

# Elsmere revs up for 75th birthday

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

In the fall of 1927, construction began on a new school located at the corner of Delaware and Herrick avenues in Elsmere.

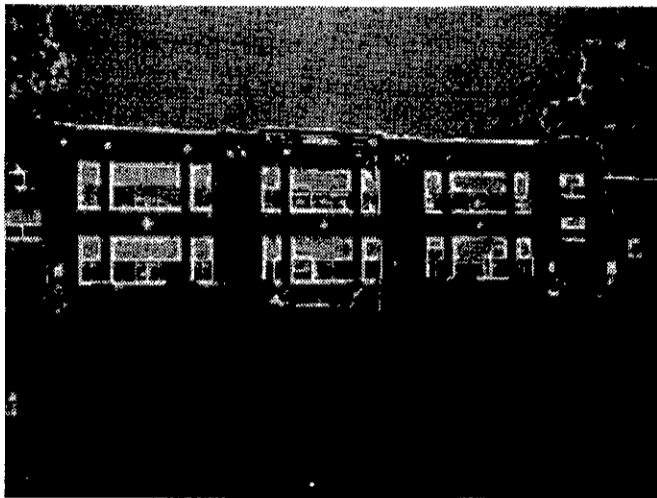
It was to replace the two-room school on Poplar Avenue, where today's Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post of the American Legion stands. The Albany County Post reported on Nov. 6, 1927, that the new school would have six standard grade rooms, an office, a teachers room, storage space, book rooms, an auditorium that could hold 500 people, more than the usual number of exits, and heating, plumbing, and electrical facilities that would be "the last word in efficiency and convenience."

When the new Elsmere Elementary School opened in the fall of 1928, 125 pupils in grades one through eight entered the building. This past fall, nearly 300 students entered through those same doors, but to a school greatly changed. Three wings have been added to the original Elsmere structure, and the school now has 21 instructional rooms, a cafeteria, a library and a nurse's office.

The teachers still have a room, and the office remains the headquarters for everything that happens at the school. The biggest thing that will happen this year is the school's 75th anniversary party, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The school will be open that evening for all current and past Elsmere students, faculty, staff, and families to visit. There will be music - from 1927 to the present - and a birthday cake.

Students and staff have been working since the beginning of the school year to get ready for the celebration. Important events are already appearing in the timeline in the school's main hallway - like Babe Ruth's 60 home



Elsmere Elementary School, left, a classroom in the '60s and a classroom today.



runs in 1927; Snoopy's arrival on the comic book scene in 1950; Jackie Robinson integrating major league baseball in 1947; and German reunification in 1990.

Old photos are starting to make their

"It dawned on me last year that the school would be turning 75," Whitney said. "Why would I let that go by? So many people have so much history here." Whitney, now in her 19th year

at Elsmere Elementary School, all but three of them as principal, wants to celebrate the current students as much as the history of Elsmere.

"If you celebrate what children do," she said, "then children take what they do more seriously. We're saying to the kids that their time here means something."

Everyone associated with Elsmere agreed that there's a special feeling to the school.

"Children and parents feel this is a good place to learn," Whitney said.

"People care and look out for one another."

Whitney has high praise for Elsmere's teachers, who model caring behavior for the kids.

"We can't expect the children to be kind to each other if adults aren't kind to each other," Whitney said. "All the staff here like and enjoy each other. We go out to dinner together, the teachers go camping together; we're friends."

That closeness, Whitney said, extends to new staff members. "When I first came here as a reading teacher, I felt welcome and supported," Whitney said. Phil Ridgway is Elsmere's newest teacher, having joined as physical education teacher this fall, and has only good things to say about the school.

"Everyone has been very welcoming," he said. "The people are like one big family. The kids are fantastic and well-mannered, something they're taught at home as well as at school."

Carol Smith teaches a combined first -  
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Phil Ridgway

appearance in the school, too. Principal Dorothy Whitney has received photos from former students, including a poster of the 1984 - 85 kindergarten class, and photos of teachers with longer hair, great big glasses and cowboy hats are already delighting students. A box of newspaper clippings, PTA booklets, and old photos are being readied for the displays throughout the school.

## Pols reflect on election results

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

In an election year in which incumbents rang up sweeping victories in nearly all upstate contests, only the campaign pitting Republican-Conservative-Right-to-Life incumbent Pat M. Casale against Democratic-Independence challenger M. Tracey Brooks in the 108th Assembly District turned out to be a cliffhanger last week - and it was the returns in Bethlehem, contrary to those of the rest of the four-county district, that made it so.

"He certainly isn't accustomed to waiting until half past midnight to be declared the winner," said Brooks Monday of her opponent, reflecting on her 53-47 percent near-miss. Casale emerged the winner by 25,211 votes to 22,732 in preliminary machine counts as of last Friday, pending the counting of absentee ballots and recanvassing, due to begin this week.

"I'm very pleased with the results," said Casale. "This was probably one of the busiest years I've ever spent campaigning." His victory came on the strength of a nearly 5,400-vote plurality in the Rensselaer County portion of the district, which he currently represents - and narrower pluralities in parts of Greene and Columbia counties, represented by John Faso of Kinderhook.

But in Albany County, where the new 108th includes only Bethlehem and Coeymans where Brooks lives, the returns ran the other way - especially in Bethlehem. The largest town in the new 108th, Bethlehem swung 8,452-5,492 for Brooks.

"It was very exciting that Bethlehem and Coeymans actually came out and supported me so strongly," said Brooks. "Very exciting, and very humbling." And, she added, it will form the basis of a

probable rematch in two years. "I'm doing research to do it again," she said. "With the showing we had, and the fact that we started so far behind, I expect I'll be back."

Bethlehem was by no means the only town where Brooks, a registered Independence member who secured Democratic backing, was a winner. In addition to Coeymans, she also took both New Lebanon and Chatham, and ran strongly in New Baltimore and Cossackie as well. But why did a once reliably-Republican town march so strongly in the opposite direction from the rest of the district when presented with a five-term Republican incumbent?

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### BTA, district agree to 3-year pact

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The new three year contract between the Bethlehem school district and the teachers union, recently approved by the board of education, will be in effect from 2003 to 2006.

The agreement provides for salary schedule increases averaging 3.2 percent a year plus increments.

Roberta Rice, president of the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association (BCTA) said, "Both

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# Testing guru stresses learning over test scores

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

"Employing standardized achievement tests to ascertain educational quality is like measuring temperature with a tablespoon," says Dr. W. James Popham, Professor Emeritus at UCLA and internationally-renowned expert on testing.

Popham was addressing faculty and administration from the Bethlehem Central School District, plus representatives from other local districts, at the Superintendents' Conference Day on Nov. 5. He was referring to the use of statewide standardized tests, taken in recent years by all elementary and middle school students, in the areas of math, science and English language arts.

Scoring, widely reported in newspapers and called School Report Card, is read avidly by parents and educators alike to see how the results for their district, and schools within it, compare with results in other districts. According to Popham,

"Newspaper analysis of these reports conclude poor test scores result from poor teaching."

"But there is a mismatch between what is tested and what's taught, resulting in inappropriate evaluations of what is taught," said Popham. "If you spend time reviewing the actual items on standardized achievement tests, you will find at least three distinguishable categories of items. One measures items taught in school."

"A second category consists of items linked to the student's socioeconomic (SES) status. Children from advantaged families and stimulus-rich environments are more likely to have learned more out of school and score well on these items than those from less advantaged families. Finally, the third (category of) items (is) linked to the student's inherited academic aptitudes or native intellectual ability," Popham said.

"Developers of standardized achievement tests," he said, "need to achieve score spread or a range

of scores that fit a normal curve to develop a comparison. If scores are too bunched up by insufficient score spread, the test will not permit precise score contrasts. The inclusion of the last two items are factors not modifiable by school instruction and do a wonderful job in spreading test

said, is that "developers avoid items that are answered by too many or too few students. So, the more significant a curriculum topic, the more likely a teacher will stress it. Yet, the better that students perform on items related to teacher-stressed topics, the less likely it is those items will be found on a test."

So if a teacher "drills" a class on items appearing on previous tests, he said, important curriculum items may be overlooked.

"Both undue stress and curriculum loss of important items are harmful consequences of the high stakes testing currently in use," said Popham. Also, excessive test focus sends a message to students "It's not learning that is

important, it's higher test scores."

Program director John McGuire, district assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, broke up the assembly into smaller discussion groups after Popham's presentation. When the groups reconvened, it was clear one question was on everyone's mind: what can be done about this since school districts have no control over the state Education Department?

Popham said the answer is "for the district to show leadership by increasing testing literacy with parents, teachers, administration, community and at state and national levels."

"I have no problem with high-stakes tests that are properly designed and result in a reflection of what is taught and not what a child walks through the door with," he said. "If a teacher or district is not performing, something should be done about it."

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takers' scores."

Consequently, districts like Bethlehem, representing the higher SES status than many student home environments in other areas, typically do better on most standardized tests.

Another problem with standardized testing, Popham

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# IDA to get public input on Klersy PILOT request

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

With a public hearing already set for Thursday, Nov. 14, on one proposed payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement for a Delmar assistive living project, Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency set the wheels in motion on review of another PILOT for the owner of a long-vacant office building in Slingerlands.

The hearing will focus on the tax-incentive agreement for Delmar Place Assistive Living, a 94-unit senior living facility adjacent to the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue, and is set for 7:30 p.m. in the town hall auditorium.

At issue is developer Henry Klersy's application for a 15-year agreement that could potentially offer a 75-percent reduction in tax payments in its first year, gradually decreasing over the life of the agreement.

The IDA will also consider several alternative PILOT proposals crafted by a subcommittee that reviewed Klersy's application. Klersy's request and the alternative proposals would deviate from the IDA's uniform PILOT policy, which calls for the tax-incentive agreements to extend over a 10-year period and offer a first-year, 50 percent tax abatement, decreasing in 5 percent increments over the life of the agreement.

Klersy said that a PILOT agreement is critical to secure the bank financing he will need to complete the project, on which initial site-clearing work has already begun.

Meanwhile, the IDA at its Oct. 30 meeting discussed an application from New Scotland

Road LLC, an entity created by realty firm Picotte Companies to manage the former Blue Cross/Blue Shield building at 1251 New Scotland Road.

The IDA unanimously approved an inducement resolution, the first step in establishing an agreement to issue revenue bonds to finance a proposed \$7 million renovation of the 80,000 square foot building's interior to make it suitable for professional offices.

By financing the project through the IDA, the agreement would also provide the developer with mortgage-recording tax exemption on improvements and sales tax exemption for materials purchased in the renovation process.

Picotte is also seeking a PILOT agreement on the project along the uniform PILOT model.

The interior of the unoccupied building, purchased by Picotte in 1997 for \$2 million, was demolished during an asbestos-abatement project two years ago. Picotte hopes to renovate the structure into 25,000 square feet of Class A office space for a single tenant on one floor and smaller offices on the other two floors of the building.

IDA chairman Michael Tucker said the proposed PILOT agreement would cover only the value of improvements. "The existing \$2 million assessment of the property would not be affected," he said. "That would remain in place."

No hearing date was set in approving the inducement resolution, but IDA chairman Michael Tucker said counsel for the agency and for New Scotland Road LLC are in the process of working out a date for one.

## Jumper would have faced 30 days

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A 33-year-old Delmar man, apparently despondent over being sentenced last week to just 30 days in Albany County jail in Bethlehem Town Court, committed suicide on Sunday, Nov. 10, by jumping off the cliff at the Thatcher Park Overlook, in full view of his mother and girlfriend — just hours before he was due to begin serving his sentence.

Despite his girlfriend's pleas, Michael Shafer of 302 Kenwood Ave. climbed over the protective wall at the Overlook and jumped shortly after 11:30 a.m., according

to a report issued Sunday by State Police, who investigated the incident along with members of the Albany County Sheriff's department and state Park Police.

Shafer's body was subsequently recovered from the base of the 100-foot cliff, and he was pronounced dead at the scene by Albany County coroner Philip Furie. An autopsy was scheduled for Monday at Albany Medical Center.

Shafer had been convicted in town court last Tuesday, Nov. 5, on a single misdemeanor count of endangering the welfare of a child. The charge stemmed from a May 17 incident at his apartment, allegedly involving lewd behavior in the presence of a 16-year-old girl, who reported the matter to Bethlehem police four days later.

In court last week, Town Justice Frank Milano sentenced Shafer to 30 days in jail and three years' probation on the charge, dismissed a related harassment count and ordered Shafer to appear at 6 p.m. Sunday at the jail to commence serving his sentence.

## By your leave



Pam Saunders gets a helping hand raking leaves from her sons, Jack and Liam Saunders, on Kenaware Avenue last Saturday.

Jim Franco

## WM eager to begin work on DEIS

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Three residential developments and the proposed Waste Management regional operations center in Selkirk occupied more than three hours on the Bethlehem planning board's agenda last week.

The board resumed discussion of the Waste Management proposal for the first time since July, even as an Article 78 challenge to the zoning of the project in state Supreme Court, by two residents who live adjacent to the proposed site on River Road, moves forward. The planning board began discussions leading toward a likely vote to require a full draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the project — provided the courts clear the way for the project.

Waste Management's attorney, John Stockli, said the firm agreed last spring that a full DEIS is required for its project.

"We're ready to do the process," he said. "All we would hope is to do it in an appropriate and efficient manner. SEQR is a very deliberate process, and we'd like to get moving on it."

But planning board chairman Doug Hasbrouck emphasized the need of the board to carefully lay out the basis under SEQR law for a "positive declaration" requiring a DEIS, and asked Lipnicky to draft the necessary SEQR resolution, under guidance of board members.

Board member Marcia Nelson cited "discrepancies" in Waste Management's previous statements on the amount of traffic generated by the operations center and the timetable of its coming and going from the site, and board member Dan Odell called for a visual impact analysis to be required.

Critics of the project also cited likely impacts to water quality to wildlife habitat and repeated

charges that Waste Management was not being fully forthcoming about its future plans for the site. Stockli denied that.

"If someone owns a thousand acres of land and wants to put a fruit stand on it, they don't have to say what they'll do with the other 999 acres," he said. "It's a great red herring. We have a very simple answer. We don't have any plans." He reiterated that no waste treatment facility or landfill would be built there.

"I can say to some people, if you don't like it (the Waste Management proposal) and you'll never like it, there's nothing I can do for you," he said.

The planning body also conducted a public hearing on the 92-unit Waldenmaier Planned Residential District on Elsmere Avenue — dubbed Walden Farms by developer Lee Rosen — and asked the town planning department to begin drafting preliminary approval documents for Glenmont Woods, a 9-unit subdivision.

They set a public hearing for Tuesday, Nov. 19, on proposed revisions to the subdivision plans for Trinity Manor, a project approved by the planning board in 1994. Construction of the subdivision was halted last May under an order issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed modifications address the Corps' wetland-mitigation concerns.

Rosen and site planner Lynn Sipperley detailed plans for Walden Farms, a 52-acre, three-phase development of duplex homes for "empty-nest" couples.

Over 40 percent of the property will remain open space under the control of a homeowners association, Sipperley said, detailing plans for four new streets, sidewalks and plantings for visual buffering. The new units' price range will probably be priced "in the high 100's" — thousands of dollars — "to low 200's, and there will be four or five models, from 1,300 square feet for a two-bedroom unit up to 2,200 square feet," Rosen said.

Rosen said he hoped that site work could begin this winter.

The lone opposition at the hearing came from Harry Allen of Glenmont — directed not at Walden Farms per se but residential development in general.

"I'm opposed to this development being started at this time," he said. "Not only this development, but other developments on the agenda. There's more important issues that need to be resolved."

But Hasbrouck said, "We don't have the authority to deny a project just because we don't like it or think there's too much development or whatever. That's not permitted by the law."

Only nine building lots, confined to 8 acres, are proposed at Glenmont Woods on 32 acres owned by developer Jim Villasenor. The remainder would be subdivided into three lots with deed restrictions barring future development, said site planner Dominic Arrico.

Town planner Jeff Lipnicky indicated that stormwater management issues remain to be clarified — and that the Albany County Planning Commission recommended denial of the project until a stormwater management plan is approved. But attorney Terresa Bakner, representing Villasenor, urged the board to move forward.

"It's always uncomfortable to be the first agency to make a determination" on a project, she said, but "we're kind of in a Catch 22" on the stormwater management plan issue. The state Department of Environmental Conservation declines to review it until a SEQR review is completed — "and we can't do that until we get a more definitive answer" on the plan, she said.

The board voted unanimously for Lipnicky to prepare the necessary documents.

"There is simply no likelihood that this would not continue in a wetlands state," she said. "It would take a very interesting act of God to do otherwise."

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# 'Senior moments' like cats sneak up and pounce

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

We parents are so busy paying attention to all of the changes in our children's lives that the changes in our own sneak up on us. Sometimes they appear in the most innocent of moments — like after 10 p.m., when the children are finally in bed (if not sleeping), the dishes are done and quality couple time consists of watching television together for just a few minutes.

A commercial for a magnifying, light-up device designed to illuminate menus in romantically-lit restaurants, make maps easier to read or help with phone books which seem to be printed in smaller type each year, came on, and middle age slapped us square in the face. "Ooh, maybe we should get that," was my reaction to the ad for something that I think was called "the pocket owl."

My beloved — clad in sweats,

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contacts changed for his big clunky glasses and hair mussed from an autumn breeze he'd encountered after taking out the trash — agreed. "Sure," he said, "look, it's buy one, get one free. You can get me one too."

Only then did the horror strike. "Oh, my God," I wailed. "There is absolutely no hint left of the people we used to be, is there? You would never believe that we used to live in New York City, that we went to so many black-tie parties that you bought yourself a tuxedo, or that I even know how to wear make-up. We used to be sharp, a little edgy, with the world stretched before us in

limitless possibility. Somebody named 'Edge' used to cut my hair!"

"Oh, yeah," Chris answered dryly, "we were really something before electricity." What's next? I wondered. Using the pocket owl at dinners out — at 4:30 p.m. so we can be home before dark? Pillboxes with the days of the week stamped on them — in very large type? Metamucil in the cupboard?

"I think you're panicking," Chris said of my immediate leap from slightly altered vision to crippling irregularity. Perhaps, but the signs of change surround us. I have only to look at my 12-year-old son, who now officially towers over me and has the beginnings of a mustache darkening the outer edges of his mouth, to know that time is moving very rapidly. Even my 10-year-old's still-round face holds only a hint of the baby who once delighted us with his gleeful

nature and gummy smile.

Parents get used to time marching forward, but somewhere in all of the Cub Scout meetings, soccer games and

completed photo album — of family pictures.

Perhaps we should do this more often, for it is a squeeze on our hearts to see that the two boys who read avidly, discuss current events with us and spend hours sending Instant Messages online to their friends were once the very small people in the photographs. Sometimes, the boys will ask about a world event that

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homework assignments, we forgot that our children growing up means that we are growing older. These days, we seem to spend as much time looking back as we do looking forward. A timeline to be created for a fifth grader sent us to the bags and boxes — and one miraculously

happened before they were born, or maybe even before Chris and I were married. Both of these things seem unthinkable in the past to our children, and they nearly believe Chris when he tells them that "There are no written records of the time before Mommy and I were married."

We do still look forward, but our hopes, dreams and plans have more to do with our children than with us. Sure, we still think about our careers in terms of what we'd like to accomplish, but we think about them a lot more in terms of what they will provide for our children. Do we need a bigger house? How will we ever pay for college for them? How will we help Christopher to achieve his stated goal of wanting to go to Harvard or Yale some day? How much cooking gear should we get Cormac, who currently wants to be a chef, for Christmas?

It is exciting to see them, still so young and their futures an unwritten book. They can become anything they want to be, while, for the first time, I wonder if I really will ever write that novel or ride my bike across the country.

This mid-point of our lives seems so caught up with minute, tedious detail that it's hard to remember to hold on to our own dreams, as much for ourselves as to prevent us from projecting too many of our own aspirations onto our children. Ask most 40-something parents what's new, and it's kind of the same story. Our children are the joy of our lives, but pre-adolescence doesn't bring the same delight that preschool does.

Occasionally, there's an exciting career change or advancement, but mostly, it's steadily holding the course and hoping that the amounts of money going into retirement funds or college accounts will do the trick for the next phases of our lives. The excitement of buying a first house has yielded to the fact of necessary home repairs — and new furnaces or sagging porches hold limited conversational appeal. Yet, it seems churlish to complain about these mundane things.

Our lives may look a little different than we ever thought they would, but to curl up in the comfort of our own home and veg out in front of the TV while our healthy children sleep safely upstairs is a gift to be treasured.

"Oh, look," I said about a piece on the Travel Channel. "Paris. We've never been there together." "We'll still get there someday," Chris said. "Our lives aren't over yet." He's right. So pack up the pocket owl — we'll always have Paris.



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# Men's store in plaza to close

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

"When you've got 10,12 years of your life invested in a store, it's very hard to let it go," said Daniel Parsons, owner of the Robert Daniels Men's Store in Delaware Plaza, last week. "But when you look into the economics of it and don't see the bright future you once did, there's nothing more you can do."

And so Parsons, 39, announced last week that Robert Daniels, launched in 1990, will close its doors soon, very likely by the end of the Christmas season — done in, as Parsons tells it, by stiff competition and a tightening consumer economy, especially for as particular a consumer product as high-end men's wear.

"It hasn't been profitable in the last year," he said. "And when it's not profitable, it makes going to work that much harder. When 9/11 happened, the economy came to a standstill, and it's been rough

ever since."

The decision to close the business, he says, came only in the last few weeks, after discussions with his family and

**When you've got 10,12 years of your life invested in a store, it's very hard to let it go.**

Daniel Parsons

the landlord of the plaza, former state Sen. Howard Nolan.

Parsons moved to Delmar with his wife and daughter seven years ago to be nearer the business. After weathering the difficult Delaware Avenue landslide summer of 2001, things were looking up, and in August 2001 Parsons, along with his brother Chris, his business partner,

decided the time was right to expand — from the 900-square-foot storefront they'd occupied since they opened their doors to a larger 1,600-square-foot shop. They also expanded their selection of merchandise and launched a tuxedo rental.

"The disaster of 9/11 happened just as we were physically moving inventory from one store to the other," he recalled.

With just the two brothers at the store full-time, there will be no pink slips to deliver. And with a healthy current inventory to liquidate, Parsons expects to stay open through the rest of November and the Christmas selling season. "We can go into January if we need to," he said.

But till then, he said, "We'll still be open seven days a week." With his daughter in the Bethlehem schools and his family now rooted here, Parsons expects to stay in Delmar and perhaps put the tailoring skills he has acquired in a dozen years in business to work under someone else's roof.

"I may stay in the business somewhere," he said. "I just don't know right now."

# Recycling six-pack rings makes perfect sense

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is the town of Bethlehem recycling coordinator.

We've seen pictures of small animals, fish and sea creatures stuck in plastic loops called hi-cone beverage rings.

These rings can suffocate or entrap animals so they cannot eat or defend themselves properly.

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## Bucking the trend

Although voters in other states changed things at the national level on Election Day, in New York state and Bethlehem and New Scotland, there was little change after the votes were counted.

Although the state faces a massive budget deficit — which will surely be reflected in higher state, school, municipal and county taxes and fewer government services — suburban voters are, apparently, willing to have the state's current leaders tackle the crisis.

### Editorials

Voting for incumbents of both parties is so deeply ingrained that it must seem almost second nature. Incumbents' advantages — name recognition, money, contacts — are, in most races, overwhelming.

For another perspective, voting for incumbents has an element of political self-interest in that they are experienced and therefore more likely to bring home some bacon and find jobs for local people.

Running for a third four-year term, Republican Gov. George Pataki won almost 50 percent of the local vote.

But in Bethlehem, there was one race that bucked the trend — the Assembly race for the newly formed 108th district.

Political newcomer Tracey Brooks, D-Coeymans, faced longtime politician Pat Casale, R-Schaghticoke, and beat him in Bethlehem, even though more Republicans are registered here.

Casale won the seat, thanks to his Rensselaer County constituents, and that's not surprising since electing a Democrat in Rensselaer County is like winning the lottery twice in a row.

But Brooks ran a gutsy campaign against a veteran politician who failed to convince Bethlehem voters he was up to the task here.

Now, the ball's in Casale's court, and it remains to be seen whether his deeds will turn the voters around in two years.

But by then, Casale will be an incumbent in Bethlehem, and perhaps it will be second nature for him to win simply because he will be one here.

The burden of proof lies on voters, who need to become better informed and use better judgment in the voting booth. Let's hope Bethlehem voters continue to weigh the merits of all candidates in upcoming elections and not simply go along with the status quo by re-electing incumbents year after year.

## Letterman sparks Schoharie memories

By BILL FONDA

*The writer is editor of the Guilderland Spotlight.*

I first heard about it from our sports editor, Rob Jonas.

"Hey Bill, did you see what Letterman's show is going to be about Nov. 18?"

I replied that I had seen a headline in the newspaper about the show that morning, but skipped the article. Then he told me.

"Schoharie."

This was no mere office patter — Rob knew that I went to high school in Schoharie. My father, brother and many of my other relatives went there too.

I went back, found the article, and sure enough, the show was going to be about the village of Schoharie (like Colonie, the town of Schoharie contains a village with the same name; don't ask me where the village of Schoharie is).

Needless to say, I was surprised. For the most part, Schoharie isn't in the news other than the goings-on at the county courthouse which occasionally make the newspaper. There was also the Blenheim bridge, which famously collapsed just before my freshman year of college. I only remember the time frame because when people at Utica College asked where I was from, I told them Schoharie — thinking that more people would know that than the hamlet of Gallupville or town of Wright, where I actually grew up — and they said, "Isn't that where the bridge collapsed?"

It's not; Blenheim is on the outer edge of Schoharie County.

However, anybody who watches the Channel 6 news sees perhaps the most famous Schoharie High School graduate — Jack Aernecke. If you hear an advertisement for Guernsey's Nurseries on the radio, the voice is my eighth-grade English teacher.

So what, or where, is Schoharie? Derived from the Indian term "yo sko ha ro," which means, get this, "driftwood," it's about an hour west of Albany. Probably the easiest way to get there from this area is to take Route 20 to I-88 and turn left onto Route 30 at the Central Bridge exit, although it's possible to get there via Route 443

### Point of View

either from Delmar or after going up Altamont Hill — you'd even see my parents' house.

From Rotterdam, Route 7 is the best bet, either to Esperance or Central Bridge, then turn left to go toward town. Once you're in town, you'll cross a bridge over the Schoharie Creek and the Little League fields will be on the right at the bottom of a hill.

The fields look pretty spiffy now, but when I played, there was no t-ball field, no electronic scoreboard and a definite difference between the two main fields.

When I played, everyone wanted to be on the "front field." It was nicer than the "back field," and that's where the concession stand was. I haven't been there in a while, but from the street, it looks like both fields are about the same now.

A little farther on the left are signs guiding people to the Old Stone Fort, which is now the town's major museum. I've only been inside a few times, but it's the place where the Memorial Day parades I used to march in when I was a member of the school band ended. The memories are not pleasant.

Keep going, and you'll pass an ice cream stand and diner on the left, along with a new bank and post office. You may notice a large building in a field on the right-hand side; that's the jail, right behind my friend Renée's parents' house. Renée's husband Jeremy works there.

If you choose not to wash your car or see what the Depot Lane Singers are up to in their building by the old railroad tracks, you'll go left around a bend and there it is — Schoharie High School.

It's a rather stately looking building, sitting there on top of the hill on the left-hand side of the street with the cannon below. It's basically the only thing you can see from the road, but the main entrance leads first to the elementary school.

Going back and forth between the two buildings used to be easy. There was the elementary school, a tunnel, and the high school, but the tunnel has been replaced by a library.

Needless to say, I have a lot of memories of school, most of them fond, but there's one thing about the place that's really odd. As I mentioned before, Schoharie is derived from an Indian term, and its teams are the Indians. But the first lines of the alma mater are:

"In the valley of Schoharie, history tells the tale, how the white man won the warfare

to the Indian trail."

Ah, yes, only in Schoharie, where the school's theme song glorifies the defeat of its symbol. Schoharie may also be the only place where a typo becomes a marketing slogan. From what I've been told, 20 or so years ago, someone decided to print T-shirts with the phrase "Homegrown in Schoharie!" on them. Unfortunately, they came out "Homegrown is Schoharie!" People wore them anyway.

Leave the school, and you'll turn left, going through the

town's lone (blinking) traffic light onto Main Street. One of the people quoted in the article, Wayne Schell, is the son of Grant Schell, the former Wright supervisor. I used to sit with Wayne's brother Robbie on the school bus.

I've been in Wayne's hardware store in Schoharie many times. It's right in the middle of Main Street, on the same stretch of sidewalk as two diners, one of which was my first employer; a bar; a barber shop; a drug store and offices. It doesn't take long to see it all; you could walk from the Stewart's on one end to the Central National Bank on the other in a few minutes.

To me, the three diners in town are real diners, not the faux-diners you see in suburbia. The main reason? If you live in or near Schoharie and go to one of the diners somewhat regularly, chances are good that you'll know your waitress by name, and you'll see someone you know.

Cross the street by the bank, and you'll see the courthouse and the office building where the DMV is located. It wasn't too far from there where I took my first road test, including parallel parking in front of where my mother was waiting for me to return.

Most of the sidewalk on that side is dominated by the Parrott House, a step up from the diners and sponsor of my first Little League team in 1980.

Several months ago, my mother was out of town, and Suzi and I were visiting my father and brother when we decided to go to the Parrott House for dinner. Since Suzi has only been in Schoharie a few times, she asked where it was. The words "Main Street" failed to come, so I said "downtown Schoharie."

Dad and Dan laughed. Schoharie isn't exactly a place that makes you think of a downtown.

There used to be a bowling alley under the Parrott House. First it was called Bogardus Lanes; then it became Alan's Alleys. It's where I bowled every Saturday as a youth.

Back when "TV Tournament Time" was a staple of the local airwaves, the alley's owner, Alan Guernsey, was the champion for three or four weeks. And he may not even be the best bowler in his own family. His son Warren, a former teammate of mine, has bowled on the PBA tour.

Once you pass Central National, you mostly see houses again, although you can take a side street to Guernsey's or the library. There used to be grocery store, first Victory, then Great American (or, because a light was always blown, "Great American"), but it's closed now.

It's mostly houses as you head out of town toward Middleburgh, and to me, the town ends at the house where my friend Lisa grew up, since I didn't know anyone who lived past that point, anyway.

I couldn't begin to guess what Letterman's going to do on his show, particularly the Top 10 list, although I plan on taping it. I hope it will be funny without picking on Schoharie too much.

It's not the most exciting place in the world, but it has the kind of small-town charm that appeals to a lot of people who live in the suburbs.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Set the record straight on pol's fact, fiction

Editor, The Spotlight:

Fact: Pat Casale never was, is not now and will not be until Jan. 1 the assemblyman representing this community.

Fact: Mailings sent by the Bethlehem Republican Committee in mid-October stated that Casale had been representing our community since the legislative redistricting last spring.

Fact: Mailing and brochures distributed throughout this district right up to Election Day by the Albany County Republican Committee similarly stated the Pat Casale was "our" assemblyman.

Question: Were our local and county Republican organizations intentionally misleading potential voters or did these politicians inexplicably misunderstand the redistricting legislation?

Fact: The members of the Elsmere Fire Department, as well as all volunteer firemen, are among the most unselfish and responsible citizens of our community.

Fact: In a letter printed in *The Spotlight* six days before the election, Chief Ned Costigan of the Elsmere Fire Department, for the department, publicly thanked Casale for his "efforts to acquire

a grant ... to purchase radios needed for communications during special operations."

Questions: What were Mr. Casale's efforts and when and why were they asserted on behalf of an organization completely outside the Assembly district he represents? Did he similarly assist other fire companies in the town of Bethlehem — or within his own district across the river? Was our Assemblyman Faso asked to intercede on behalf of the grant and did he decline? Could public appreciation for Casale's gratuitous efforts be published after the election?

And furthermore, would anyone in the community have objected to the purchase of such vital equipment to "promote a safe environment for our firefighters" through regular, local tax-supported channels?

As a resident of Elsmere and an enrolled Republican, I am disturbed that members of the non-partisan Elsmere Fire Department and of the respective county and town Republican committees, could be tainted with the implied political "dirty tricks" of their leaders.

Thomas M. Dexter  
Elsmere

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## Media needs to restrain itself

Editor, The Spotlight:

We woke up Friday morning to sensational media coverage of allegations against Dr. Phillip Riback of Slingerlands.

We were appalled at the media's insinuations of guilt before proof of innocence in the many reports we saw and read.

In a heartbeat, the media can unthinkingly ruin a person's professional reputation and his or her standing in a community.

As friends of Dr. Riback and his

family, we know him to be a kind caring and involved father, husband and physician.

We only wish the media could show some restraint and balance in its reports and not rush to judgment.

Our hearts go out to the Riback family during this traumatic time.

Andrea Bartfield and  
Jan Fleischer  
Delmar

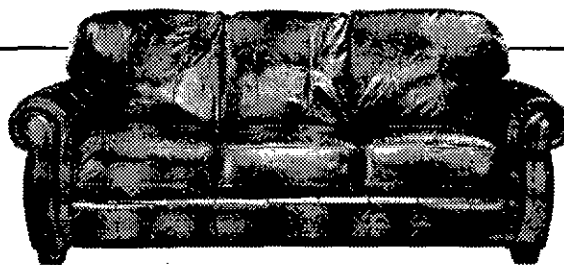
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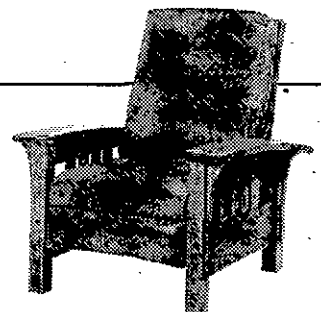
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## Five Rivers Friends grateful for helping hands

Editor, The Spotlight:

Friends of Five Rivers is a nonprofit citizens group which supports and complements the state Department of Environmental Conservation programs at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

Friends of Five Rivers is supported by strong member-

ship, donations, grants and fundraising activities such as the Annual Birdseed Sale.

But this letter of appreciation is not about Five Rivers or the friends group; it is about the volunteers that helped lift and load the 50,000 pounds of birdseed (that's an overflowing tractor-trailer load) and those who

fed the volunteers on Oct. 19, as well as those who helped again on Oct. 26.

As in many of the past years, *The Spotlight* wrote a wonderful article before the sale and further bolstered it by publishing a very supportive editorial.

GE Plastics provided a large forklift and a skilled (and much appreciated) operator to unload the pallets from the truck in the early morning hours of pickup day. DEC's Five Rivers' staff helped us prepare for pickup day and erected tents in case of rain.

Among the volunteers were dedicated friends, board members, many general and always willing members and families, and students from the participation in Government class at BCHS — all working toward the goal of a successful fund-raiser.

This dedicated mix of people provide the living working definition of community service, teamwork and volunteerism. We all had fun and accomplished our goal. The friends are proud and

thankful that the volunteers felt our cause was important enough to give up a Saturday to lift and load bags of birdseed into your cars and trucks.

While each volunteer will receive our personal thanks, they also deserve public recognition for their contribution. If you happen to know any of the volunteers or you are a parent, friend, spouse, teacher or leader of any of the volunteers, you are entitled to a bit of special pride in that person or group.

Thanks to those of you who bought birdseed from Friends of Five Rivers; thanks to the volunteers that made the 2002 sale a success. We hope to see you all next year at the birdseed sale and throughout the year at Five Rivers enjoying the environment and the excellent educational programs.

John Smolinsky  
2002 Bird Seed Sale  
chairman, and Leda Loux  
Friends of Five Rivers  
administrator

## Audubon director says thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Audubon Society of New York would like to express its gratitude to Key Bank employees for once again coming through for us on their annual "Neighbors Make a Difference" day.

Eight employees, mostly from the University Branch, came to Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary on Sept. 24. Armed with paint, brushes and ladders, they were able to paint most of the main building located on Rarick Road.

This is the second year in a row that we have been fortunate enough to have volunteers come out to give us a hand. They truly are neighbors who make a difference.

Those helping out this year were: Christina Salisbury, JoAnn Wood, Diane Irons, Patricia Patterson, Carolyn Arber, Lori Larson, and Ken Turner. Thank you Key Bank Employees and thank you Key Bank for your worthwhile program.

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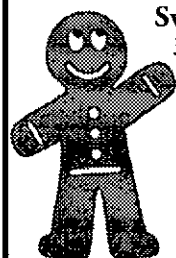
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# Matters of Opinion

## BREATH works for the community

Editor, The Spotlight:

After attending last Thursday night's planning board meeting and listening to the comments of John Stockli, Waste Management's attorney, regarding BREATH (Bethlehem Resident Against Trash Hauling) and its actions, I feel I must respond.

BREATH was formed by residents of the town of Bethlehem to protect their homes, environment, health, welfare and the character and quality of life for all of the residents of Bethlehem when the town and Waste Management refused to do so.

If BREATH had not become involved, the Waste Management project would have been completed without planning board review. Mr. Stockli's statement that BREATH has not come to Waste Management with positive suggestions on how to

make its garbage facility more attractive is ridiculous. BREATH strongly suggested deed restrictions for the remainder of the property, which Waste Management rejected.

Waste Management continues to assure the town that it will not develop the remaining acreage along the lines of its current business — landfills, incinerators and solid waste transfer — and at the same time will not accept any kind of deed restrictions that would prevent them from doing so. This is also ridiculous.

The issue of segmentation is unresolved. The overwhelming rejection by the community and failure of Waste Management to complete their project is due to their arrogance and mistreatment of the community, and beating up on BREATH won't score any points for them.

Waste Management is a multi-

billion dollar corporation and BREATH is a community group struggling to protect themselves against the thoughtless and inappropriate industrial development of land in a rural and residential area.

If Mr. Stockli wants to credit BREATH with holding up the Waste Management project, we will accept the credit, but the truth is BREATH members have simply exercised their right to protect themselves. If Waste Management has a problem with its credibility in the town of Bethlehem, they need to look at themselves and not at BREATH.

Remember, we are the good guys. If you would like to support BREATH in its efforts, you can send a donation in the form of a check or money order made out to SAFER to: BREATH, PO Box 100, Selkirk 12158

Marcus Poirier  
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## Drivers should be courteous

Editor, The Spotlight:

For about a year, the crosswalks in Bethlehem have been marked by white slashes, and some have a stanchion in the middle of the road as a warning to drivers that they are required by law to yield to walkers on the side of the road shared by the cars.

Confusing to say the least. Very soon, the law will change, and drivers will be required to yield to pedestrians anywhere on the crosswalk, which means essentially stop and wait for the person to cross the street.

As the roads become more crowded as more people walk, run, skate, use the streets and leave the car at home, drivers need to be more observant and not run pedestrians down or even approach as if they are.

I'm referring to courtesy here. I hope that there will be plenty of publicity when the law changes,

but my concern is that from what I observe, many drivers don't know what yield means. I've been nearly run into several times by drivers who seem to think that "yield" means just go on through.

Perhaps the driving public needs a refresher course on the rules of the road.

I have seen some civil drivers and am grateful for their courtesy. I try to pass on the kindness. After all, the world is so troubled and scary for most of us today that it behooves all of us to be kind to one another.

Finally, as the leaves fall and we appreciate the season, let's remember to keep the roads clear of leaf piles, tree limbs, bags and barrels. Yard waste belongs on the edge of your property and not on the edge of the road.

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# New book on Tom Whalen offers fresh look into Albany politics

How Albany's Democratic mayor bonded with a former Bethlehem town supervisor is one of the "untold" stories related in Dan Button's new book, *Take City Hall*, a 530-page account of

the administration of Thomas M. Whalen II from 1983 to 1993.

During the last four years of that decade, Kenneth J. Ringler Jr., then supervisor of the town of Bethlehem, maintained a close

working and personal relationship with the mayor. It had begun in 1969, when Whalen was a candidate for Albany City Court judge and Ringler, a Siena College student, admired the candidate's

presentation in a campaign discussion. They struck up an enduring friendship, which eventually had a practical aspect.

The book includes not only detail of Whalen's "reform" management of Albany's city government, but a variety of background in local politics, said by historian James MacGregor Burns to be unsurpassedly "fascinating in American politics."

Among the background is the assertion that the real leaders in the O'Connell-Corning takeover of the city in the early 1920s were Edward J. O'Connell and Edwin Corning, and that Dan O'Connell inherited the powers of the machine they set up.

Ed O'Connell, who died in 1939, was Dan's younger brother, and Edwin Corning was Erastus Corning's father. The reason for Mayor Corning's long isolation in a Boston hospital also receives a new interpretation in the book.

Mayor Whalen's principal opposition as Corning's successor came from within the "Old Guard" of the Democratic Party rather than from an outside force, Button's account asserts. He identifies three opponents as including the "Noonan faction,"

among whom was the late Judge John Clyne of Bethlehem.

The faction is credited with important backing of the then-Alderman Gerald D. Jennings' persistent attacks on Whalen and his policies, which culminated in Jennings own election as mayor.

Starting with Whalen's response to state Comptroller Edward Regan's demands that Albany straighten out its fiscal crisis as the new mayor took over for Corning, the main portion of the Button assessment of the Whalen record reports on the managerial steps he took in winning status as an "All America City."

In other chapters, the effort to protect Corning's reputation during the year in which he was incapacitated by illness is related in detail.

*Take City Hall*, published by Whitston Publishing Co., is now in local bookstores.

Button, who opposed Whalen in his earliest political venture, is a former Republican congressman and executive editor of the Albany *Times Union* who also wrote editorials and commentaries for Spotlight Newspapers.

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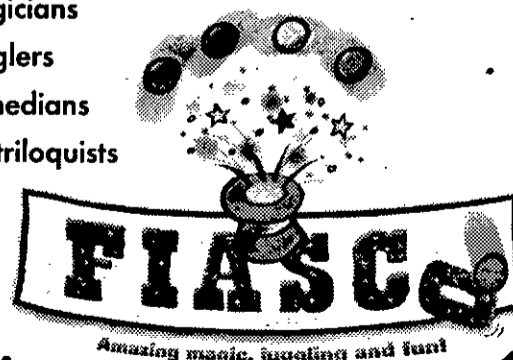
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# St. Matthew's gears up WW II homeland program tonight for holiday bazaar

St. Matthew's Church will hold its annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church on Mountainview Road. The sale will include raffles, food and crafts.

## Methodist Church to hold sale

The United Methodist Women will hold its annual Missions Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

Offerings will include baked goods, crafts, white elephant and international gifts.

All proceeds raised will go to the Missions. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be served.

## Legion to serve Sunday breakfast

The American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

## Legion to dish up Thanksgiving dinner

American Legion Post 1493 will celebrate a community Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

The menu will include turkey, gravy, sweet potatoes, dressing, vegetables, beverage and dessert.

The meal is free and open to the residents of New Scotland.

Good-will offerings will be accepted to benefit the local food pantry.

Take out meals will also be available.

## Management group to meet

There will be a Site Based Management meeting held at the high school on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105.

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## Ecumenical service slated at church

There will be an ecumenical service at Voorheesville United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m.

Singers from all area churches are invited and urged to join. Rehearsals will be at Voorheesville Methodist Church on Thursdays, Nov. 14 and 21, at 8 p.m.

For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

## Nursery school sets holiday event

Tri-Village Nursery School's Holiday Shopping Extravaganza will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Delmar.

More than 25 local home-based vendors and businesses will be on hand selling gift certificates, as well as cash-and-carry merchandise.

Orders for products will also be taken for items that will arrive in plenty of time for the holidays.

Memories of World War II at home and abroad will be the focal point tonight, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. when local residents will speak of their war experiences and discuss life on the homefront.

The public is invited to relate armed forces experiences or remembrances of daily life at home, school and work during the war years.

## Voorheesville Public Library



Bring newspapers, photos or memorabilia of the era to display and share. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the library friends.

Thanks to all of you who supported the Friends of the Library by buying tickets for our fall raffle.

Nancy Lewis of Voorheesville was the happy recipient of the lovely handmade quilt, donated annually by the library needleworkers who meet at the library to raise money for the library Friends.

Anyone who would like to join either of these wonderful groups is welcome.

Come on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. with a sewing project to work with Nimblefingers. No signup is necessary. Membership applications for the friends are available at the library, and volunteers are always needed for

fund-raising projects.

Get in the mood for Thanksgiving next Wednesday, Nov. 20, when "America's Feast" will be celebrated by moms and dads and kids who come to evening story time at 7 p.m.

A charming recreation of an old fashioned village is set up in the library showcase this month. Library assistant Phyllis Rosenblum is displaying part of her "snow village," a wonderful collection of miniature shops and houses with see-thru windows, landscaping, people and animals. It is a fascinating winter scene for all ages.

While you are here, check out photos in the hall gallery of classic automobiles, whole or part by part, produced through the

clever camera work of former New Salem resident Craig Shufelt. Major thanks go to Shufelt, who graciously filled in at the last minute because of an artist cancellation.

Save the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 22, for a special kids event in celebration of Children's Book Week Nov. 17 through 23.


Copies of the December book discussion selection *Honeymoon in Purdah* are available when you sign up at the reference desk.

The Thursday Night Poets will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14.

For additional program information, visit the library Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org).

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# Health services program set Sunday concert series debuts

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The programs are staffed by community volunteers and coordinated through Senior Services Outreach Services.

Blood pressure readings are taken by volunteer nurses and doctors, and the nutrition displays are presented by dietitians.

Qualified health care professionals administer medical screenings.

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 9:30

a.m. to noon, blood pressure screenings will be taken.

There will also be a nutrition display focusing on the topic of herbs and herbal supplements presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County.

A urine specimen screening will also be available.

Results of the computer urine screening can be available in about two minutes.

The presenter will be Cheryl Aikey, RN.

For information, call Joyce Becker, senior services assistant director, at 439-4955.

The library's cold-weather counterpart to "Evenings on the Green" got its start this month.

"A Little Sunday Music" debuted on Nov. 3 with a performance by an ensemble of strings and horns from Skidmore College. The four-concert series is made possible with a generous contribution from Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Musical offerings will appeal to a range of interests, from classical to light classical, traditional to jazz.

On Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., the Saratoga Mandolin Ensemble will play a collection of dance



tunes and holiday selections. Under the direction of Norbert Hebert, this ensemble revives a form of music-making common in the 18th century, when almost every city had a mandolin orchestra.

In February, the Eribeth Chamber Players will perform music of Leroy Anderson and Ray Bono. Albany native Bono will be present. The Eribeth Players draw from the ranks of the Albany Symphony. The Jack Kelle Trio will jazz up the stage in March, with Kelle on drums, Richard Downs on bass and Leo Russo on sax.

All concerts are scheduled on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. They are free and open to the public.

Call 439-9314 to register for the Dec. 1 concert.

## Curbside book return

Round-the-clock book return service is now available to library patrons. Our new curbside book return is open when the library is open. The garage drop slot will still be available when the library is closed.

## November displays

The Bethlehem Art Association's fall show is exhibited in the lobby this month. Our large display case features art and crafts fashioned by library staff.

Information about the Bethlehem Festival Fund and the Companion Animal Placement Program occupy the small display case and the bulletin board near the library exit. Lego constructions by Jack and Liam Saunders are on display in the youth services area.

-Louise Grieco

## Hamagrael school sets annual craft fair

The Hamagrael Elementary School PTA in Delmar will host its annual craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1 McGuffey Lane. Lunch will also be available.

Admission is free.

## Banjo band to perform

The Tri-County Banjo Band will perform at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Friday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m.

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# Sports

## Liverpool ends Bethlehem's run at a state title

By PHIL BLACKWELL

Slowly, painfully, the Bethlehem boys soccer team walked off the artificial turf at Cicero-North Syracuse High School. One can hardly blame the Eagles' players if they were cursing the hard surface as they trudged along.

The glorious season of the Section II champions came to a shocking end last Saturday when the state No. 1-ranked Eagles, owners of a 20-game unbeaten streak, were beaten 1-0 by the Section III champion Liverpool Warriors in the Class A regional championship.

When it was over, it would have been so easy for Bethlehem's head coach, Brett Miller, to blame the artificial surface that was foreign to his players until this game.

"On turf, it's a totally different game," said Miller. "But we're not going to make any excuses. We just had a difficult time executing."

Section III officials never intended to play this game on the turf, but it had no choice. A series of rainstorms, combined with



Bethlehem's Bob Barrowman (13) heads downfield as Liverpool's Paul Brown gives chase during last Saturday's regional game. *Bryan Herzig*

snowfall the previous weekend, had rendered every potential grass field unplayable.

Not only did the Eagles have to get used to the turf, it had to do so in a first half where it played into a constant wind.

Despite these handicaps, the Eagles played on fairly even terms for most of the first half, as the two defenses refused to let anything get close to their respective nets.

Liverpool, accustomed to playing on turf (it has a home field with turf and played all of its sectional games on the hard stuff), was sufficiently patient, but wanted to get something before halftime, when it would lose its wind advantage.

In the 34th minute, the Warriors got a corner kick. Mateo Escobar hit a low cross that skipped through several pairs of legs before it found Nick Flanders, who ripped a low shot past Bethlehem goalkeeper John

Thibdeau.

Down 1-0 at the break, the Eagles regrouped. In the second half with the breeze at its back, Bethlehem started to dominate the contest and swarm to the Liverpool net.

Twice, it nearly had goals. In the 47th minute, Bob Barrowman's shot on the left side looked certain to go in, but Liverpool's freshman goalkeeper, Josh Ford, dove and made the most spectacular save of the afternoon, deflecting the ball out of bounds.

Minutes later, a Warrior tackle was ruled inches outside the 18-yard box, infuriating the Bethlehem players who screamed for a penalty kick. The ensuing free kick was pushed wide.

For the rest of the day, Bethlehem found itself unable to twist through the bruising Warrior defense and get the tying goal.

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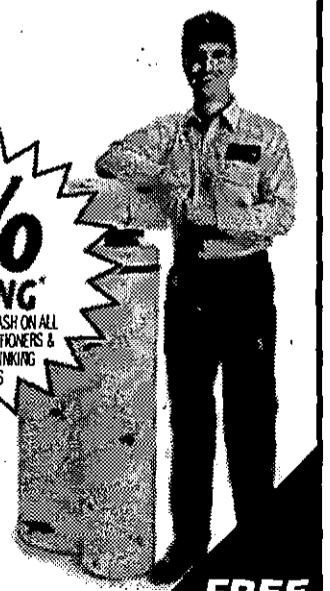
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# Baldwinsville stuns Bethlehem

By PHIL BLACKWELL

Airs of celebration surrounded the Bethlehem girls soccer team last Saturday night, but the Lady Eagles wanted no part of the mirth.

All of them — players, coaches and fans — were in pain and shock, as a result of a 1-0 loss to the Section III Champion Baldwinsville Bees in the Class A regional championship game at Liverpool High School.

Forced to play what amounted to a road game on a surface (artificial turf) it had not played on all season, the Lady Eagles still came within minutes of forcing overtime, which only made the outcome even more disheartening.

"It's a tough loss any time you lose at this stage," said head coach Tom Rogan. "At this level, there's going to be a one-goal difference. It's just a matter of who gets the goal."

Though ranked No. 2 in the state, the experienced Lady Eagles knew that the young,

aggressive Bees would not be easy to face. Baldwinsville had just stunned reigning five-time champion Liverpool in the sectional finals, so it wouldn't fear any other opponent.

As it unfolded, the game had eerie similarities to the boys Class A regional game, played earlier on Saturday, where Bethlehem had lost to Liverpool 1-0.

Again, the Lady Eagles were a team unfamiliar with artificial turf, playing an opponent who had experience on the surface. Again, the conditions led to frustration for the Lady Eagles. Even the final score was the same.

"There was no rhythm in the game," said Rogan. "It was very choppy."

Also, it was physical and intense. Every time the ball was in the air, there seemed to be a few shoves. For the most part, it wasn't called, so the defenses on both sides were allowed to dominate.

Going deep into its bench, Baldwinsville stayed fresh throughout the night, but even

with increased speed and confidence, it couldn't penetrate Bethlehem's back line.

Brianna Bubeck had to make a tough save on Kim Ross' hard shot in the 55th minute, but for the most part she was well-protected by defenders Stephanie Holmes, Karyn Cioppa, Ali Maher and Kate Goss.

As the clock ticked toward the five-minute mark in regulation, the fans on both sides remained tense and quiet, as if they expected the Lady Eagles and Bees to take their 0-0 stalemate into overtime.

In what seemed like a bizarre move, Baldwinsville head coach Lisa Deil ran toward the bleachers, urging her team's fans to make more noise.

At that very moment, sophomore Ashley Gray broke free on the left side and made a full sprint to the corner. When the Lady Eagles' defense honed in on her, Gray passed it to the middle, where Jessica Bill was open to fire a shot past Bubeck.

Minutes later, it was over, and the two teams got entangled in a near-brawl that left Baldwinsville senior Stacy Schurman with a red card. That was little comfort for Bethlehem's core of 11 seniors, for whom the defeat was extremely difficult to accept.

"Any time you have 11 seniors it comes to an end quickly, it's a bit shocking," said Rogan.

That group of seniors — Bubeck, Cioppa, Holmes, Katie Wagoner, Kate Metevia, Kate-Lyn Primomo, Erin Stenson, Emily Petraglia, Colleen Bardelli, Liz Murphy, Megan Volo and Kristen Byrnes — combined to help Bethlehem to its best-ever season, as it finished with a record of 19-2.

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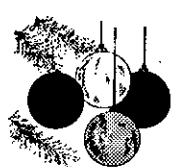
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The outcome contrasted with heavy margins Bethlehem delivered to other incumbents (Gov. George Pataki, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, Congressman Michael McNulty, State Sen. Neil Breslin) and, in the only open election on the town ballot, to Republican comptroller candidate Faso — better numbers

for Faso, in fact, than he drew there as a candidate when he represented the town in the Assembly.

"I think the town has changed over the years," said Republican Supervisor Sheila Fuller. "There was a time this was a Republican stronghold. But now when a candidate runs, they're running on three or four ballot-lines."

GOP town chairman Keith Wiggand agreed that Bethlehem elections are no longer Republican cake-walks. Wiggand cited the large number of traditionally pro-Democrat government employees that have settled in the town in recent years, and Democratic candidates have cracked long-time Republican locks on town office.

While Republicans still hold a slight registration edge over Democrats, "unenrolled voters seem to have become the majority party here," he said. "The town of Bethlehem has a very sophisticated voter base, and Tracy was a good candidate. She presented herself very, very well, and her campaign strategy was to make Bethlehem the battleground."

Repeating an oft-made charge he levelled during the campaign, Casale dismissed Brooks: "This is the first opponent I've ever had who brought no new ideas to the campaign at all. It was very disappointing." But he grudgingly conceded: "She worked very hard, that's for sure. But there was no meat there."

For her part, Brooks disagreed that all of her eggs had been placed in Bethlehem's basket. "We spent a lot of time working throughout the district, but

certainly Albany County was going to be the base of my support, so of course I worked very hard there," she said. "But we also worked hard elsewhere."

She attributes her good Bethlehem showing, as elsewhere in Faso's old district, to the comparison between their old and new representatives.

"I think Albany County voters saw him for what he is, that he was not going to provide the representation John Faso did, good, bad or indifferent," Brooks said. "I think that's what this was about, effective representation."

Fuller agreed, up to a point. "I think people in the town of Bethlehem take their vote very seriously, and they weigh and measure the quality of the candidates carefully," she said. "They pick and choose who they will support, and it's no longer a straight-across-the-line vote. People tend to vote for the individual... How many doors did each of them visit? Was there more contact from the one candidate or the other? In this town, that makes a big difference."

"I initially thought it would be more like 50-50, but she must have gotten to more people than we thought," Wiggand said. "It

demonstrates the same thing as our campaign last fall: get a good candidate, well-financed, a hard worker, and you win."

And there is the Fuller factor. Brooks cited "mistakes made in Bethlehem by Casale's campaign that they didn't make elsewhere" — the 11th-hour contretemps over whether or not Fuller endorsed Casale's candidacy. "That was a big mistake," Brooks said.

Fuller admits annoyance over the Casale campaign's assertion that a photo opportunity just before Election Day constituted an endorsement — and a Casale press release's claim that they had discussed issues during the occasion, including the future of the Selkirk bypass.

"That is not the truth," she said. "I never had any discussion with Pat Casale about the Selkirk bypass."

On the endorsement flap, she said, "Don't tell me who I'm supporting. I was a little taken aback by that... I have always been my own person, and will continue to be. This is the first time I've ever had someone send out a press release like that before, and I've been in public office since 1978."

"I don't think it put forward a favorable impression," Wiggand said of the dustup. "Ultimately, I hope it doesn't hurt the town of Bethlehem in the long run. I don't think it will. I don't want to read anything into it. I think it was a misunderstanding."

Both Wiggand and Casale cited the role money played in the election. Final disclosure of campaign spending is not due until Dec. 4, but both the Republican and Democratic assembly campaign committees marked the Casale-Brooks standoff as their highest priority.

Both candidates say they are ignorant of what was spent on their behalf, but the final numbers are expected to show the race to have been the most expensive upstate Assembly campaign in New York history.

Moreover, the state Right-to-Life committee also invested heavily in Casale's re-election, a committee spokesman announced Friday.

Wiggand said he expected Casale will mend the necessary fences in Bethlehem. "I think he'll be an effective representative," he said. "He's already committed to opening a district office here in Bethlehem, the first one since (former assemblyman) Larry Lane. How long ago was that?"

But Casale backpedals on that promise, contained in the now-notorious endorsement press release. "I have four counties here, and they all want me to open up an office," he said Friday. "We haven't made those kinds of decisions yet. We haven't even started looking."

"I hope he becomes an effective representative," said challenger Brooks. "If my campaign achieves nothing else, it will be holding him accountable. He's got two years to prove to people here that he can represent them effectively, and I'll have two years of his record to run against if I decide to do it again."

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## Gorman, Baker marry

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The Rev. Stephen Heiss performed the ceremony, which took place at Tabernacle United Methodist Church in Binghamton.

Lynn Burdick was matron of honor.

Neil Eklund was best man. Chris Viger and Ted Terrenoire

were ushers.

Torin Viger was ring bearer. Dan-Paul Viger was Bible bearer.

The bride is a graduate of McGill University and the University at Albany. She is a librarian at Bethlehem Public Library.

The groom is a graduate of Binghamton University and is currently studying for a doctoral degree at University at Albany. He is a data analyst for Questar III.

The couple resides in Delmar.

## Delmar students lead volunteers

Anne Semenoff, daughter of David and Catherine Semenoff of Delmar, and Cate Bresnahan, daughter of Leo and Alice Bresnahan of Delmar, have been selected by Saint Michael's College of Chittenden County to be members of the leadership core team of Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts (MOVE).

Bresnahan is a senior sociology major at St. Michael's College outside Burlington, Vt. She is the coordinator of the after school games program, which sends St. Michael's students to the nearby Boys and Girls Club. St. Michael's students interact with the children in the program through games and activities, while serving as positive role models.

Bresnahan also coordinates the extended service program, which sends St. Michael's students to sites across North and South America to repair homes, prepare meals, offer friendship to people who are homeless and provide a nurturing atmosphere for exploited women and children.

Semenoff is coordinator of a best buddies program that

establishes one-on-one relationships between St. Michael's students and mentally challenged youth and adults from the area. Students meet weekly with their buddy and participate in monthly group activities on campus.

MOVE is a broad-based community service organization run under the direction of the St. Michael's campus ministry. The program provide services to the neediest members of the Chittenden County community, particularly children and the elderly.

## BCHS student researches the environment

Bethlehem Central High School student Ada Cornell, daughter of Carol Schour and Donald Cornell of Delmar, participated in the Environmental Studies Summer Youth Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in July.

The two-week college-level interdisciplinary program for high school students entering their junior or senior year takes advantage of its beautiful setting for the study of nature and explores the scientific, social, and humanistic perspectives of environmental issues.

During the session, students conduct research on Seneca Lake aboard the William Scandling, a fully-equipped 65-foot, oceanographic vessel and in the Rosenberg Hall of Science, the colleges' laboratory and classroom facility.

Students also use the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, a research facility affiliated with Cornell University.

Cornell and other students in the program earned college credit for their work.

## Scouts host Sportsmart

Boy Scout Troop 75 will host its 28th annual Sportsmart on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Bethlehem Central High School, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Christine and Joseph Morrell

## Tuite, Morrell marry

Christine Marie Tuite, daughter of Ann and Jack Tuite of North Easton, Mass., and Joseph Carl Morrell, son of Ted and Linda Morrell of Glenmont, were married on Aug. 10.

The ceremony took place at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Chestnut Hill, Mass. The Rev. Ken Loftus performed the ceremony.

The bride's sister Susanne Tuite was maid of honor.

Shawna Powers, Kate Yanok, Christina Davilas and Alexandra were bridesmaids.

Scott Cunningham was best man.

Mike Didiuk, Angelo Rossi and the groom's brothers Ted Morrell Jr. and Paul Morrell were groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, the couple took a wedding trip to Hawaii and San Francisco. They reside in Roslindale, Mass.

## Good Samaritan hosts dinner dance Nov. 16

Good Samaritan Homes in Delmar will honor its residents at its sixth annual dinner dance at the Normanside Country Club on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Robert Deitz

Robert Edward Deitz Sr., 78, of Delmar and Titusville, Fla., died Saturday, Nov. 9, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

A native of Springfield, Mass., he was sales manager for Lenz & Riecker Legal Publishers in Albany.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Deitz was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere. He was a 50-year member of the Onesquethaw Masonic Lodge in Delmar.

He enjoyed woodworking and building doll houses.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Hart Deitz; three sons, Leonard Deitz of Atkinson, Maine, Robert Deitz of Poestenskill and Jeffery Deitz of Albany; a daughter, Susan D. Deitz of Schenectady; 17 brothers and sisters; and nine grandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. today, Nov. 13, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive.

Arrangements are by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Burial will be in Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Church.

## Elsworth Maggese

Elsworth F. Maggese, 75, of Overlook Drive in Voorheesville, died Saturday, Nov. 9, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Lodi, N.J., he lived in Coeymans before moving to Voorheesville.

He served in the Merchant Marines and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Maggese was a graduate of Seton Hall University.

He was a teacher in Jefferson Township, N.J. for many years.

He was a member of the Morris County Retired Educators in New Jersey.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Pearson Maggese; two daughters, Elsbeth Maggese of LaFayette, N.J., and Margaret Adkins of Voorheesville; a sister, Vivian Caniano of Pine Brook, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled at 1 a.m. today, Nov. 13, at the Reilly & Son Funeral Home, 9 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to Community Caregivers, 142 Maple Ave., Altamont 12009.

## Frances Crookes

Frances Margaret Schultz Crookes, 100, of Delmar and formerly of Clarksville, died Saturday, Nov. 9.

Mrs. Crookes was a homemaker.

She was a member of

Clarksville Community Church.

She was the widow of Frank Walker Crookes.

Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Ellen Mason of Clarksville; a son, John Charles Crookes of Clarksville; three sisters, Florence McCauley and Mildred Salisbury, both of Clarksville, and Evelyn Smith of Fern Park, Fla.; a brother, Howard R. Schultz of Clarksville; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery.

## John Travison

John M. Travison, 75, of Delmar, died Thursday, Nov. 7, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he was a lifelong resident of the Capital District.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Asian Theater with the 87th glider infantry.

Mrs. Travison worked for the state Department of Naval & Military Affairs before he retired.

He then worked for the New York State Bar Association for 10 years and in the family business, Travison Florist in Albany.

He was a member of the Watervliet Elks Lodge and the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Marie T. Collins Travison; a daughter, Teresa Hoffmeister of Delmar; a son, John T. Travison of Menands; a brother, Thomas E. Travison of Florida; and four granddaughters.

Services were from St. John's-St. Ann's Church in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. John's-St. Ann's Church, 157 Franklin St., Albany 12202.

## Arlie Luce

Arlie Denise Ostrander Luce, 98, of Selkirk, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Gerry, Chautaugua County, she was a Member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Luce was active in the PTA and civic and community service. She was a member of the

Bethlehem Grange and had been active in the Red Cross and the Home Bureau. She was one of the founders of Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance. She worked for Montgomery Ward many years ago.

She was the widow of Ivan L. Luce.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma L. June of Selkirk, JoAnn A. Stott of Ravena; a sister, Mneatha La Rose of Tucson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were from Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Grange No 137, PO Box 56, Selkirk 12158 or the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

## Ada Udell

Ada Rarick Udell, 90, of Westerlo and formerly of Clarksville, died Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Mrs. Udell was an aide for Albany County Cooperative Extension in Westerlo and a member of Westerlo Reformed Church.

She was the widow of Ford Alger Jr. and Issac Udell.

Survivors include a stepson Albert Udell of Clarksville; a stepdaughter, Shirley Loucks of Florida; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Onesquethaw Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Westerlo Reformed Church, Route 143, Westerlo 12193.

## Billie Katherine Way

Billie Katherine Way of Schenectady, a graduate of Voorheesville High School, died Tuesday, Nov. 5.

She attended Houghton College.

She was a musician who performed locally with the Stazaks.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Terrell and Linda Way of Slingerlands; her paternal grandmother, Danise Deeds Way; a sister, Denise Anne Way of Albany; and a stepbrother, Stephen Dolben of Queens.

Arrangements were by Reilly & Son Funeral Home in

Voorheesville.

Services were from First Unitarian-Universalist Church in Albany.

## Irma Lawton

Irma K. Lawton, 85, of Glenville and formerly of Clarksville, died Saturday, Nov. 9, at Glendale Nursing Home.

Born in Maddock, N.D., she was raised in Clarksville.

Mrs. Lawton owned and operated Irma's Beauty Salon in Albany for many years before she retired.

Survivors include a daughter, Joanne Overocker of Ballston Lake; a brother, Christian Hansen; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

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

## Annual performance set at St. Thomas

A Thanksgiving evening of song and praise, sponsored by the Bethlehem Area Ministerial Association, will be held at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 45 Adams Place, Delmar, on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m.

A combined choir of 100 voices from 12 Bethlehem area churches, under the direction of Margaret Dorgan, will participate in this annual program for the community.

Jennie Moak will be the organist, and the bell choir of Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be directed by Ruth Rice. The senior brass ensemble from Bethlehem Central High School will also participate in the program.

There will be a free will offering to benefit the Interfaith partnership for the Homeless, which operates a shelter in Albany and provides other services to the homeless.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

## Library to close for Thanksgiving

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving.

The library will reopen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29.

Patrons can access the catalog and other online services via the library's Web site, [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org). Regular hours will resume on Saturday, Nov. 30.

## Button club to show holiday buttons

The Halfmoon Button Club will meet today, Nov. 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Members will exhibit their holiday buttons. The public is welcome.

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3.) New swimming pools — permit for any new pool to include condition that water to fill the pool is trucked in from a private source.

4.) Existing swimming pools may be filled using public water supply.

5.) New underground sprinkler systems installed in 2002 (unless permit for system was issued prior to declaration of emergency in January of this year) can not be used until the emergency water restrictions are lifted.

The Town prohibits the use of the public water supply for nonessential uses, such as but not limited to: No washing down of driveways or walkways. (Use a broom or leaf blower); No washing of the exterior of buildings, unless required as preparation for painting.

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## Death Notices

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

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

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

# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS

### Albany Visitors Center showcases array of 17th century prints

By DUNCAN CAMPBELL CRARY

**T**he 350th anniversary of the founding of Albany is winding down, but there is still time to join in the celebration. As one of its final tributes to the history and culture of the region, the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center is hosting an exhibit of 17th century prints from the collection of the Print Club of Albany.

great deal of fine art," said Semowich of early Capital District artists.

He also noted that many of Albany's early artists, called limners, were probably using prints like the ones in the exhibit for backgrounds in their portraits of the area's elite residents. Limners were untrained artists whose work generally lacks the detail and depth found in the work of a trained artist.

They would have used prints for guidance because prints were readily available, Semowich said of Albany limners, adding that some of those early paintings are on display at the Albany Institute of History & Art.

Displaying 17th century prints at a public space like the visitors center is fitting for the 350th anniversary of Albany, Semowich said, since people living during that time could not go to public galleries — there weren't any, he said.

Though prints are usually copies of paintings or drawings, and though artists make several copies in one run, Semowich said all of the prints in the exhibit are considered originals because they were produced from the original artists' plates on 17th century paper.

To make a print, an artist etches or engraves a plate, usually made of

copper or some other soft metal. The tool used to dig out the design creates a burr on the edge of the cut that holds the ink until the plate is pressed to the paper. Prints are the ink impression left after the plate is removed.

These prints are unique, Semowich said, because many of them were created while the artists were still living.

The pieces on exhibit belong to the Baroque style of the mid-to-late 1700s, which is a very emotional style that contrasts the earlier formalism of neoclassicism, said Semowich. Lines depicting emotion fill nearly every space in the scenes.

"Show me a place where there's nothing going on," Semowich said, moving from one print to another.

The Print Club of Albany is a nonprofit organization founded in 1933 for the purpose of promoting an appreciation of fine art prints among its members and the community. Club members, who have



This 17th century print from an engraving, *Adoration of the Magi*, by Peter de Jode, is one of the artworks featured in the current exhibit at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center.

donated many of 8,500 prints in the club's collection, hail from all over the world, Semowich said.

Each year, as part of its educational component, the club commissions an original print by a nationally recognized artist for its members.

Whenever possible, the club organizes artist member exhibitions and a national open competition for print makers. The club also hosts guest lectures and field trips to artists' studios to learn about various print making processes.

Semowich said the print club recently lost its home in the Palace Theater due to the recent renovations,

but members are currently searching for a new place to showcase their collection permanently. In addition to a gallery, Semowich said the club would like to have a secure temperature-controlled space on site where members, scholars and enthusiasts can study the prints. As of now, the collection is stored in separate temperature-controlled storage areas.

Visitors Center Director of Operations Kathy Quandt said that the year-long celebration of Albany's founding was very successful. Though at times, the city of Albany has been at odds with its history — like last year when the city constructed a parking

garage over an archaeologically-significant site near the visitors center — Quandt said a new awareness of local heritage is growing in Albany.

"It's coming. We all just have to keep working at it and make the public understand why history and heritage are important," she said.

The visitors center is located at historic Quackenbush Square in downtown Albany at the corner of Clinton Avenue and Broadway. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking, accessible via Spencer Street, is available behind the center.



Not part of the current exhibit, but part of an earlier show of the Print Club is this contemporary etching by Albany resident Diana Westbrook called, *Quebec Window*.

The exhibit, which will run through Nov. 28, features 37 original print portraits, landscapes and religious scenes by Dutch, Italian, German, French and English artists. Among the prints are works by Rembrandt, Callot, Pesta, Van Ostade and Rosan.

Charles Semowich, a member of the print club, said that he and other members selected works from their collection to represent the era during which Albany — or Beverwyck, as it was originally named — was founded.

Only a few of the prints in the show are Dutch, but one print, *Dance Under Trellis* by Adria van Ostade, depicts a scene very similar to what early Albany looked like, Semowich said. The gabled-roofed buildings in the print are the same type of structures that lined the streets of colonial Albany, and the free-ranging pigs — the impetus for the Dutch double door (used to keep animals out of the house) — were a regular part of life in old Albany.

While none of the works in the exhibit were created by Albany artists, Semowich said they represent the kinds of prints that early settlers would have brought with them to the new world.

"There were so few people living here in the 17th century, you can't expect that they would be generating a



George Dirolf of Loudonville created this woodcut called, *Memory*. The piece was featured in an earlier exhibit by the Print Club of Albany.

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

**TWO PIANOS, FOUR HANDS**  
musical comedy, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Nov. 16, \$28 to \$38. Information, 445-7469.

**THE MOUSETRAP**  
Agatha Christie thriller, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Nov. 24, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

## Music

**TOBY KEITH**  
with Rascal Flatts, Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., \$37.75 and \$47.75. Information, 476-1000.

**BUDAPEST STRINGS**  
with pianist Frederic Chiu, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady.

Nov. 13, 8 p.m., \$20, \$10 for students. Information, 372-3651.

**ELVIN BISHOP AND CHARLIE MUSSELWHITE**  
Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., \$19 and \$29. Information, 381-1111.

**ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"Tonight We Love" concert with pianist Yefim Bronfman, featuring works by Debussy, Persichetti and Tchaikovsky, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., \$17, \$29 and \$36. Information, 465-4663.

**PETER, PAUL AND MARY**  
Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., \$39, \$42 and \$45. Information, 381-1111.

**LUIS PERDOMO QUARTET**  
Unitarian Whispardome, 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 465-1278.

**DAVID MALLETT**  
Old Songs concert at Altamont Masonic

Hall, Route 146, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., \$15, \$5 for children under 13. Information, 765-2815.

**ROBERT MIRABAL**  
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Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., \$43.50. Information, 476-1000.

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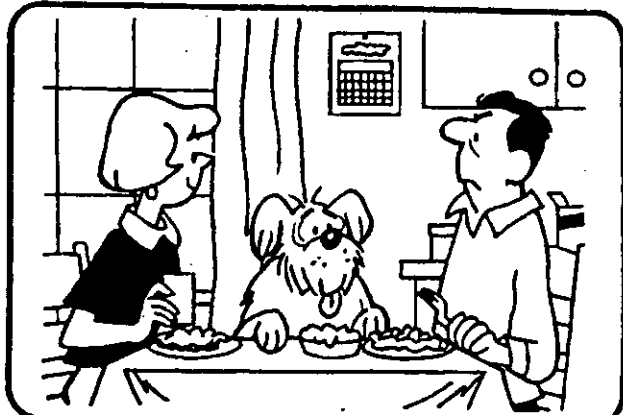
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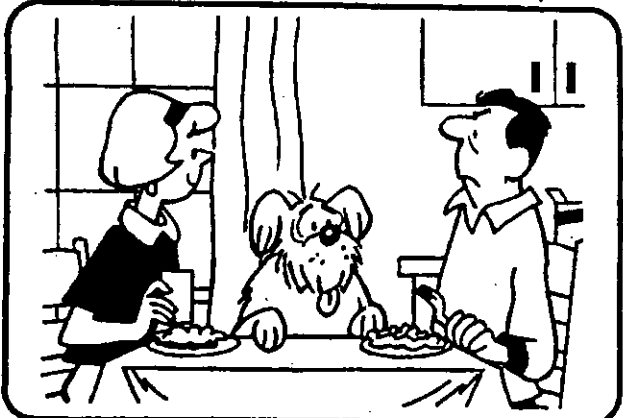
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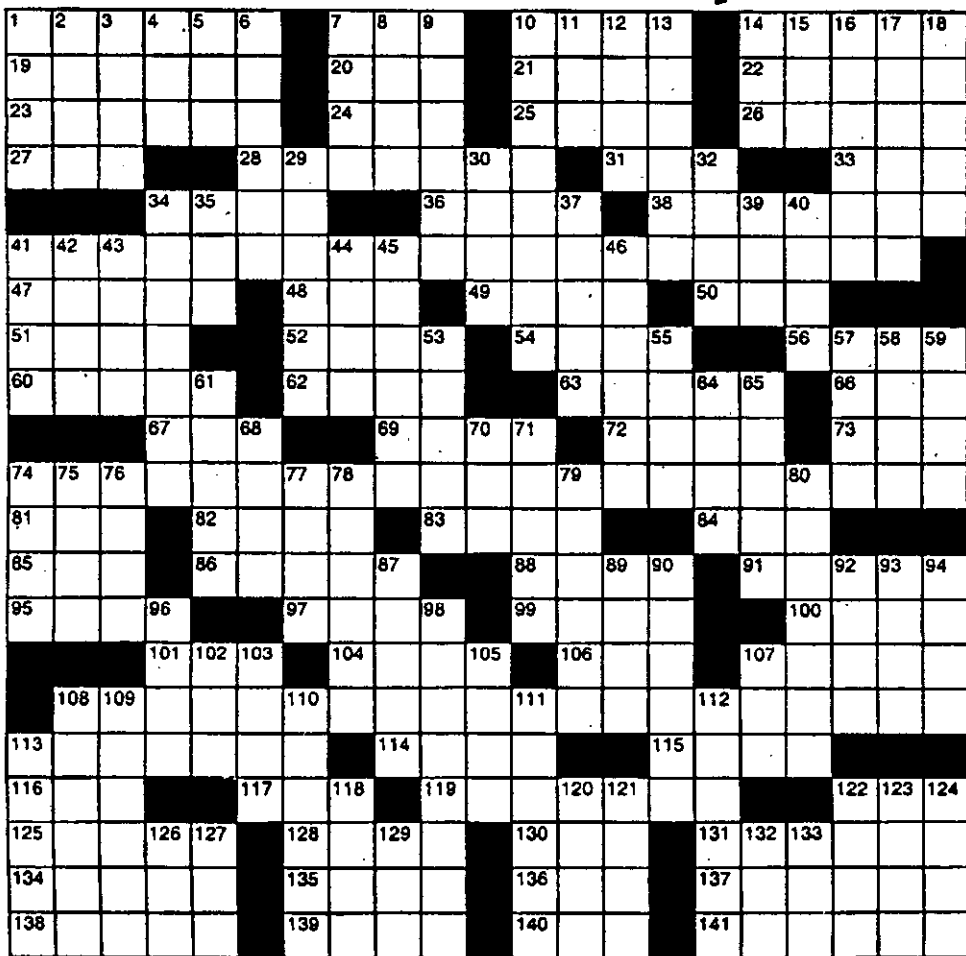
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

To update or correct calendar listings, call 439-4949, ext. 28.

## Wed. 11/13

### BETHLEHEM

#### TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

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

#### BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

#### DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### TOWN COUNCIL

Public hearing on 2003 budget, 6 p.m.; meeting, 7 p.m. New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85. Information, 439-4889.

#### 'MEMORIES OF THE 1940'S'

Bring memorabilia; listen and share stories. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

#### AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

## Thurs. 11/14

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

#### BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 768-2624.

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

#### DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m.

#### ELSMERE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

#### BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW

Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

#### AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar

Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### POETRY AT VPL

Every Other Thursday Night Poets, open to all. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### INTERFAITH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for interfaith service on Nov. 24. Participants welcome. First United Methodist Church, Maple Avenue, Voorheesville. 8 p.m. Information, 765-4442.

## Fri. 11/15

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

#### CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### STORY TIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

## Sat. 11/16

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

## Sun. 11/17

### BETHLEHEM

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.  
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.  
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.  
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.  
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.  
Family of God Community Church (Nazarene), Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem.  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.  
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.  
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.  
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.  
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.  
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.  
Normansville Community Church, Mill Road, Delmar, 439-5710.  
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.  
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.  
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.  
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.  
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

American Legion Post 1493, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.  
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.  
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.  
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.  
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.  
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.  
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.  
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.  
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.  
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.  
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.  
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

## Mon. 11/18

### BETHLEHEM

#### MOTHERS' TIME OUT

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

#### DELMAR KIWANIS

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

#### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

#### INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

#### EXPLORER POST 157

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Info, 439-4205.

#### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Info, 439-7749.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

#### AA MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### STORY TIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

New writers welcome. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

## Tues. 11/19

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

#### PLANNING BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### BINGO

Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, 7:30 p.m.

#### ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&AM

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

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

#### VOORHEESVILLE PTA

Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

## Wed. 11/20

### BETHLEHEM

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Info, 439-4955.

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

#### 'NONFICTIONADOS'

Nonfiction book discussion group; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Info 439-9314.

#### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Quality Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

**INTERFAITH CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
See 11/14.

## Fri. 11/22

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### STORY TIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### FAMILY STORY TIME

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

#### AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Drop-in program for kids. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1-4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

## Sat. 11/23

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

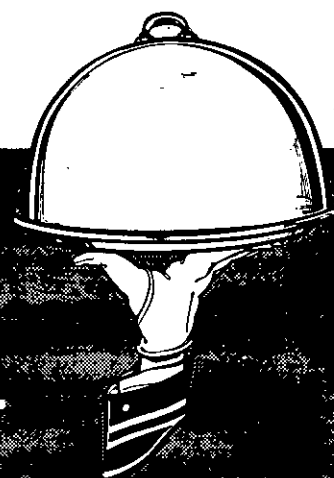
#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Raffles, food, crafts; St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Road, Voorheesville, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Information, 765-2805.

## Spotlight on Employment

# HELP WANTED

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

## PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206 (C)

The name of the limited liability company is 1100 Madison Avenue Realty LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was September 20, 2002. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is The Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke, Casserly & Gable, P.C., c/o Carl J. Kempf III, Esq., 255 Washington Avenue Extension Albany, New York 12205. The business purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC law. (November 13, 2002)

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Law. 1) The name of the Limited Liability Company is 30 PINE TREE LANE, LLC. 2) The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on September 30, 2002. 3) The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County. 4) The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 30 Pine Tree Lane, LLC 10 Executive Park Drive Albany, New York 12203 5) The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ACI Electronics, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/18/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/8/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd. Ste 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Dover, DE 19903 Purpose: any lawful activity. (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ACTION BOUNCE, LLC

## (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF LIMITED LIABILITY LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The name of the Limited Liability Company is ACTION BOUNCE, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 9, 2002. The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 126 Elsmere Av-

## LEGAL NOTICE

enue, Delmar, New York 12054. The purposes of the business of the Company is: The business of children's entertainment as well as any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under applicable law. SIXTH: The Company is to be managed by its members. (November 13, 2002)

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

The name of the LP is BBL TECHNOLOGY L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the LP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 17, 2002. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## BST ADVISORS, LLC

Notice of formation of BST Advisors, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 9/25/02. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to provide tax, financial and management consulting services to individuals as well as business entities. (November 13, 2002)

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of Charles, LLC (the "LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 23, 2002 effective upon the date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to The LLC, 8 Breeman Street, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to acquire, develop, manage, finance, own and sell real estate and for any lawful act or activity in furtherance thereof, in connection therewith or incidental thereto, for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. (November 13, 2002)

## TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

## BOARD OF APPEALS

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Mr. & Mrs. David Hart, 22 Burhans Place, Delmar, New York 12054, for Area Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, Section 128-71, Accessory Buildings of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a garage which would encroach into the Front Yard Setback requirement at premises 22 Burhans Place, Delmar, New York 12054. Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board Of Appeals (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

Elite Landscaping & Property Maintenance, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on October 24, 2002. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Elite Landscaping & Property Maintenance, LLC, 264 Waldermaier Rd., Feura Bush, NY 12067. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Flying J Transportation LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/2002. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/15/1972. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 1104 Country Hills Drive, Ogden, UT 84403. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (November 13, 2002)

## NOTICE OF FORMATION

## DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

## THE NAME OF THE LLC IS FIRST COLUMBIA DATA CENTER

LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 17, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 26 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12210. (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of KKT Realty III, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/26/02. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 6/7/01. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Corporation Service Co. 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LP: 2001 Ross Ave, Suite 3400, Dallas, TX 75201. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful activity. (November 13, 2002)

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

The name of the LLC is MAPLE DRIVE APTS., LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 17, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 39 Maple Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: OLD WORLD COFFEE CO., LLC.

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/02/02. Office

## LEGAL NOTICE

location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Post Office Box 274, Glenmont, New York 12007. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Phoenix TelNet, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/21/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/16/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 526 Superior Ave., Ste 540, Cleveland, OH 44114. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St. Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. (November 13, 2002)

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is Premier Hospitality, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 17, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any and all lawful act or activity permitted under the laws of the State of New York. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is the designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 215 West 34 th Street, New York, New York 10001. (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Sixtus Pictures, LLC, has filed its Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/16/02. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as the agent upon whom process against it may be served. A copy of the process shall be mailed to: 80 University St., Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. (November 13, 2002)

## ANNUAL ELECTION OF SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT

December 10, 2002 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Slingerlands Fire district will take place on December 10, 2002 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York for the purpose of electing a Treasurer for a 3-year term commencing on January 1, 2003 and ending on December 31, 2005. All duly registered residents of the Slingerlands Fire District shall be eligible to vote. Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Slingerlands Fire District at 628 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, NY no later than November 20, 2002. Gayle A. Griffiths Fire District Secretary Slingerlands Fire District (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICES

## ANNUAL ELECTION OF SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT

December 10, 2002 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Slingerlands Fire District will take place on December 10, 2002 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2003 and ending on December 31, 2007. All duly registered residents of the Slingerlands Fire District shall be eligible to vote. Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Slingerlands Fire district at 628 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, NY

## LEGAL NOTICE

no later than November 20, 2002. (November 13, 2002)

## CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTH MALL TOWERS ALBANY, L.P.

Under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act 1) The name of the limited partnership is South Mall Towers Albany, L.P. (the "Limited Partnership") 2) The office of the Limited Partnership is to be located in Albany County. 3) The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Partnership served on him is South Mall Towers Albany, L.P.; 101 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Attention: General Partner. 4) The name and street address of the general partner is: Name: Towers Housing Albany, Inc. Address: 101 South Pearl Street Albany, New York 12207 5) The latest date upon which the Limited Partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2052 unless sooner terminated at a prior time in accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement but in no event shall the partnership terminate prior to December 31, 2022. 6) The effective date of the Limited Partnership shall be upon filing of this Certificate with the Secretary of State. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned consisting of all of the general partners of the Limited Partnership, have executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership this 8 th day of October, 2002. Towers Housing Albany, Inc. By: Barkley H. Berry As its: President (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Trillium USA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/01/02. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/25/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8 th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 300 N. Marienfeld, # 1100 Midland, TX 79702. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: designing, constructing, fabricating, selling, installing, owning and operating compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling facilities for vehicles. (November 13, 2002)

## TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

## PLANNING BOARD

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on TUESDAY, November 19, 2002 at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York at 7:30 pm to discuss wetland mitigation issues imposed by the Army Corps of Engineers for lots on Anna Court/Sandy Lane in the TRINITY MANOR SUBDIVISION, Beaver Dam Rd. Selkirk, NY, property owned by Stylish Development Corp., 1124 Saugus St. Schenectady, NY Douglas Hasbrouck Chairman, Planning Board NOTE: Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate in the public hearing should contact the Parks Dept. at 439-4131. Advance notice is requested. (November 13, 2002)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of VECO LEASING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/5/01. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, 80 Exchange Street, 700 Security Mutual Bldg., P.O. Box 5250, Binghamton, NY 13901-5250, Attn: John G. Dowd, Esq.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Purpose: any lawful activity. (November 13, 2002)

## ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF VFM DEVELOPERS, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "VFM DEVELOPERS, LLC" SECOND: The county within the State in which the office of the limited company is located is Albany County. THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is November 1, 2055. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: VFM Developers, LLC., 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State. SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 28th day of October, 2002 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. Victor Gush, Organizer (November 13, 2002)

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"SEMA is very indebted to the efforts of Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO), co-chair of the Congressional Automotive Performance and Motor-sports Caucus, for introducing the amendment to eliminate scrappage," said SEMA Director of Public Affairs Brian Caudill. "Without his, and principal co-sponsor Senator Sam Brownback's (R-KS), exceptional effort and support, this victory would have been impossible. We are very lucky to have fellow automotive enthusiasts in the Senate."

Other co-sponsors of Senator Campbell's amendment include Senators Bob Smith (R-NH), Mike Enzi (R-KS) and Phil Gramm (R-TX).

"Also, this victory would not have been possible without the literally thousands of phone calls, faxes, Emails and letters to U.S. Senators that SEMA member busi-

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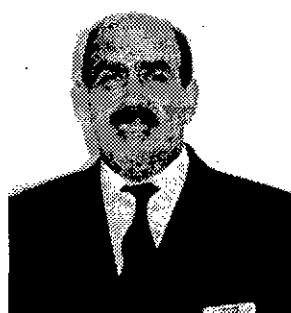
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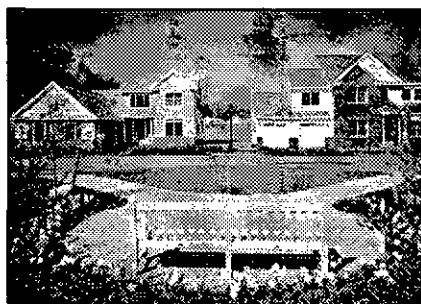


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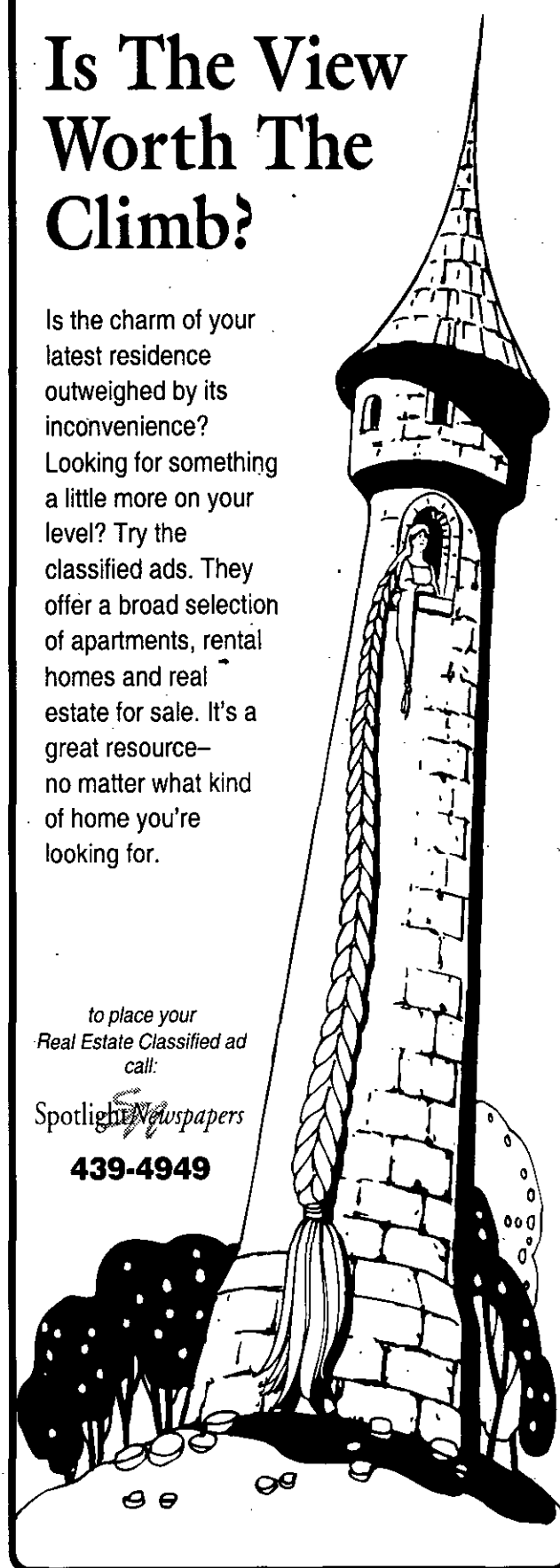
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# Elsmere

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and second-grade class and has taught at Elsmere for more than 30 years. Without hesitating, she said the people have made working at Elsmere a pleasure.

"The staff, kids and parents all work together, like a triangle," Smith said. "Even as a beginning teacher, the staff members were helpful and supportive. The parents are also supportive and fair, and the kids are just super." Smith's face lit up as she described Elsmere's students. "They're well-mannered, they want to learn and they know how to work with each other," she said. "They're exposed to things at home — books and learning experiences — and education is stressed in their homes."

Smith had high praise for the person who makes the school run, custodian Judi Douglas, who is herself an Elsmere alumna.

"Judi's very thorough," Smith said. "Things are done right, and the school is physically appealing."

Smith said, too, that the fun the staff has together makes her job

a great one. "We share a lot of humor," she said, recalling days that they all dressed in black and white, or "bow day," when all the staff wore hair bows — and bestowed one on a job applicant coming for an interview that day. "We have Friday breakfast together, a birthday club and play innocent jokes on each other," Smith said. "Everyone is included, and there's a lot of unity."

In one area in particular, Smith said, the staff is united. "Everyone is child-oriented," Smith said. "Everyone is here for the kids." Superintendent Les Loomis said that you can feel everything unique about Elsmere when you enter the building. "It's a very welcoming place," Loomis said. "It's a close-knit community of young people and adults, of staff and parents." Loomis said the staff's closeness and liveliness rubs off on the kids. "The faculty is a rowdy group, and they've got a lot of spunk," Loomis said. "It's contagious. The kids feel the support and nurturing, and they feel the excitement at the school. Any time you give an Elsmere

student a hearty hello, they give you one right back." Elsmere's parents live up to Bethlehem's reputation for being very involved in their children's education. "Elsmere's parents are down-to-earth and reasonable," Whitney said. "They're supportive, and their children are respectful."

Elsmere's parents have bonded together to talk with the school board or Loomis when they disagree with issues that affect their children. Last year, a number of parents vocalized their disagreement with multi-age classes at the upper levels, and past issues they have addressed have included staffing in the school libraries in the district and class size.

"Elsmere has strong parent leadership," Loomis said. "The level of parental interest and advocacy is a strength of the school. They always express what they feel is important for the students."

Chris Simeone and Lisa Greenman are co-presidents of Elsmere's PTA this year, and Simeone said the level of parental involvement has made their job easier, from running events before, during or after school to speaking out on important matters.

"Elsmere has a history of having parents who are vocal, but grounded in the issue," Simeone said. "They're educated and not afraid to come to the table. Dorothy Whitney facilitates this, and while the dialogue might not always be easy, it gets things done." The teamwork that parents engage in is like that of the teachers, Simeone said, and she credited their enthusiasm with making Elsmere a positive place. "There's an energy and spirit among the teachers that

transmits to the children," Simeone said. "They have fun together, and their teamwork makes school not just a job for them." Elsmere's PTA is sponsoring the anniversary party's DJ and cake. T-shirts and sweatshirts with the 75th anniversary logo will be for sale, as will notecards featuring a painting of the school by local artist and former Elsmere aide Karen Anthony.

Former students Al Restifo, 74, and Bill Gordon, 69, fondly recalled their days at Elsmere and hope to be at the celebration. Restifo attended Elsmere from 1932 to 1939, from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Gordon, an Elsmere student during the World War II years of 1938 - 1945, recalled walking to and from school — including at lunch time. Kindergarten, he said, was in the gym, and he and his close friend, Dave Norton, used to race through their work so they could play ball for a little while on the other side of the gym. "We had Miss Schmidt in third grade," Gordon recalled.

"She was very strict, and a great one for enunciating, phonics and how things were spelled. I was also a boy soprano in the choir in third grade, and I still sing in choirs." If Gordon is able to attend the party, he'll be coming from his home in Cheshire, Conn. He'll be joining a current student, his third-grade granddaughter, Hallie Skripak-Gordon, who lives in the house where Bill Gordon grew up.

Whitney hopes a lot of people will come back and visit their old school on Nov. 21. "It will be a chance for people to meet old friends, talk to them and renew acquaintances," Whitney said. "We're really excited about it, and when people come, I think they will be, too." When it's all over, there will still be the photos, the clippings and now, a timeline. Whitney already has plans for all of that. "We'll put them away for the 100th anniversary," she said with a grin.

For information about the celebration or to contribute photos or memories, contact the school at 439-4996.

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sides gathered a lot of data on educational salary trends and cost of living. The agreement is based on the data after review by both sides. We appreciated the courteous atmosphere that was maintained during the discussions. The agreement was approved by an overwhelming majority of the members," said Rice.

Superintendent Les Loomis said, "This agreement was reached directly between the district and leadership of the BCTA without use of professional negotiators. By starting sooner than usual, last spring, we have the agreement in place well before the current agreement expires."

"BCTA is one of two locals affiliated with the National Education Association (NEA)," Rice said.

"NEA is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and has 2.7 million members who work at every level of education, from pre-school to university graduate programs. NEA has affiliates in every state, as well as in more than 13,000 local communities across the United States," according to its Web site at [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org).

"The agreement will further improve the quality of education at Bethlehem," said Loomis, "and fairly compensates our teachers for their contributions to the district and their professionalism."



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