome to net the win. For the Spartans, this is their third straight Class A title and sixth in the past ten years.

"We came out ready to play," Spartans head coach Gary Bynon said. "We talked about not taking anything for granted, being ready to play in every match, every game and every point. And they proved tonight they were ready to play when they came out and beat a very good Bethlehem team."

BCBS had to take pride in making it all the way to the championship game. Although they were not able to pull off the upset and overthrow the Spartans, BCBS head coach Deb Frevola's team



Bethlehem Central High School junior Val Messina (9) hammers the ball over the net for a point against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School in the Section II, Class A finals. *Jim Franco*

sica Eggleston's four kills, the Lady Eagles steamrolled their way to victory. The Lady Eagles triumph was tempered by the fact that BCBS' triumph had earned it a date with undefeated Colonial Council champion Averill Park in the semifinals.

In what may have been the best Section II volleyball match of the year, BCBS squeaked out a wild five game victory over Averill Park. The win catapulted the Lady Eagles to the championship game and solidified their reputation as the most up and coming member of elite area volleyball teams. BCBS gave Averill Park its first defeat of the season and ended the Warriors 25-game winning streak. The Lady Eagles showed grit, determination and backbone when they bounced back after losing a hard fought first game. After winning the epic struggles that were the second

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took many by surprise with their impressive and compelling Sectional run. The two schools took very different routes to the championship game. While BH-BL did not have a cakewalk, the Spartans did not engage in the compelling battles that the Lady Eagles experienced, as they proved to be a wild card that made the playoffs the hard way.

In the quarterfinals, the Lady Eagles had one of their finest matches all year long. BCBS flexed its muscles as the Lady

Eagles made quick work of the representatives from Schenectady High School. Winning 15-9, 15-5, and 15-4, BCBS showed it had the winning touch. Led by senior Kim Hitter's eight hits and junior Jes-

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Sweep

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and allowed the Colonial Conference champs a window of opportunity as they were blown out in the fourth game. With their backs to the wall and their season on the line the Lady Eagles soared in the fifth and decisive game as they crushed the ball and Averill Park. BCHS put forth an all-around team effort in the frenzied 11-15, 15-13, 15-10, 4-15, 15-7 win. Among the contributors were seniors Hitter, Laura Ricciardelli, Jenna Grant and Kristy LaGrange.

While the Lady Eagles waged a war, the Spartans took the high road on their way to the finals to a

matchup between the favorites and young upstarts.

Leading the charge for the Spartans throughout the playoffs were the dynamic duo of seniors **Kelly McEathron** and **Heather Frame**. Senior **Christine Robbins** and junior **Jackie Nault** joined McEathron and Frame in playing above and around the net, delivering consistent and well-placed serves, nice digs, wall like blocks, accurate sets, killer spikes and deceptively soft, but effective hits which are all signatures of Spartans play.

At the very beginning, McEathron showed the collection of spectators why she earned the honor of being named Most Valuable Player of the Suburban Coun-

cil. Leaping as though she had springs in her legs, McEathron unleashed a devastating aerial assault on the Lady Eagles, crushing everything in site. Her power was too much to handle as the Lady Eagles who attempted to block her sledgehammer blows paid the price of having their wrists bent in awkward angles. Robbins, **Sue Gestwick**, **Lindsay Place** and **Kim McEathron** (Kelly's little sister) all contributed fine play for the Spartans.

However, this BCHS team was not easily intimidated. Between the outstanding play at net from Eggleston and the wicked serving of **Megan Fish**, the Lady Eagles did more than show up. BCHS was pushing the Spartans for all they had and the Lady Eagles tied the game at 7-7. But McEathron would not be denied as she scored eight straight service points as the Spartans eventually captured game one, 15-7.

Although the Spartans won game two in a 15-2 blowout, the score was misleading. BCHS went toe-to-toe with BH-BL and made the Spartans earn every single point. No one player sustained any streak of dominance as side-outs occurred on every other play. Hitter and Grant played their usual solid games for the Lady Eagles and were aided by the nice sets of **Allissa Bango**, the strong hits of **Jessica Barick** and the all-around play of **Val Messina**. Meanwhile, the Spartans were sparked by Nault's powerful serves, Gest-

wick's big kills, and **Christina Coons'** hustle.

At 11-1, the play of the day, and perhaps the season took place when BH-BL showed their uncanny ability to track down every ball while the Lady Eagles refused to give in. In a rally that would not end, the ball moved back and forth as the two teams would make an incredible save and a great shot only to be outdone by their opponent. Eventually, the Spartans would win the point and 10 straight hard fought points in the third game, triumphing 15-7. While McEathron was the superstar notching 16 kills, teammate Frame, who was recovering from illness, was the unsung hero guiding the Spartan offense recording a whopping 30 assists to secure the victory.

BCHS played better in defeat than many victorious teams do. On this day, the Spartans were too much as they look to be a likely contender for the state championship. Although Frevola will say good-bye to seniors Grant, Hitter, LaGrange, Ricciardelli and **Elena Oldendorf**, she has a strong junior class that will be returning for their senior seasons with a taste for winning.

Bynon recognized the Lady Eagles ascent into the top area teams saying, "Deb has done such an outstanding job with that program. They've come a long way this year and they are going to be a team to be reckoned with in the future."

Pop Warner finishes season

The Hawks, Bethlehem Pop Warner's Junior Midget team finished their season with a tough loss this weekend. The Hawks failed at their bid for a Super Bowl berth when they were defeated by the Albany Maulers, 31-12.

The Hawks gave Albany a tough fight, but were unable to capture the win. Bethlehem was shut out in the first half in spite of some fine offensive performances. Quarterback **Tim Hannigan** had a good game and helped the resurgent Hawks spark a second half rally. Receiver **Ryan Eder** snared some dazzling receptions from the signal caller, while the running of **Shawn Bukowski** and **Steve Hannigan** churned out yardage in big chunks. Up front, offensive line protected well and opened up some big holes for the runners to slash through.

Bukowski got the Hawks on the board in the third quarter with a nice touchdown run. Steve Hannigan had a few huge gainers on the next drive that set up an easy touchdown plunge by Tim Hannigan.

On defense the Hawks did a good job of shutting the Maulers down. Throughout the game the Hawks worked together to push back and hold Albany. Although it was ultimately burned for 31 points, Bethlehem got tough performances from **Ryan Miller**, **Sean Conway**, **Jeff Moody**, **Marcus Hauf** and **Neal Plummer**.

Dan Mulhall, Matt Carroll and Craig Orner all pitched in and made nice contributions to



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the effort on both sides of the ball with gritty and determined play.

The Hawks finish the season winners in spite of their 4-5 record. After getting off to a slow start, the Hawks caught fire and made an impressive run into the playoffs. The coaching staff led by head coach **Pete Bukowski** and his assistants **Mike Wordelmann**, **Jim Plummer** and **Chris Mulhall** did a great job of getting the team together and instilling the fundamentals of the game in the young boys.

It was apparent that the Hawks knowledge, skill and passion for football grew as the season progressed as the coaches taught their players the meaning of sportsmanship. Most important, the season was a success because the boys and their families had fun.

The Junior Pee-Wee Condors ended their season on a high note. The Condors defeated Guilderland 32-14 in the Fun Bowl. A strong effort on offense and defense made for a great finale.

The Condors played tight defense in the second half and shut down the Ponies. Leading the charge for the Condor defense was **Tim Deitz**, **Dan Unright**, **John Drazen**, **Peter Bergquist**, **Chris Massie** and **Ryan Cerone**.

On the offensive side of the ball, **Matt Johnson**, **Joe Paratore**, **Dylan Eder**, **Willi DeRuve**, **Craig Languish**, **Matt Abriel**, **Aaron Eastwood** and **Mike Pankow** were all primary contributors.

The Condors had a fun-filled year that saw them amass a 4-5 record.

BCHS & RCS soccer teams wrap up season

In the first round of Sectional playoffs, the varsity girls soccer teams from Bethlehem Central High School and Ravena Coeymans Selkirk advanced to the second round of play with wins. Meanwhile, the boys varsity teams from BCHS and RCS were not as fortunate as their seasons ended in defeat.

The Lady Eagles captured an impressive first round win before eventually bowing out in the quarterfinals. BCHS got three saves from goalkeeper **Stephanie Sherman** as BCHS shut out Albany High School 4-0. Carrie Getz netted two goals and was joined in the scoring column by **Adele Godfrey-Certner** and **Kate Metcia**. In the quarterfinal game against Guilderland the Lady Eagles fell victim to a hard-charging Lady Dutchmen squad that had its best offensive game of the year.

Sherman made her last stand as Guilderland's **Dana Lawton** and **Pippa Armstrong** each netted two goals. **Emily Petraglia** scored twice for the Lady Eagles who saw an up-and-down season conclude with a 7-7-3 record.

The boys team from BCHS was unable to crack through a tough Saratoga High School defense as the Eagles were grounded, 4-0.

The BCHS boys have battled all year long, and played better than their 6-8-3 record would indicate. The Eagles played a strong first half, limiting the Blue Streaks to just one goal. Senior goalie **Matt Thibedeau** had a good game, but in the second half he was the victim of a hard charging Saratoga attack that got too many good looks and second chance opportunities at the Eagles net.

The predominantly young Eagles will have to wait until next year.

The RCS boys team suffered a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of Queensbury High School. Tied 0-0 after regulation and overtime had expired, the two teams settled the game on penalty kicks. When the Indians missed one shot, that opened the door for Queensbury's **Chris Cormier**, who drilled the game winner past a lunging **Bob Fisk** who snared nine save for RCS.

The Indians finish the season with a 11-7-1 record and their high hopes of a Section II Class B championship crushed. The game was typical of the RCS season, the Indians certainly played good enough to win, but were never able to breakthrough and score to spark the team and season with a big win.

The RCS girls soccer team found more success in their first round game as they dismissed Ichabod Crane 2-0. Goalie **Stephanie Przybylowicz** stopped five shots in the Indians whitewash victory. RCS got timely goals from **Fallon Haldane** and **Rachel Matousek** as RCS earned the right to play on into the Sectional.

However, the Indians victory was tempered by the impending match against the top seeded girls team in Class B, Schalmont High School.

In that game the RCS girls fought to the finish, but were over-

matched by the Sabres. Schalmont had too many weapons for the Indians to counter as the Sabres notched a 3-0 victory.

Hole-in-one!

Joseph C. Gutman Jr., of Delmar, celebrated his 18th wedding anniversary by hitting a hole-in-one at the Briar Creek Golf Course.

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Poke your mom when it's over and done with

By Katherine McCarthy

Here's the thing about parenthood: it's a tenured job with rare sabbaticals. And exactly the moment that you'd love to walk away from the whole child-rearing enterprise is exactly the moment that you're most needed.

Every parent says their children have their moments, but when your child is having one, everybody else's children look perfect.

If only we could offer the same perspective to our own children that we can to other people's kids. A toddler's temper tantrum in the check-out line at the supermarket looks developmentally appropriate in another child — and just punishment to the supermarket for putting all that tempting stuff right there anyway — and like conclusive evidence of inept parenting when it's my child.

Dug-in heels from a pre-adolescent about going on family outings are perfectly normal, unless it's my pre-adolescent and I'm craving that sense of being a strong family unit in a world of stress and confusion.

A fight about control after an event a child can't control is text-

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book, isn't it, but somehow devastating when what I need right now is perfect behavior from everyone.

We all know the trick about counting to 10; but when hurt, anger and the need to howl are rising, basic math is about the last thing to enter my consciousness. It's only later, when the crisis — whether it was about a Snickers bar at Price Chopper or the appropriateness of "Austin Powers, The Spy Who Shagged Me," for a fourth-grader — has passed that I can stop and think about what the hell just happened, and how I can prevent it ever happening again.

It's hard to grant my own children the same perspective I give others because my kids are too much a part of me. Instead of normal child behavior, I'm seeing my own bad qualities on display. My main incentive in hurrying to stop

what I consider inappropriate behavior is that I don't want the public to see my bad side, or believe that I have anything less than "Sound of Music"-like children after Maria taught them to make clothes from curtains.

There's another part, too. When I see my children pitching fits, or digging their heels in, or not fitting in, it reawakens my only slightly slumbering inner child. I'd do anything to spare my children even one iota of the awkwardness, discomfort and tough lessons I had to learn while growing up.

So I try to offer helpful pointers, and sage advice, forgetting that learning those lessons were the most important thing I ever had to do. Realizing that, I hold my breath, and hold my children's hands, and work hard at listening and being able to say, "I know, honey."

Mostly, I try to remember that while childhood is a universal experience, it's also an individual one. I try to be sympathetic to my children's needs and issues, and understand what they want to be part of, and what they want to avoid.

Even if what they want to be part of is exactly what I'd like to avoid, like that recent Asian marketing wonder, Pokemon. This is a fad that few parents get, but didn't we have things that perplexed our parents too?

Pokemon has been our boys' first fad; Chris and I were only

dating when parents were scouring toy stores for Cabbage Patch dolls, and our boys were too young for the full brunt of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles craze. They liked Beanie Babies, but never carried that to the extreme importance that acquiring Pokemon cards has taken in their lives. It's been all-engulfing, to the point where my kids never leave home without their Pokemon binders, because you never know who you'll encounter and what trade you might make.

When we met Chris' executive sister at a business hotel during our last vacation, she laughed at her nephews, toting their binders under their arms. "They look like miniature businessmen," she said.

So when Patricia proposed taking her son and my boys to the Pokemon movie on Veterans Day, I saw it as a chance to show them What A Good Mother I Am. Does it take away from my goodness that I was thinking, "I birthed you, I nursed you, I help run your Cub Scout meetings, do I have to do this too?"

But if it kept them updated on their culture, and made them feel a part of things, it seemed harmless enough. Thankfully, Patricia had bought tickets the night before; the mall was swarming with children and all the shows were sold out. As it was, arriving half an hour early got us the last five seats together. We weren't alone in our good parent duty; we saw three other families we knew; all of the kids were bouncing in their seats

while their parents wore expressions of dread.

Turned out, though, to not be the worst way to spend an afternoon. Patricia lasted about 10 minutes, then put her head down. "Wake me when it's over," she said. "We'll call it the 'Poke me, Mom,' movie."

I swear, I wanted to stay awake — try to understand the phenomenon of oversized, brightly colored cartoon characters seemingly capable of only saying their own name in the kind of irritating, whiny voice equivalent to nails on a chalkboard — but I couldn't do it, and woke with a start about 45 minutes into the movie. A look behind me made me feel better: every parent in the theater was fast asleep.

The Pokemon movie reminded me that if I just hang in with my kids, I'll get a mini-sabbatical every once in a while, even if it comes in the form of an \$8.50 nap.

Parents group to meet at library

Community members are invited to attend the next business meeting of Parents for Excellence on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. in the community room of Bethlehem Public Library.

Board members will discuss ways of supporting Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem-solving program offered to students. They will also plan a public information program for parents of college-bound students.

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Legion to serve Thanksgiving dinner

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percent. This year, there seems to be a much more relaxed attitude."

"We know that the 10 percent is going to expire," Cole said, "but not before June 30, 2000. To characterize this as a calm time regarding the building project is not accurate."

"There's not a day that's gone by in the last months that I haven't been working on this project," McCartney said. "We're trying to bring some things to closure."

"Our position is that we're not prepared to make a decision now," Cole said. "The land (proposed by Ag & Markets) doesn't meet our needs. The board will be meeting in executive session every Monday between now and the holidays, and this is the one issue we're working on."

At the meeting, the board gave tenure to music teacher Charles Reader. Following National School Board recognition week, McCartney thanked the board for its hard work and presented board members with a certificate and a pin.

time ever.

"With two people on the board, they can second motions now, they can force discussion," said town Democratic Chairman, Matthew Clyne.

"With two people, you more or less have to engage in some dialogue. It'll be more open, and you'll see more people involved in the decision-making process. Before, decision-making came from the top, from the political people, before it ever got to the town board stage. Anytime you have more open discussion, the more thoughtful and more professional input you have," Clyne said.

But Plummer stressed in a recent interview his intention to steer clear of partisan politics.

"People expect a campaign to be political," he said. "You go about your business and make your case. But the voters expect you to come together after the election and do what's in the best interest of the town. I don't have any intention of making it a partisan board."

Plummer works as a lobbyist on behalf of a variety of private organizations, "working with my clients, representing them before the state Legislature and various agencies. I think that background will be an asset. You have to deal with a lot of divergent interests and find common ground." And, he said, it underscores his non-partisan credentials.

"I've been nonpartisan all my life," he said. "I work with both Republicans and Democrats. I'm not into bickering."

As a newcomer to the electoral arena, he said, "I need to talk to the supervisor, I need to talk to the various department heads, I need to find out how decisions are made. I want to get to know the process."

Fuller confirmed that they have been in contact following the election.

"I will be meeting with him in the near future," she said. "And I'm looking forward to working with him. I know Dan, but not well. I confess I don't know much about who he is."

Plummer, married and the father of four school-age children, the youngest now in third grade, cites his family as a reason why he has not previously entered the political arena.

"I haven't been in a position to before, with very young children at home," he said. "But now I'm ready."

He is also one of three brothers in a family with long-standing business roots in the community, own-

ers of the garden and landscaping firm Price-Greenleaf. But while his siblings continue in the family's private business, Dan Plummer chose public life.

His career choices took him out of day-to-day town politics, but "Clearly I know the town well, I know the people well," he said. "I think the fact that my family has been in this community such a long time is a real asset."

It also opened many doors for him during the campaign, he said — and what he heard from residents has left him with some definite priorities for his coming service.

"The No. 1 thing I kept hearing was concern with the pace of residential growth in our town," he said. "Not so much that people are opposed to it, but they feel there's a lack of a plan for it."

Likewise, he said, he believes the town lacks a plan for business development to expand its tax base, a concern heightened by the recently announced sale of NiMo's Albany Steam Plant and the concern for its future.

"You need to bring the right kind of business here," he said — the sort of low-impact professional businesses, like those found in developments like Corporate Woods.

"You have to have some sort of plan for attracting them, some sort of incentives," he said. "I don't frankly know how aggressive people (in town government) have been here, but I want to get into that mix. I want to emphasize that I want to work with the supervisor, with the Industrial Development Agency, and whatever other players there are."

He reserves judgment on a frequent theme sounded by fellow

Democrats like board member Susan Burns — creation of a town office of economic development.

"When you create a new department, it always sounds like you'll be hiring a lot of people, spending a lot of money. I don't think you have to do that," he said. "In the past, Sheila (Fuller) has said she opposes it because she doesn't want to create a new bureaucracy. That's fine. Let's see how it goes without one. But I don't think we can waste a lot of time being unsuccessful here with our current strategy."

Plummer is similarly cautious — but eager for movement — regarding the town's legal battles over its Schermerhorn Island water plant.

"I would definitely like to resolve that soon," he said. "I don't like litigation. I don't think anybody likes litigation. I don't like spending the taxpayers' money on lawsuits. I would need to get briefed on where the legal action stands, but I'm concerned about how long it's going to take, what we are spending on both lawyers and engineering consultants, what the prospect of bringing the plant to full operation might be. I just think it's a shame to have that facility, at the price we paid for it, just sitting down there not working for us. But I need to get better educated on it."

"Dan is a good addition to the board," said Clyne. "He brings a governmental background to the job and a lot of contacts. He's a good negotiator, a good listener, not an ideologue. I think he'll listen to all the other members. I think you'll see some significant changes on the board, but I don't foresee it to be controversial."

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A teen-ager gives some advice

Mona Prenoveau asked her 15-year-old daughter, Blair, for some advice about how parents and teens could improve communications and this is what she wrote:

Although kids may find this ridiculous, the people who sit with us at dinner, quizzing us with what we see as stupid questions about school and friends, once went through a lot of what we are going through now. They too had a first kiss. They got in trouble with their parents. I know there are some kids who may think I'm crazy. They are thinking, 'She never met my mom and dad. They hardly hold hands now, and they've been married for 23 years. They don't even know how to have fun.'

To all those kids, I have a news flash for you: GET REAL! No matter what your parents are like now, they were completely different people before they were graced with your presence. Your mom went to sleep-overs and your dad snuck into adult movies. As strange as this sounds, it's true.

In order to communicate, kids and adults must find some common ground they can stand on together. Kids probably do not understand adults. And adults probably don't really want to understand kids. But we are the future, and that is something parents have to come to terms with. Those teen-agers out there, who some refer to as juvenile delinquents, will someday be running this country when you are older and need taking care of. As frightening as this may seem to you, the truth is that we are even more frightened about it.

We don't usually like to admit it, but we need your help with a lot of the things in our lives. We need a shoulder to cry on after a heartbreak. We need a hand to help us up after we've fallen down. And we really need someone to shed some light on what it's like out there in the real world. One thing adults can do for kids is not to look at us all the time as if we've done something horribly wrong. In most cases, we haven't done anything wrong at all. But in exchange, it is only fair that kids out there try not to refer to adults as old people who don't know how to have fun. Although I'm not yet mature enough to call myself an adult, I do know some pretty happening old dudes.

If we can all make some effort to understand each other, and help each other, rather than think of each other as too young and stupid, or too old and boring, maybe our lives could be easier and we could live in harmony with each other. We would all be much happier this way.

(Note: I'm not saying your parents can get jiggy with it ... but give them a chance!)

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Timothy Fuller and Paula Mazzei

Mazzei, Fuller engaged

Paula Marie Mazzei, daughter of Alfred Mazzei of Endicott, Broome County, and the late Marion Mazzei, and Timothy Brian Fuller, son of James and Sheila Fuller of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Siena College. She is a select

banker at M&T Bank in Syracuse. The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

He is a salesman for Salt City Cellular in Syracuse.

The couple plan a May wedding.

Delmar student listed in Who's Who

Will Cushing of Delmar was among 19 Houghton College seniors named to the 2000 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

Anominating committee chose the students based on scholarship, citizenship, service to the school, Christian maturity and participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities.

Cushing, a senior, is a biology major with minors in chemistry and psychology. He is a member of the varsity soccer team, Alleghany County Outreach, the Impact '99 Committee and the Sigma Zeta Honor Society.

He is also an EMT with the Houghton Fire Department, a teacher's assistant for the biology department and a volunteer at a nursing home.

Births

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Girl, Erika Lynne Roney, to Christine and Kenneth Roney of Delmar, Nov. 2.

Girl, Kamryn Lezatte, to Chris and Keith Lezatte of Feura Bush, Nov. 5.

Boy, Dominick Joseph Cardona, to Kimberly and David Cardona of Voorheesville, Nov. 9.

RCS students chosen for NYSSMA groups

Members of the RCS Senior High School band and chorus have been chosen for various select music ensembles.

Sophomore Mark Hamilton and senior Stefanie Hostetter have both been selected by audition to sing with the Melodies of Christmas Chorus at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady on Dec. 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Hamilton will be singing for the first time with the group, while Hostetter is participating for the third year.

Two RCS band members and three chorus members have been selected for the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State Festival in Saratoga Springs on Nov. 19 and 20.

Stephanie Przybylowicz, trombonist, and Stefanie Hostetter, clarinetist, will perform with the Area All-State Band.

Jessica Slater, Chanda Brown-Bryant and Brandon Roth will sing with the Area All-State Chorus.

Gabrielle Wertzbaugher, Lindsay Miller, Gabrielle Reith, Catherine Bradshaw, Anna Brooks, Brianna Drexler, Loren Libby, Jessica Goff, Laura Hommel and Stacey Roberts will sing with the All-County Elementary Chorus.

Meaghan Furst, Andrea Lopez, Alyson Martin, Jessica Whydra, Jill Breedlove, Zachary Mayes, Marcie Pry, Michelle Montini, Jackie Noblett, Emily Faul, Robert Fargione and Allie Fargione will play in the All-County Junior Band.

Ashley Armer, Adam Barrios, Laura Boehlke, Dorayne Boprey, Chanda Brown-Bryant, Justin Cross, Adrienne Davis, Jessica Gadani, Jacob Hafensteiner, Mark Hamilton, Stefanie Hostetter, Thomas Johnson, Amanda Odum, Shannon O'Connor, Rachel Quimby, Brandon Roth, Victoria Roth and Jessica Slater will sing with the All-County Senior Chorus.



Marc and Christine Furlong

McClane, Furlong wed

Christine Anna McClane, daughter of Thomas and Anna McClane of Latham, and Marc Robert Furlong, son of Robert and Maureen Furlong of Loudonville, were married July 24.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Michael Farano at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville. A reception followed at Michael's Banquet House in Latham.

The matron of honor was Amy Gepfert. Bridesmaids were Jill Marro, Christine Isdell, Nicole Eicker and Beth Kowalski.

The best men were Peter Furlong, brother of the groom, and Steven Reepmeyer. Ushers were Daryl Peagler, cousin of the

groom, Michael DeSanta, cousin of the bride, and David Tromp.

The bride is a graduate of Shaker High School, Hartwick College, and The College of Saint Rose.

She is a visiting law student at Pepperdine University and will graduate from Albany Law School in December.

The groom is a graduate of Shaker High School and Siena College. He is a senior network administrator for Digital Entertainment Network in Santa Monica, Calif.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple lives in Woodland Hills, Calif.

Glenmont church selling ornaments

Glenmont Community Reformed Church on Chapel Lane is selling commemorative Christmas ornaments.

The white glass balls show a picture of the church and the year it was formed, 1957. They cost

\$10 each.

To purchase an ornament, call Lynda Schoonbeek at 463-6806.

The church now has a Web site at: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Shores/3314/>.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service.

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BCMS team plans garage sale

Bethlehem Central Middle School Team 7B is planning the Final Garage Sale of the Millennium for Nov. 20, with a preview from 8 to 9 a.m. and the sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donations of clothing, books, toys, furniture and appliances will be accepted Friday, Nov. 19, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Proceeds from the sale will help Team 7B pay for an April field trip to Boston and provide holiday gifts to children at an inner-city day care center.

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Shakers and Movers

New York State Museum exhibit highlights vanished way of life

By JOHN BRENT

One stands before the furniture and other artifacts of daily living currently on display at the Empire State Museum's Shaker exhibit and feels somewhat haunted. Haunted by the people — long since passed away — who created and used the various functional articles that are part of the museum's extensive Shaker collection. One looks at a chest of drawers — it's clean, simple, functional lines reflecting the simpler lifestyle of a simpler time — and wonders how many dozens of hands open and closed those drawers over the many decades the furniture was in use. What treasures, one wonders, were stored in the drawers, now empty. Perhaps a favorite article of clothing, or maybe a cherished memento of a long-past happy day. One can only guess.

The New York State Museum is home to one of the most extensive collections of Shaker objects. Not too surprising, perhaps, considering that the first Shaker settlement in the United States was right here in the Capital District. "We started the Shaker craze back in 1926," said John Scherer, associate curator of decorative arts and organizer of the current exhibit. "We were avant-garde, collecting Shaker before it was in vogue."

The Shaker movement began in England in the mid-1700s. The group broke away from the Society of Friends or Quakers and became known as The United Society of Believers in Christ's First and Second Coming. From the peculiar trembling of the members of the group at their meetings, they were more commonly known as Shaking Quakers or Shakers.

Ann Lee of Manchester, England, one of the founders of the group, came to the United States in 1774 with a number of her followers. Mother Ann, as she was known, soon established the first Shaker community in the U.S. in the Watervliet, N.Y., area.

The followers of the faith believed in communal property, celibacy, equality of the sexes, pacifism and oral confession of sins. Perceiving the world to be sinful and rebellious against the will of God, they withdrew into their own communities and became as self-reliant as possible.

Other Shaker communities were founded in the Northeast, the Midwest and the South. By the mid-19th century, there were about 6,000 Shakers living in 18 communities.

By the beginning of the 20th century, however, the movement was losing momentum and the Shaker population was dwindling.

In the mid-1920s, the local Shaker community formed an alliance with the New York State Museum. The Shakers saw the partnership as an opportunity to preserve something of their traditions and culture.

Dr. Charles C. Adams, director of the State Museum from 1926 to 1943, realized how important it was to collect Shaker material. Not only because it was the legacy of a vanishing way of life, but because it was quality work that due to its simplicity, craftsmanship and

functionalism attained a classical beauty and aesthetically pleasing design.

The museum, under Adams' leadership, continued to acquire Shaker artifacts through the 1930s and 40s. Photographs were taken of various Shaker buildings before the sites were altered for more contemporary use. The various tools and implements, that were brought into the collection were often accompanied by documentation and demonstrations from the Shakers. "The important thing about this collection is that it wasn't second-hand," said Scherer. "We collected it from the source so we have the stories about these artifacts first-hand."

The Shakers were clever and inventive. They held a number of patents. Their contributions included the flat broom and the clothespin. Savvy business people, they maintained small industries based around seed production, the marketing of herbs and the manufacture of textiles. The tools used for these various endeavors and the packaging and labeling of the finished products are also part of the collection and of the Shaker legacy.

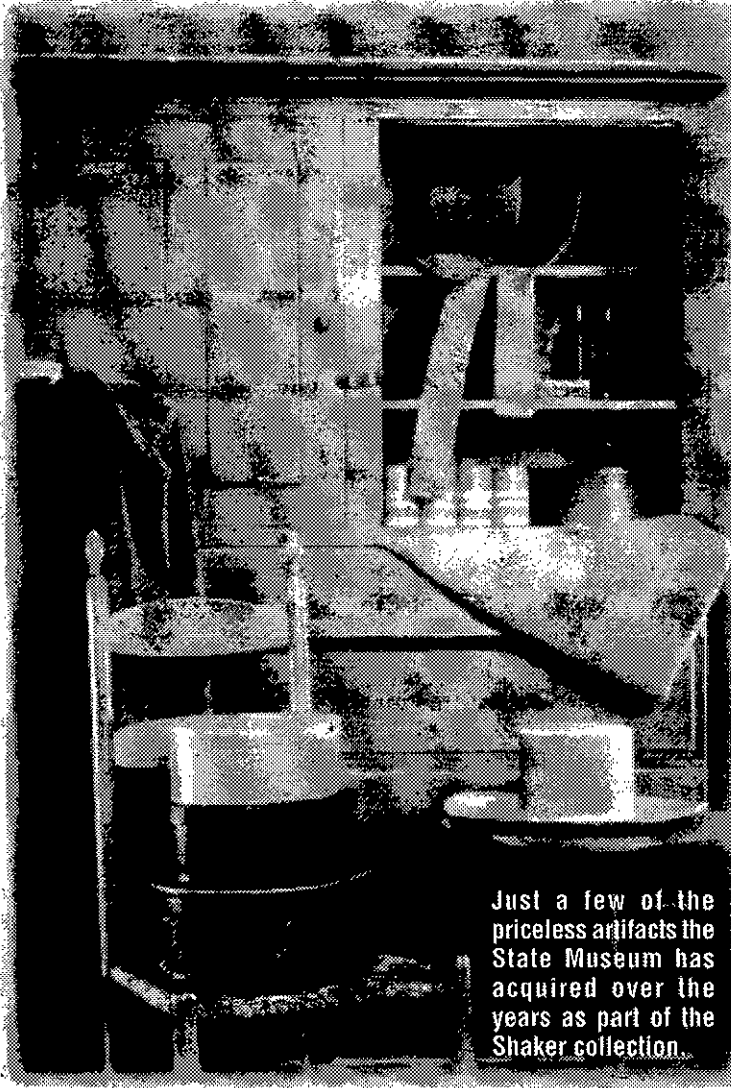
As popularity for the Shaker look grew, competition for furnishings and utensils grew more intense and the museum found it increasingly difficult to add to the collection, although the collection continues to expand.

In 1962 one of the most important items in the collection, a prayer or Fountain Stone, used for religious rituals and left behind by the Groveland Shakers came to the museum by way of another state agency, the Craig Developmental Center. Found buried in the basement of the Groveland Dwelling House, it is the only known such stone from any of the Shaker communities to have survived.

By the 1980s, only a few Shakers remained. They lived in two communities, one in Sabbathday, Maine and the other in Canterbury, N.H. The sect stopped

accepting new members in 1964.

The current exhibit at the State Museum is called "A Shaker Legacy" and runs through Jan. 2, 2000. In addition to the items on display, many of which have not been shown since a 1982 Shaker exhibit, the museum is offering several related lectures and demonstrations (see box). The museum is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family is suggested. For information, call 474-5877.



Just a few of the priceless artifacts the State Museum has acquired over the years as part of the Shaker collection.

Irish variety lights up music hall

By DEV TOBIN

Every year, it seems the Christmas season starts earlier and earlier.

The minus side is obvious — a sudden proliferation of toy commercials on TV and unusually heavy traffic around and in shopping malls.

But there is a plus side — there's room for a lot more holiday entertainment when the holiday season covers the last eight weeks of the year.

One of the first entertainment events this year is the holiday fund-raising concert for the Irish American Heritage Museum Friday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

Museum president Joseph Dolan said the concert will feature traditional Irish and Christmas songs, along with dancing and comedy, in a unique setting.

"The acoustics there are second to none," he said, recalling last year's concert when Tony Kenny sang "Adeste Fidelis" with the microphone in his pocket.

"There was not a dry eye in the house," Dolan said.

The headliner of this year's concert is again Kenny, a "great, strong tenor," according to Dolan. Kenny is a veteran of more than 2,000 performances with Jury's Irish cabaret in Dublin, a popular stop for American tourists.

Dolan explained that an Irish cabaret is a variety show, with song, music, dance, storytelling and comedy mixed together in a fast-paced format.

Kenny leads a troupe that includes fellow Shaker performer Dermot O'Brien, an accomplished accordionist and balladeer, comedian Noel V. Ginnity from Doyle's cabaret, and Jury's dancers Anthony Kirwan and Louise Bowden.

The Dublin hotel cabarets run from

spring through fall, the prime tourist season, and after that, star performers like Kenny often put together touring shows that they bring to the United States.



Tony Kenny

Dolan said the fund-raiser supports the museum's work, which includes a new exhibit on religion and Irish-Americans, the possible acquisition of exhibit space in Albany to complement its seasonal museum in East Durham, and a trip to Albany next year by the Jennie Johnston, a replica of the ships that brought Irish emigrants to North America following the Great Hunger of the 1840s.

Tickets are \$20 (\$18 for museum members). For information, call the music hall box office at 273-0038 or the museum at 432-6598.

As part of the Shaker Legacy exhibit at the New York State Museum, the following programs will be offered. The programs are free and information is available at 474-5877.

LECTURES

Shaker Legacy

Sun. Nov. 21 - 2 p.m.

John Scherer hosts a slide presentation showing how the museum and the Shakers worked together to develop this remarkable collection.

Patterns from the Mount: Expressions of Shaker Intent

Sun. Dec. 5 - 1:30 p.m.

Scott Swank, President of Canterbury Shaker Village and author of "Shaker Life, Art & Architecture," will discuss Shaker life. Swank's book will be on sale in the museum shop with the author available for signing after the lecture.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Shaker Broom Making

Sat., Sun. Nov. 27-28

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Charlie Ryan of the Shaker Heritage Museum will demonstrate the art of Shaker broom making.

Shaker Spinning and Weaving

Sat., Sun. Dec. 4-5, 1-3 p.m.

Shaker Heritage Museum volunteers demonstrate how Shakers created some of their beautiful textiles.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK TOWN CLERK (November 17,1999)

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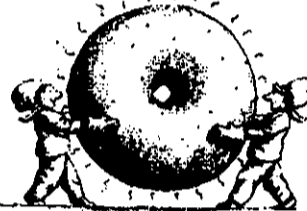
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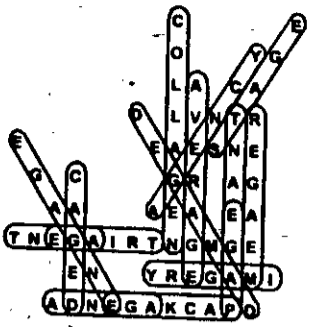
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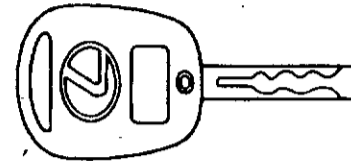
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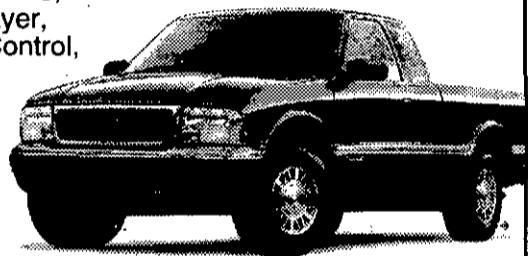
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Signs

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Bryant and his neighbors disputed the traffic survey data, but all sides agreed that much of the traffic now using Winne does so to avoid parallel streets with more stop signs along their length, like Fernbank Avenue.

"I hear a theme evolving from the residents," said board member George Lenhardt, comparing it to the reaction of Wellington Road residents last month. "Their street is becoming a shortcut because we've put a stop sign onto another street."

Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor agreed. "If you go crazy with your stop signs, you're going to defeat the pur-

pose, and people will tend to disregard them," he said, pleading for time for his department to thoroughly study the traffic engineering problems in the neighborhood.

On advice of counsel, the board declined to vote on the Winne signs, since that issue had not been included in notices for the public hearing. But they split on whether to approve the safety committee's recommendation for a sign on Jordan.

Board member Bob Johnson, calling for overall review of sign placement throughout the neighborhood, nevertheless voted to approve the Jordan posting, joined by Lenhardt. Susan Burns voted

no "until we look at the bigger issue" of safety on Winne. Supervisor Sheila Fuller also voted against the proposal, with board member Doris Davis abstaining.

All five then voted to set a public hearing on all three stop signs for their Dec. 8 meeting. The board also set a public hearing at next week's meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 23, concerning proposed stop signs on Wellington Road at Sylvan Avenue. It will follow a hearing previously set for the same night on a proposal to create parking restrictions on Ridge Road 160 feet from its intersections with Poplar Drive and Kenwood Avenue, and also add a stop sign at the intersection of Crystal and

Crestwood lanes.

Two other public hearings on traffic safety recommendations at the Nov. 10 meeting passed without public comment. The board unanimously approved a stop sign on Hawley Court northbound at the intersection with Greenleaf Drive, and also to exclude tractor-trailers along Wemple Road between Route 9W and Route 144, except for some local deliveries near its easternmost end.

Blood drive slated

Delmar Masons will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge at 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. To make an appointment, call Roger Backer at 439-0976.

Tri-Village Squares to hold dance

Tri-Village Squares will hold a square and round dance on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

David Haas will be the caller and Ester Mondlin will be the cuer.

For information, call Connie and George Tilroe at 439-7571.

Skating club sets registration

Uncle Sam Skating Club will hold registrations for figure skating lessons on Nov. 22 and Dec. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

For information, call 439-1323 or 439-5921.

Group to hike at Five Rivers

The Eco-Jewish Alliance will sponsor an easy one to two hour hike at dusk to look for wildlife on Sunday, Nov. 21, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

Participants should meet at 3:30 p.m. at Dunkin' Donuts at the corner of Lark Street and Madison Avenue in Albany.

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