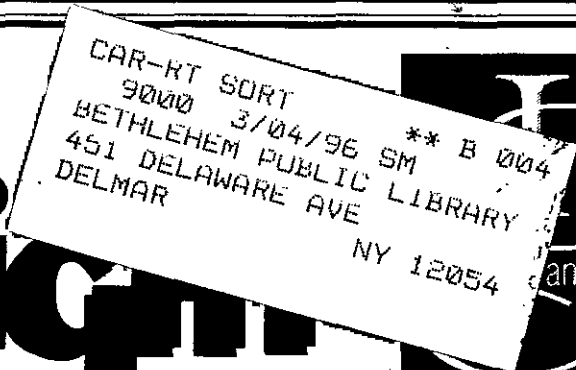


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Fuller hopes publicity won't nix Husky deal

By Mel Hyman

At least one area official is unhappy about all the medial attention on the possible siting of a major plastics manufacturing facility in the Capital District.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller

to strike out on their own," she said. "I hope this has not hurt our chances."

Selkirk is reportedly one of four local sites being eyed for a new plastics manufacturing plant. Two of the sites are in Saratoga County — a 260-acre site in the Moreau Industrial Park and a 305-acre parcel in the Alpine Business Park in Corinth. Also being considered is a 350-acre parcel in Cossackie (Greene County).

Husky currently operates a 53,000-square-foot facility in Pittsfield, Mass., which produces large equipment for the plastics industry.

The company is looking to build another plant on a 250-to-300 acre parcel that is close to rail lines and has adequate

water and sewer facilities.

The Albany-based Center for Economic Growth is scheduled to submit a proposal on behalf of all four sites on Thursday, April 11, according to David Rooney, CEG's vice president for community relations.

Rooney said it was his belief that Husky officials had not met with the leaders of any of the municipalities involved, and he expressed surprise that Fuller had met with Husky three times.

The Husky expansion project, which could provide up to 1,000 new jobs, has

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Unfortunately, the local TV stations and other parts of the media have decided to strike out on their own. I hope this has not hurt our chances.

Sheila Fuller



said she is fearful that TV and newspaper stories last week about the plans of Husky Injection Molding Systems Inc. of Ontario may jeopardize the town's chances of attracting the company.

Fuller acknowledged she has met three times with representatives from the Albany County Economic Development office regarding a 382-acre site near the Conrail yards in Selkirk. Throughout the discussions, she said, the company requested that the talks be held in confidence.

"Unfortunately, the local TV stations and other parts of the media have decided

Final master plan draft up for public scrutiny

By Mel Hyman

The long-awaited master plan for the town of Bethlehem has officially been completed and the only thing holding up its adoption by the town board is the final public comment period.

The town board is expected to accept the document as complete at tonight's, April 10, meeting, and schedule a public comment period of 10 to 20 days.

The comment period would run through April 20 (at a minimum), although it will probably extend through the end of the month, said Supervisor Sheila Fuller, because of the spring school vacation.

The Land Use Management Advisory Committee started work on the town's first comprehensive master plan about six years ago. The draft version of the plan was unveiled in late 1994, and a lengthy public review followed, culminating in a public hearing that drew scores of supporters and opponents to town hall.

One of the plan's most controversial provisions — rezoning a 30-acre parcel on New Scotland Road from residential to commercial — was officially adopted in December when the town board approved the rezoning to accommodate a proposed Price Chopper supermarket.

Another aspect of the draft master plan

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Science plan draws fire

V'ville board member expresses concern

By Katherine McCarthy

Science came under the microscope at Monday's board of education meeting in Voorheesville as board member Erica Sufirin expressed concern that high school students could be deprived of one year of science under the proposed changes in the curriculum.

Board president John Cole recapped

the science curriculum, which currently has an accelerated seventh and eighth grade program compacted into one year. Ninth grade science then starts in eighth grade, which allows students to take an extra year of science in an AP course.

The science department in particular was concerned that the compacted curriculum offered too many facts in a short period of time with no lab work or discovery.

At a previous board meeting, science department chairman Bob Samuel and teacher Mary Pilkington outlined a curriculum that will allow students to "go deep instead of across." The accelerated program will be dropped, with enrichments offered at the seventh to ninth grade levels. Advanced placement biology will still be available, but Sufirin is concerned that students could miss out on a fifth year of science. She also wondered how to define enrichment and what opportunities exactly would be presented to students who might otherwise have been in an accelerated class. She stressed the need for good guidance to be available to students when the new curriculum is implemented in the fall.

High school Principal Terrence Barlow and middle school principal Linda Wolkenbreit expressed strong support for this change in the science curriculum.



Sufirin

Delaware Ave. residence turns 15



Jon Tiffi, assistant director of the Delaware Avenue residence, and resident Reynaldo Resto enjoy a laugh while making lunch.

Elaine McLain

By Susan Graves

Anyone who has ever watched *The Wizard of Oz* or visited the humane society in Menands knows for certain, "There's no place like home."

And anyone who visits the Delaware Avenue Community Residence in Delmar can see that home is everything to its nine developmentally disabled residents.

For some of the men who currently live at the home, it was their first experience living outside a state institution.

"A lot of them never had a home, so it's their first family setting," said Lynne McKee, co-president of the community residence advisory group.

"It's a real success story," said McKee, whose group helps to provide support for the residence. "There have been no crises, no problems, since the doors opened."

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SCIENCE/page 16

Broken cable knocks out phones in Elm Ave. area

A broken underground cable caused a disruption of telephone service for about 250 homes in the Elm Avenue area of Bethlehem recently.

"We started getting calls early Saturday (March 30)," said NYNEX spokesman Cliff Lee. "We dispatched crews to the Route 32/Elm Avenue area and found a buried cable that had a splice in it, which had cracked and shorted out because of water seeping in.

"We had to splice in a large section of new cable," Lee said, and service was resumed about 48 hours later on Monday, April 1.

"It was a rather extensive job," he added, "because the trench kept filling up with groundwater that had to be pumped out."

Bob Livreri of Murray Avenue noticed the service disruption at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, and said that despite several calls to Nynex repair representatives, he never received a call back as to when the problem would be corrected.

Livreri said one Nynex representative he talked to was "rude and crude. If I was able to switch local phone companies I'd do it in a heartbeat. But unfortunately, it's the only game in town."

Lee said he was unaware of any irate customers in the Elm Avenue area.

Mel Hyman

Town board to consider 2 stop signs

The Bethlehem town board has scheduled a public hearing on whether to erect stop signs at the intersections of Brockley Drive with Grantwood Road, Summit Road and Frederick Place is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday).

A second public hearing on extending the town sewer district to serve the proposed Wildwood subdivision off Elm Avenue in Selkirk is scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

Other items on the town board agenda include:

- Acceptance of the amended version of the town master plan as drafted by the Land Use Management Advisory Committee.

- Recommendation from the traffic safety committee regarding a proposed stop sign at Normanskill Boulevard and Bethlehem Court.

- Recommendation from the traffic safety committee regarding a proposed local law on angle parking zones in the town.

- Request from the town building inspector for approval of two temporary construction trailers adjacent to Delaware Plaza for the reconstruction and widening of Delaware Avenue by the state Department of Transportation.

- Recommendation from the engineering services administrator for acceptance of deed for drainage easement on Martin Drive.

- Recommendation from the engineering services administrator for acceptance of deed for right-of-way on Glenmont Court.

- Recommendation for the award of a bids for corrugated aluminum pipe, plastic pipe and corrugated metal pipe and pipe-arch to Chemung Supply Corp. of Elmira and Vellano Bros. of Latham.

Adirondack songbirds to be lecture topic

Richard Guthrie, a retiree from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will give a slide presentation on birdwatching entitled, "Songbirds of the Adirondacks," on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-9314.

Brimming with ideas



Ali Woller has fun decorating a butterfly during children's Easter celebration activities at Delmar Reformed Church. Elaine McLain

Great Escape seeks to fill 600 jobs

The Great Escape Fun Park in Lake George is accepting applications for more than 600 full- and part-time summer jobs. The park will hold its annual job fair on Saturday, April 13, at the Bavarian Palace on Round Pond Road in Queensbury from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Openings are available to applicants 16 years of age and older. Retirees and senior citizens are

encouraged to apply. Available jobs include: ride operators, lifeguards, admissions/cashiers, cash control and accounting, brush painters, costumes and laundry, food and beverage concessions, catering service, games, grounds and landscape maintenance, janitorial, parking lot attendants and retail shop employees. Ride operators must be at least 18 years of age.

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Police probe burglaries

Bethlehem Police investigated two burglaries over the weekend.

Sometime late Friday or early Saturday, Grumme Auto on River Road in Glenmont was broken into and an office safe containing \$2,000 in cash was stolen, police said. Entry was made through a rear door.

A number of checks that were locked in the safe were found strewn about the floor, according to investigating officer Charles

Radliff.

Also on Saturday, the Crohns & Colitis Foundation of America Inc. at 4 Normanskill Boulevard in Elsmere was burglarized.

A window in the entry door to the foundation office was smashed, and the door was unlocked from the inside, according to Sgt. James Kerr. A \$2,400 copier was stolen along with \$3.20 in postage stamps and a small amount of cash contained in a donation canister.

Blue Cross sponsors road races

The Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Classic will be run on Sunday, April 21, beginning at 8 a.m. The event will consist of a 15-kilometer and a 5.6-kilometer race. Both races will start and finish at the Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Building at 1251 New Scotland Ave. in Slingerlands.

Runners can register between 6 and 7:30 a.m. on the day of the race. The entry fee is \$12.

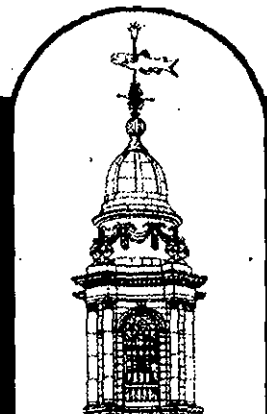
Awards will be presented to the first three men and women in each race and to top finishers in 13 age groups.

The event is sponsored by Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield and organized by the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club.

For information, contact Jim Tierney at 869-5597.

ADD support group to meet in Delmar

The Bethlehem ADD/ADHD Support Group will meet on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar.



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BC reconfigures HS administration

By Dev Tobin

In terms of enrollment, Bethlehem Central High School is big and growing ever bigger — the current student body of 1,292 is expected to grow by about 260 students in the next five years.

Voters have approved new classrooms, and the BC school board has adopted a budget that adds three more teachers at the high school next year.

The space and instructional staffing needs of a larger school have been met for the time being, but the current administrative structure of one principal and two assistant principals is not adequate to deal with the needs of a larger student body, according to BCHS Principal Jon Hunter and Superintendent Leslie Loomis, who presented a proposal to restructure high school administration at last week's school board meeting.

The proposal will deal with what Hunter called the "unusual contradiction of a high-achieving, successful school with a less-than-effective culture."

The new structure calls for eliminating one assistant principal position, and replacing it with four part-time "deans/program leaders," Hunter explained.

Each of the deans would have discipline responsibility for students in one grade, and would follow that grade through the

school, Hunter said.

The deans would also be responsible for leadership of a general, school-wide program area, like student activities or school and community service, he added.

Hunter said the new structure "will not accomplish everything we hope to do, but is a big step forward."

This does not have to do with them (Bassotti and Smith), but with an administrative structure that will move the high school forward.

Leslie Loomis

Deans will come from the high school faculty if possible, and will be paid an administrator-level stipend for the 40 percent of their time that the dean's job will entail, Loomis said.

The district encourages teachers to apply for the new positions, said Loomis, hoping to "tap into the talent pool of teachers who are outstanding collegial leaders at the high school."

Bethlehem Central Teachers Association President Roberta Rice said the call for "speed and collaboration" in setting up the new structure was "ironic," especially since she was the only teacher informed of the proposal, and she was told of it just 90 minutes before the meeting.

Loomis replied that he and Hunter worked together quietly on the proposal because it affected the careers of the two current assistant principals, Richard Bassotti and Alida Smith.

Loomis noted that neither of the current assistant principals would be appointed to the sole remaining assistant principal post, which will be changed to focus more on scheduling, grade reporting, supervision and discipline.

Loomis said that Bassotti had expressed a desire to return to the classroom as a mathematics teacher, and that Smith will be applying to be an English teacher, and "I expect she will be selected."

Loomis noted that the revamped assistant principal position was "not a match for Mrs. Smith's experience."

"This does not have to do with them (Bassotti and Smith), but with an administrative structure that will move the high school forward," Loomis said.

Regarding collaboration with teachers, Loomis said that teachers will help "fill out the framework" the new structure, and will also serve on committees that will select the deans and the new assistant principal.

The board unanimously approved the restructuring proposal.

"I think the high school is too big, and it's hard to have a sense of belonging there," said board president Pamela Williams. The proposal "appears to be trying to make the high school smaller."

"Continuity with a group of students is a very valuable concept," said board member William Collins.

Phantastic performers



Preparing for their production of "The Phantom of the Music Room" are Slingerlands Elementary School pupils, rear from left, Sarah Horn, Dominique James, Eric Kerr, Brian Spath, Matthew Kidd, Trevor Cox, Sarah Fischer and Julie Silverman; and front from left, Jessica Heinbach, Margo Moriece and Lindsay Monaco. The original musical's dress rehearsal is April 16 at 1:30 p.m. (free for senior citizens), and regular performances are April 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. (\$2.50 admission) at the school at 25 Union Ave. Elaine McLain

Regionalization plan targets villages

Voorheesville mayor leads defense of small units of government

By Dev Tobin

Most of "Growing Together in the Capital Region," the 170-page draft report prepared for the State Commission on the Capital Region, contains common-sense analyses and recommendations under the general rubric of "regionalization."



Clark

For example, it's hard to argue with recommendations that property taxes should be fairer and more uniform, or that the region should cooperatively increase the effectiveness of its economic development efforts.

According to commission chairwoman Charlotte Buchanan of Glenmont, the report "presents a regional action agenda to reverse the gloomier economic forecasts for this region... (and) an opportunity to redirect public discourse from the current state of the region to what we can do together here and now to correct it."

While most of the recommendations are likely to be as popular as sunny spring days, one of the proposed "corrections" will surely face strong opposition.

The report saves its most controversial recommendation for last — No. 67 on Page 137 proposes that "All local governments (i.e., cities, towns and villages) must have a minimum population of either 5,000 or 20,000 persons

(number to be determined as a result of public input in the commission's hearing process)."

Recommendation 67 draws a bead on places like the village of Voorheesville (population about 3,200), whose mayor, Edward Clark, is in a unique position to defend his village's right to exist as a distinct municipality.

Clark is a member of the state commission, representing the region's villages. He has been sounding the alarm about Recommendation 67 for the past few weeks.

In a letter to other village mayors, Clark notes that the recommendation, depending on which population criterion is adopted, "would result in the elimination of most of the 41 villages and many of the towns in the region."

It seems to be popular and rings true, but there is no evidence that larger units are more effective.

Edward Clark

Clark said that the issue of "restructuring" local governments out of existence came to the commission as an afterthought at the insistence of commission members from the private sector and from large towns that did not have villages.

"There was no objective or quantitative analysis, just the feel-

ings of some commission members that larger units would be more efficient," Clark said.

On the contrary, "It seems to be popular and rings true, but there is no evidence that larger units are more efficient," Clark argued.

Indeed, large cities in the Capital District have "major fiscal woes due to union contracts, bureaucracy and lack of management control — problems not present in smaller units," he said. "I don't see any reason why the commission didn't observe this in its report."

Even if there were some efficiency savings due to restructuring, residents of villages and small towns would "lose a local government that is responsive and close to the people and replace it with a remote bureaucracy," he added.

In Voorheesville's case, restructuring with a rural town like New Scotland may cost village residents more, since, for example, "It takes more to pick up garbage where houses are a quarter-mile apart than where they are 40 feet apart," Clark said.

The proposal to eliminate small units of government will not get far, Clark predicted, since it ultimately depends on whether village and town residents will vote to put their village or town out of business.

Clark noted that in his decade-plus in village office, no one has ever suggested doing away with the village, which he said may be because of its relatively low taxes and good services.

BC school board race is a contest

By Monday's deadline, four people filed petitions to run for three seats on the Bethlehem Central school board.

Board president Pamela Williams and board member Happy Scherer will be running for re-election, and James Schwab and Edward Languish also filed the necessary petitions.

BC board positions carry three-year terms and no salary.

The district election will be on May 8, with the only polling place in the middle school gymnasium.

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Delmar couple celebrating 65th

By Mel Hyman

Bill and Catherine Frasier of Delmar have been married longer than many people end up living.

Perhaps there is something to the adage that married people live longer.

For the Frasier, living to a ripe old age was never the main goal, however. Their primary intention during their 65 years together, while it might sound old-fashioned, was allegiance to their marriage vows to love, honor and obey.

Although, as Bill pointed out with a chuckle, obedience never ended into it, because "We never gave orders to each other."

For Catherine, the key has always been communication. When something came up where there was a difference of opinion, "We would talk it out. There wasn't anything we couldn't iron out."

The problem today, with nearly one out of two marriages ending in divorce, is that people are always looking for the quick fix, she said. Rather than sitting down and hashing things out, "Today they put their hats on and walk out the door."

The Frasier were married in 1931, during the Depression. They had met the previous year thanks to Catherine's brother Eddie Plew, who was the "instigator as far as getting us together," she recalled, noting that Eddie and Bill used to play ball all the time.

"The first time I saw her was on a (Albany) city bus line," Bill interjected. "We had both just gotten out of school."

In these days of short-term jobs — as well as short-term marriages — remaining with one company for 50 years is an anomaly. But that was what transpired for Bill as he worked "50 years straight" for Curtis Printing Co., formerly based



Catherine and Bill Frasier

in downtown Albany at the corner of Orange Street and Broadway.

After his official retirement, he worked part-time several years for Spotlight Newspapers in the printing department.

Catherine was a dental hygienist up until the time their first child was born, and then she dedicated her life to the couple's three children, who are their pride and joy.

"We have three wonderful children," Catherine said. "It's one of the closest knit families I've ever known."

Residents of Bethlehem for the last 50 years, the Frasier are en-

joying their retirement and grateful that they're still together, both for the companionship and for the good times they enjoy with their children and grandchildren.

One of those good times occurred last Saturday when the couple's three children, Barbara Aspiron, Kathy Milette and Wilfred Frasier Jr., threw a 65th wedding anniversary party at an area restaurant.

Now if the Red Sox can only get to the World Series, 1996 will be complete as far as Bill is concerned.

Glenmont man tapped as DOT assistant chief

By Mel Hyman

Kenneth Shiatte arrived in Bethlehem 34 years ago to work for the state Department of Transportation.

In retrospect, it looks like a pretty good move as Shiatte was recently appointed assistant commissioner of DOT in charge of the department's engineering activities.

"It's a policy-making position," he said. "I help to decide things like whether we'll spend \$100 million to repair a bridge over the East River (in New York City)."

Shiatte termed the state's highway system "reasonable," although he acknowledged that "We do have some bridge problems."

At the same time, he said, "We have some programs under way to put most of them back in shape during the next five years."

After serving with the California Department of Transportation and the Army Corps of Engineers, Shiatte joined New York DOT in 1962.

He has served in many capacities at DOT, including stints as director of the planning and research bureau and director of the development, transit and construction divisions.

He became assistant commissioner for operations and director of the highway maintenance division in 1991.

The ever-increasing traffic load on state highways is a continuing source of concern, Shiatte acknowledged, although the department now has a "very good traffic monitoring system in place to determine where the worst bottlenecks are" and where the most accidents are occurring.

DOT often turns out to be the whipping boy, when a road project goes into effect, he noted.

"You always get a hue and cry when you put a road out of commission for repairs," Shiatte said. "But we always do our best to minimize the disruption. With all the concerns that people have today, it's often difficult just to get road repair projects off the ground."

DOT's announcement last year that it planned to widen Delaware Avenue (state Route 443) created a bit of stir during a January 1995 public hearing, and the \$975,000 project, which was designed to alleviate the accident problem in the vicinity of Delaware Plaza, was scaled back as a result of citizen concern.

DOT Commissioner John Daly said Shiatte, who will make \$107,706 a year in his new post, was picked for the job based on "his many years of experience and service with the department. I know that he will continue to fulfill his new responsibilities with the same dedication and enthusiasm he has brought to every position he has held in DOT."

Shiatte lives in Glenmont with his wife Norma.

Session to teach tips on keeping a journal

Francine Dempsey, a professor of English at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, will offer a program entitled "Journal Writing for Personal Growth" on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The program will help participants start and keep a personal journal. Participants are asked to bring a pen and paper.

To register, call 439-9314.

QUILT group to meet

Quilters United in Learning Together (QUILT) will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 12, at the United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

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V'ville board member won't seek re-election

By Katherine McCarthy

Voorheesville school board member William Parmelee announced Monday that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Parmelee had served one five-year term on the board.

"It's been a great learning experience," Parmelee told board members at Monday's meeting. "But my kids are grown now and my business is demanding more of my time."

Anyone interested in running for Parmelee's position must submit a petition with 25 signatures to the superintendent's office by Friday, May 3, at 5 p.m.

Superintendent Alan McCartney reported that no petitions have yet been filed for the board seat.

Information is available from McCartney's office at 765-3313. Election for the seat will take place with the budget vote on June 5.

Along with the budget vote will be a separate proposition for the purchase of three new school buses.

McCartney said that this money had been part of the budget, but by transferring that line item and revenues into a separate proposition, the new buses can be ordered now and purchased immediately upon approval of the proposition.

This would bring the buses on line sooner and generate state aid for the buses (58 percent of the approved costs) earlier, with no impact on the 1996-1997 budget already presented.

The vehicles are one 66-passenger bus, one 42-passenger bus and one 20-passenger bus. McCartney emphasized that these are not to replace current buses, but to accommodate the additional

40 to 45 students coming to the district's schools in the fall, as well as the children who must be bused to private schools.

By state law, a district must provide transportation to students who attend private school within a 15-mile radius.

It's been a great learning experience, but my kids are grown now and my business is demanding more of my time.

William Parmelee

McCartney said that one in 10 new students in the district is requesting private school transportation.

Board member C. James Coffin pointed out that overall there has been a dramatic decrease in the number of Voorheesville students attending private schools.

McCartney confirmed that 60 students currently attend private schools; in 1988, more than 130 students were transported to private schools.

In a related matter, Anthony Marturano, assistant superintendent for business, reported that Voorheesville is one of 20 districts included in a study of how to cut transportation costs by consolidating areas such as storage, maintenance, and the bus runs themselves.

In another matter, the board congratulated Terry Barlow, principal of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, who recently received his doctorate in educational administration.

William J. Rice Jr. Extension Center in Voorheesville.

There will be a \$10 workshop fee charged to cover the cost of educational hand-outs. The fee can be refunded in exchange for five hours of community/volunteer service.

For information, call 765-3500.

Master composters meet at Coop Extension

Master Composters is a group of volunteers trained to educate the public and instill enthusiasm for home composting. Anyone who has an interest in home composting can become a master composter. This year's master composter training class has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Delmar student named to honor societies at UNH

Jill E. Ferraro, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ferraro of Delmar, was recently elected to Psi Chi Honor Society in psychology and Pi Gamma Mu Interna-

tional Honor Society in the social sciences.

Ferraro is a junior majoring in psychology at the University of New Hampshire.

Club honors Selkirk songwriter

Singer/songwriter Peggy Eyes of Selkirk has something new to add to her resume.

She was recently selected by the Adirondack Business and Professional Women's Club as Woman of the Year.

Eyres had composed the song "Mary Brown, Abolitionist" as part of the club's Women's History Project.

The history project has attempted to write women back into the history of the Adirondacks by providing free historical re-enactments and sponsoring essay contests, plays and concerts.

"Peggy Eyres' contribution is a body of work expressing her concern for the lives of Adirondack women," said women's club spokeswoman Monica McGaughey.

"I was very surprised because I didn't realize they make the award every year," Eyres said. "I wondered about how long it would get me out of doing the dishes, but around here it didn't last long."

Eyres and husband David — both natives of the Adirondacks — moved to their 30-acre farm off Elm Avenue South in 1992. Besides playing mother to daughters Winter and Willow, she operates Rough House Productions, her own recording company.

In 1995, Eyres recently released her fourth solo album, "Earned These Lines," a collection of original blues, folk and country tunes, many of them dealing with women's lives and experiences.

Her most recent recording is a

Town library seeking reading volunteers

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar is looking for adults willing to read stories to children during National Library Week.

Drop-in read-aloud sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 15 to 19.

For information, call the youth services department at 439-9314.

V'ville Legion turns 50

The Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will celebrate its 50th year beginning May 10.

In recognition of this occasion, Commander Frank Jablonowski has appointed Sal Mazzara to assist the post's historian, Paul Barrowman, to appropriately celebrate this important period.



Peggy Eyes

joint venture with Adirondack songwriter Dan Berggren called "Cloudspitter."

Later this month, Eyres will embark upon a tour of the Midwest, with stops planned in Iowa, Illinois and Michigan. She will conduct musical programs in the

public schools as well as performing in selected coffeehouses.

Her next local appearance is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, when she will participate in a benefit concert for the Sagamore Institute at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

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Matters of Opinion

Time to cooperate

Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings called for cooperation last week from leaders of local municipalities at a breakfast meeting sponsored by area chamber of commerces.

The mayor should practice what he preaches when it comes to the town of Bethlehem and its attempt to renew a contract with the city of Albany for water to supplement its residential water supply.

Jennings dragged his feet last year when Supervisor Sheila Fuller pressed for speedy negotiations on a new contract. He insisted that after the November election, talks would continue to go on to work out a suitable agreement.

Now, Jennings is singing another tune. Since Bethlehem bought such a negligible amount of water in the winter, he indicated it might not be worth the city's time or effort to sell the town any water at all.

With the new water plant up and running, supplying water to industry, it's no wonder Bethlehem needed so little in the winter. Bethlehem's need for residential water comes in the summer months, which should be no surprise to the mayor.

Jennings should heed his own advice and start cooperating with Bethlehem. Instead, he seems content to let the water issue remain a political sticking point. The mayor will likely not curry favor from Republicans and Democrats alike by stubbornly refusing to strike a fair deal.

Our national treasure

National Library Week (April 14 to 20) is a reminder of just how important these public institutions are. Libraries are more than buildings; they constitute a state of mind. Libraries have traditionally been a ticket to the world at large and they continue to offer a road map to the international superhighway via the Internet for rich and poor alike. Libraries are safe havens for the mind and launching pads for the imagination.

In anticipation of library week, American celebrities gave testament to the power of the library in their lives. Poet Maya Angelou says she doesn't think she could live without libraries, adding she doubts if she would care to, and newsman David Brinkley said as a child he headed straight to the library when he could no longer bear it at home. "I had a better relationship with the librarian than with my mother," he says.

No doubt many of us of lesser celebrity status have special library childhood memories that in some way shaped who we are today. This community is fortunate to have two innovative libraries — Bethlehem and Voorheesville — nurturing its citizenry through education, the arts, the computer network, but most of all through books.

Spruce up Bethlehem

The resurrection of a Bethlehem town cleanup day this year of the Community Bethlehem project is good news, coming on the heels of a winter that left all sorts of unsightly residue all over the place.

The Bethlehem First Task Force is currently seeking volunteers and project ideas to spruce up the town. Scouts, seniors, students, business people and individuals and community groups are welcome to participate. If you would like to pitch in, give Cathy Griffin at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce a call at 439-0512.

And this week's Home and Garden supplement is chock-full of ideas for homeowners and gardeners with itchy fingers who are also looking to get house and yards back in shape. Local contractors and landscapers, featured in the supplement, should be able to help with whatever project is on the top of your 'to do' list.

Remember it's good community business to support local business people.

Editorials

Too many regulations heaped on NiMo

Electric utility fights for its life

By Neil W. Kelleher

(The writer is a former New York state assemblyman and Troy businessman who lives in Rensselaer County)

Sitting back watching Niagara Mohawk fight for its life as it is attacked from every direction is not easy, particularly from my inside point of view.



Too many alleged experts — financial, political and professional — would have you believe that NiMo's problems are, for the most part, of its own doing. No one can deny that most large corporations can find ways to improve their bottom lines, but in all fairness, the major problems NiMo faces are not its doing.

The problems have to do with state tax laws and regulations. The mandated requirements to purchase high-priced power forced NiMo to cut its work force by 25 percent, drastically reduce its capital and expense budgets and omit its stock dividend. This proves NiMo's desperate plight.

With all good intentions, these state regulations were put into effect in 1981, when shortages of power and oil supplies were forecast. In retrospect these forecasts were inaccurate.

Although NiMo has challenged the law since the mid-80's, no movement occurred until 1992. But all existing contracts were grandfathered. In other words, it hardly helped at all.

These private power producers (154 of them currently) were still on NiMo's "must buy" list. These financially staggering figures are presently costing NiMo, and ultimately the rate payers, well over a million dollars a day in overpayments. Yes, I said over a million dollars a day.

As customers, we should be pressing our state leaders, the

Point of View

Public Service Commission and the Power Authority for relief for this utility and now. Our business community continues to suffer the adverse impact of high electricity rates. These spiraling costs ultimately effect us all.

Growing competition makes NiMo's private power producers' dilemma extremely serious. While

Unit 2 (a similar size plant in Oswego) pays approximately \$50,000,000 a year in property taxes.

4. They are required to charge customers a gross receipts tax, which is in essence a tax on a tax. The rate payers are paying that.

5. In easy to understand language, in the past seven years, NiMo has been forced by law to purchase \$4.8 billion worth of power from private power produc-

No one can deny that most large corporations can find ways to improve their bottom lines, but in all fairness, the major problems NiMo faces are not its doing.

NiMo is forced to subsidize its competition to the tune of billions of dollars, its hands continue to be tied by state and federal law.

The most recent decision by the Court regarding the Sithe plant (private power producer) in Oswego, Onondaga County, where NiMo (and the rate payers) is losing \$40 million per year and should count its blessings because it could have lost \$60 million is so ludicrous it is disgusting.

The following facts shout out for our consideration:

1. In 1996, NiMo will be forced to pay 154 private power producers more than \$1,000,000,000. Let me repeat! That is more than one billion dollars.

2. Forty-nine percent of every dollar we pay NiMo, they have no control over. (31 cents goes to private power producers and 18 cents goes toward taxes) This amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars.

3. The company is currently taxed at twice the national average. For example, the Sithe Plant in Oswego pays approximately \$650,000 per year in property taxes, whereas Nine Mile Point

ers, much of which it didn't need, at a price many times higher than it can produce the power for itself. Over the next three years, payments are projected to be another \$3.6 billion. And we rate payers foot the bill.

6. NiMo is forced to file a 10 percent rate increase to cover the payments to private power producers and taxes.

Could any of us run a business under these restrictions?

How many of us have had gas or electric problems and automatically call NiMo? Their capable employees have always been there and have always been a major force in our community.

NiMo has proposed a bold plan in Power Choice which encourages open competition, freezes rates for five years and restructures the company. As presented, I strongly endorse this proposal because I believe it will benefit all interested parties. Let's at least give them a level playing field. They certainly deserve it.

For the record, I have no personal stake, except as a loyal customer of over 50 years.

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Your Opinion Matters

Writer disputes plant article data

Editor, The Spotlight:

The *Spotlight* article, "Bethlehem still working kinks out of water plant" raises questions as to credibility, accuracy of reporting and a possible cover up to protect the "establishment."

It was stated that manganese was slightly above suggested levels due to miscalibration of chlorine. A review of the water reports show a 50 to 100 percent increase in chlorine residuals — hardly a miscalibration of chlorine.

Letters

The increased chlorine dose has produced water with a distinct chlorine odor. Manganese levels have not been consistently below the EPA standard.

Mr. Secor (Bruce Secor, director of public works) submitted analytical data to the state prior to actual plant operation that showed

manganese levels met all state and federal regulations.

Shouldn't a new multi-million dollar state of the art water treatment plant produce water that meets all state and federal standards?

Shouldn't the plant produce water consistent with what the town said it could produce?

Sherwood Davies

Delmar

Ed. note: According to state Health Department officials, the plant is meeting its standards. Bruce Secor also supplies a monthly report to the state on levels of manganese in water. The Spotlight stands by the facts in its story.

Kudos to local eatery

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently I have noticed people are becoming more vocal about good experiences they have had with local businesses. This is a good trend for a couple of reasons.

First, as a business owner, it is always rewarding to learn your efforts are recognized by the public you serve. Until someone has owned a small business themselves, it is difficult to understand how important it is to receive positive feedback from customers.

Second, by writing to our local newspapers to inform others of their positive experiences, "word of mouth advertising" is at its best. It is good for local business, which in turn is good for Delmar.

Having said that, I have to share the positive experiences I consistently have at Mediterraneo, located on Delaware Avenue several doors from my studio.

This small restaurant is like a gift to our town which has more than its fair share of fast, franchised, chain foods.

Gary, the owner and chef, is originally from Algeria and has

worked, among other places, as chef in Nordstrom's in San Francisco. His breads are all home-made, along with sauces, chicken parmigiana and more. All the vegetables he cooks with are fresh, including the herbs he grows in a window box right outside the restaurant.

Recently my family of three had dinner there. The total bill came to \$10 and we had food left over.

If you want something custom-made, like low-fat cheese on a pizza or a mini-calzone, Gary happily obliges. You may have the pleasure of watching as he makes the calzone right before your eyes and then be delighted as you consume it shortly after they're removed from the oven.

We are very fortunate Gary and his wife Karen selected Delmar as their place of business. The next time you don't feel like cooking dinner, drop by Mediterraneo and enjoy the best!

Lynn Finley

Delmar

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The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1986, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- The proposed 1986-87 budget for the Bethlehem Central School District called for \$19 million in spending, supported by an estimated 3.2 percent tax rate hike.

- BC school board races were spirited, with challengers **Sherwood Davies**, **Timothy Fitzgerald** and **Nat Boynton** facing off against incumbents **Bernie Harvith** and **Marjory O'Brien**.

- The New Scotland town board approved a new 10-year cable TV contract, with rates for the most popular service of 25 channels set at \$11.95 a month.

- Real estate development firm Munchkin Enterprises, new owner of the former Tall Timbers golf course on Hilton Road in New Scotland, was working to clear title to 109 acres of the 182-acre property, which had been foreclosed on in 1984. "It will all presumably be a nice area some day," said **Wayne Smith**, Munchkin's attorney.

- Seven BCHS student musicians were accepted to summer programs. Headed to the National Music Camp were **Katherine Lempert** (French horn) and **Margaret Bragle** (violin). Accepted for the New York State Summer School of the Arts were **Susan Loegering** (bassoon), **Robert McEwan** (percussion), **Daniel Balsam** (trombone) **Jeremy Williams** (violin) and **Todd Googins** (choral).



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BCHS names top students for second quarter

Bethlehem Central High School recently announced the students named to its honor and merit rolls for the second marking period. To be named to the honor roll, a student must earn an overall average of 93 or higher. To be named to the merit roll, a student must earn an overall average of 85 or higher.

Grade nine honor roll

Nicole Agneta, Elizabeth Andersen, Heather Axford, Caryn Barnet, Jessica Berlow, Cullen Blake, Robert Bocala, Lauren Caimano, Carolyn Clement, Elizabeth Clement, Kimberly Comtois, Lily Corrigan, Tobias Cushing, Gregory DeMarco, Rachael Fein, Joshua Ferrentino, Gabrielle Foley, Elizabeth Fox-Solomon, Rebecca Frank and Rachel Frone.

And, Ilya Furman, Ashley Gall, Ellen Gallagher, Mary Gecewicz, Jason Gertz, Jennifer Geyer, Laura Gluchowski, Susannah Gordon-Messer, Natalie Govanlu, Kristopher Grajny, Alexis Grant, Lucas Gray, Elisabeth Guglin, Adam Guzik, Alexander Heiss, Leah Hennessy, Caitlin Isbister, Lisa Jacobs, Melissa Kanuk and Jeffrey Kaplan.

And, Freeman Klopott, Tracy Kutey, Kristin Kvam, Scheherazade Lacy, Caryn Leonardo, Brian Lobel, Melissa Lobel, Richard Long, Leslie Mackrell, Amanda Mason, Kanako Matsuno, Todd McCoy, Anna McEneny, Tracy Messina, Calvin Miaw, Ajay Murthy, Jennifer Nathan, James O'Keefe, Melissa Padula and Christopher Palmieri.

And, Ember Pickands, Noah Pollock, Lily Rabinoff-Goldman, Michael Reeder, Lisa Ricciardelli, Sarah Sandison, Amy Shatsoff,

Jennifer Siniski, Robyn Smith, Robert Storey, Christian Summers, William Thomas, Grace Ting, Colleen Tripp, Grace Tsan, Ryan Venter, Matthew Wereb, Vanessa Wilcox-Suarez and Allison Zucker.

Grade nine merit roll

Jared Alston, Robin Amiri, Radworth Anderson, Jeremy Arenos, Kim Azaceta, Caleb Bacon, Roxana Bahar, Erin Bailey, Brendan Bannigan, Ryan Bender, Jamie Berenger, Molly Betzhold, Larissa Blustein, Sean Boyle, John Bragle, Catherine Bresnahan, Calvin Brown, Jessica Burns, Jonathan Burroughs, Jonathan Caplan and Kathleen Caporta.

And, Rachel Carberry, Ying (Lisa) Chang, Denise Chisholm, Dennis Clarke, Erica Concolino, Lauren Conti, James Corrigan, Amanda Dangelo, Cara Defino, Paul Deyss, Adam DiMuria, Daniel DiPaolo, Jacqueline Donnaruma, Brian Dowd, Laura Dowse, Thomas Eaton, Matthew Elfeldt, Sarah Farley, Sarah Feedore, Dorothy Fibiger and Amy Fortuin.

And, Kristina Fournier, Justin Friedman, Adam Fryer, Erin Ganley, Tara Gardner, Christina Garver, Joseph Gerstenzang, Catherine Glasheen, Susan Gola, John Gombel, Kristin Green, Joseph Grover, Brian Hahn, John Halpin, Victoria Halsdorf, Julianne Hebert, Jason Hessberg, Suzanne Hillinger, Jason Holcomb, Carrie Holligan and Matthew Hough.

And, Patrick Hughes, Yasutaka Itoi, Craig Jaquish, Alissa Johnson, Graham Jones, Elizabeth Jukins, Emily Kaplan, Stephanie Katz, Amanda Kelly, Stephen Kidera, Tracy Kovarik, Jennifer Leary,

Michael Leczinsky, Jeremy Mandelkern, Lauren McCarroll, Trevor McNiven, Evan McQuide, Jared Milano, Rebecca Minor, Rebecca Morris, Lauren Moshier and Jason Moskos.

And, Joshua Myer, Amy Napper, Alexis O'Brien, Carmelo Papa, David Pietrafesa, David Piper, Joshua Plattner, Alexandra Poole, Michelle Pope, Johnathan Porco, Kevin Powell, Andrea Pressman, Kara Primomo, Ricky Rabideau, Yaffa Rasowsky, Michael Riedel, Melissa Rifkin, Monique Roberts, Paul Roberts, Amanda Root, Angela Rosetti, Laura Ryan and Erika Schmit.

And, Jason Seymour, Andrea Shaye, Anita Singh, Thomas Smith, Janine Sprague, Samantha Stevens, Katie Strait, Stephanie Stubbs, Juliet Teimoori, Timothy Tobin, Susan Toms, Julie Tucker, Paul Valente, Kevin Valentine, Katrina Veeder, Elizabeth Wilcox-Suarez, Krista Wilkie, Christopher Williams, Jennifer Williams and Michelle Yates.

Grade 10 honor roll

Deborah Bartley, James Bell, Shannon Bennett, Virginia Blabey, Peter Bocala, Pamela Brannock, Keith Campbell, Michael Coker, Rachel Cole, Nicole Conway, Carly Decker, Michael DeLucco, Laura Dicker, Lynnette Farley, Melanie Finkel, Beth Finkelstein, Jill Foster, Danedra Gagnon, Adam Greenberg and Jodi Heim.

And, Kathryn Lange, Sarah MacDowell, Andrew MacMillan, Brian McCarthy, Megan McDermott, Courtney McGrath, Ashley Mettauer, Wesley Miaw, Timothy Moshier, Ryan Peterson, Charise Pfeffer, Malissa Pilette, Marielle Postava-Davignon, Emily Prudente, Kelly Ray, Kristen Reinertsen and Scott Rhodes.

And, Lauren Rice, Erin Riegel, Emma Samelson-Jones, Renata Sellitti, David Shaye, David Sherin, Kelly Signorelli, Michael Smith, Erica St. Lucia, Mark Svare, Maggie Tettelbach, Amy Tierney, Kerry VanRiper, Amy Venter, Brett Vincent, Peter Wagle, Mark Winterhoff, Diana Woodworth and John Zox.

Grade 10 merit roll

Kristin Albert, Rachel Arcus, Kristine Asprion, Heather Barclay, James Barker, Mary-Elizabeth Baselice, Sean Battle, Anna

Berger, Nicholas Berry, Anne Bishko, Andrea Blaisdell, Sean Boyle, Gregory Bradt, Janelle Bubeck, Peter Bulger, Gavin Burt, Trevor Byrnes, Breton Byron, Joseph Cacciola, Maureen Carpenter and Bradley Colacino.

And, Matthew Cook, Gregory Cooper, Stephen Corson, Emily Criscione, Kristin Darlington, Brian Davies, Claire DelVecchio, Sean Demarest, Rachel Deyoe, Stephen Domermuth, Trafton Drew, Lucy Dunne, Luke Dwyer, Hilary Eldridge, Andre Ellman, Peter Emminger, Bradley Fischer, David Fogelman, Heather Franklin, Nellie Frueh and Jessica Giordano.

And, Carolyn Giovannetti, Marcy Goedeke, Andrew Gutman, Elizabeth Hart, Andrew Hartman, Emily Haskins, Matthew Hauf, Matthew Hill, Emily Hitter, Meghan Holligan, Geoffrey Hunter, Nazeer Jalal, Abby Kahn, David Kaplan, Timothy Kavanagh, Diana Kelly, Timothy Keyes, Alan Kimball, Scott Kind and Meaghan Kohler.

And, Daniel Laiosa, Megan Laird, Kasey LaPierre, Beth Lee-Herbert, Anastasia Limniatis, Jared Macarin, Jeffrey Mapes, Jessica Marsh, Elizabeth Marvin, Erin McDonald, Kerry McGlynn, John McGuinness, Katherine McKee, Michelle McManus, Heather McTighe, Christopher Messina, Kathleen Moon, Colleen Murray and Robert Nagel.

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And, Katie Smith, Kane Snyder, Wendy Stark-Riemer, Scott Strickler, John Tafilowski, Sarah Teumim, Melanie Thornton, Robert Tocker, Marc Tommell, Shannon Tougher, Matthew Tulloch, Ryan Unser, Benjamin Vancik, Kirsten Vazci, Erin Virgil, Stephen Wallant, Elizabeth Walsh, David Winters, Daniel Xeller and Cheryl Zirpoli.

Grade 11 honor roll

Kelley Banagan, Candice Bocala, Shari Bogen, Sean Bradley,

Michelle Brandone, Jennifer Burroughs, Sarah Burtis, Christine Cedilotte, Cory Czajka, Meghan Dalton, Carrie Danziger, Jennifer Dawson, Michael Delgiacco, Thomas Downes, Brad Einhorn, Lisa Engelstein, Jessica Fein, Philip Fibiger, Daniel Glick and Annette Grajny.

And, Mita Gupta, Hally Gutman, Amy Guzik, Jennifer Hahn, Marni Hillinger, Thomas Hitter, Sarah Hotaling, Mark Katz, Philip Keitel, Sarah Kennedy, David Lefkovich, Melissa Leibman, Andrew Loux, Sean Lyman, Elizabeth Macarilla, Matthew Melcher, Jeremy Muhlich, Nancyann Oberheim, Jill Pappalardi, Dana Perlmutter and Charles Peters.

And, Suzanne Pivar, Bradley Pryba, Amir Rasowsky, Jatin Roper, Joelle Rosenkrantz, Benjamin Samelson-Jones, Sarah Searle-Schrader, Stephen Smith, Brian Strickler, Allison Tombros, Hema Visweswaraiiah, Allison Voetsch, Elizabeth Waniewski, Corey Whiting, Margaret Wolfert and Kathryn Zebrowski.

Grade 11 merit roll

Mary Abba, Jennifer Abelson, Jennifer Adriance, Sean Barclay, Lindsey Baron, Zachary Beck, Brian Belemjian, Justina Bidell, Sarah Bigelow, Kelly Bittner, Raegan Boyle, Francesca Bracaglia, Julie Bredderman, Michael Burns, Anthony Carona, Seth Carr, Benjamin Chady, Jeffrey Ciprioni, Heather Clarke, Theresa Consentino and Daniel Conway.

And, Emma Copley, Kevin Corrigan, Winifred Corrigan, Rri- anne Culkin, Jason Danforth, Caitlin Deily, Jeremy Deyoe, Ethan Drake, Jennifer Eames, Maggie Erlich, Laura Eslinger, Steven Euler, Myles Falkenhainer, Kate Fireovid, Jennifer Flowers, Kyle Flynn, Brandon Freeman, Seth Fruiterman, Jason Galea, Seamus Gallagher and Justin Gamelin.

And, Daniel Gecewicz, Michael Geis, Amanda Genovese, Lauren Ginsberg, Leah Gisotti, Stephanie Goeldner, Jennifer Gould, Lowell Harrison, Kenyon Hill, Ana Jenkins, Sonia Jenkins, Andrea Kachidurian, Trevor Kahlbaugh, Gregory Kaladjian, Matthew Kelly, Quinn Kosoc, Rian Kovarik, Yong-Min Lee, Joseph Lengfeller and Patrick Leonard.

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Grade 12 honor roll

Jacqueline Baselice, Elizabeth Bassotti, Bethani Berrings, Laura Biggerstaff, Alexandra Bishko, David Blabey, Dana Cole, Molly Conway, William Cushing, John Czajka, Clarissa D'Ambrosio, Peter Dorgan, Lisa Eaton, Todd Everleth, Sarah Fogelman, Samuel Ginsberg, Flynn Heiss, Cara Hogan, Kerry Johnson, J. David Kagan, Debra Kerness, Miho Koda, John Kuta and Kimberly Lenhardt.

And Christopher Leonardo, David Malbin, Kumi Matsuno, Terrence Mooney, Joshua Naylor, Tessa Nedy, Amy Nichols, Adam Ostroff, Linda Pauly, Salvatore Rappoccio, Andrew Read, Douglas Rice, Scott Rider, Ashley Roberts, Elizabeth Rooks, Jeremy Rosen, Kathryn Sherwin, Gretchen Sodergren, Emily Spooner, Jason Sundram, Nicholas Turner and Matthew Zalen.

Grade 12 merit roll

Leigh Alexander, Chena Backer, Ayana Bakari, Christopher Bannigan, Jessica Barnes, Jeanna Bellizzi, Adam Bender, Nathaniel Beyer, Elizabeth Black, Kevin Blanchard, Christine Breedon, Alison Brown, Carrie Brown, Jennifer Carlson, Alyson Chorbajian, Michael Cohen, Meghann Combes, Rebekah Connolly and Shannon Cornelius.

And, Melissa Costigan, Chad Davey, Laura Del Vecchio, Adrian Denkers, Arthur Dicker, Christopher Di Muria, Melissa Dominelli, Rebecca Dorn, Shauna Dowd, David Doyle, Jamie Dwyer, Leah Everhart, Charles Feldman,

Marcy Finkel, Peter Flanigan, Meghan Fleming, Kevin Fournier, Rene Gabino, Kelly Gerber and Brian Govanlu.

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Town library to host kids reading sessions

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Avenue in Delmar will host "Story Reading for Children," a series of read-aloud sessions scheduled to take place in the children's room from April 15 through 19 at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day.

Each session will run about 30 minutes
For information, call 439-9314.

St. Thomas names honor roll

St. Thomas the Apostle School recently announced students named to its second quarter Principal's Honor Roll and First and Second honor rolls.

Principal's honor roll

Fifth grade: Robert Barrowman, Brianna Bubeck, Jacquelyn Cary, Christa Clay, Joseph Clynne, Frances Ford, Peter Fouhy, Lindsey Hallenbeck, Susannah Kelly, Stefan Kidalowski, Jamie Kieper, Megan Kindlon, Sean Lichorowiec, Kimberly McCall, Lindsay McCluskey, Justine Moreau, Jessica Murphy, Melissa Orner, Jessica Schubmehl, Stephen Strait, Matthew Swiatowicz, Amanda Thomas, Justin VanDyke-Restifo and Jessica Walsh.

Sixth grade: Nicole Comi, AshLee Coye, Emily Crandall, Christopher Deitz, Lisa DiStefano, Megan Dole, Michele Fido, Jessica Gamarra, Aimee Gould, Katherine Gould, Michael Hoghe, Stephen Hoghe, Christopher Ira, Timothy Kindlon, Sheena Loughlin, Catherine Luke, Danielle Moreau, Stephanie Morse, Michael Nuttall, Stephen Perazzelli, Jeffrey Ricchiuti, Michael Ricchiuti, Maggie Touchette and Jennifer Yurek.

Seventh grade: Ben Barrowman, Tracy Bukowski, Jose Colon, Ashley Curley, Kate Emminger, Michele Frangella, Vanessa Mauro, Erica Orner, Jill Parsons, Matthew Perazzelli, Carly St. Lucia, Jada Scclaming, Andrea Schmit, Audrey Ting and Brandy Van Alstyne.

Eighth grade: Kelly Cheeseman, Jessica DeFlumer, Rebecca Hoghe, Jaime Hoose, Allison Kuta, Ellen Lowrey, Elizabeth Malinowski, Bridget Murray, Lauren Murray, Laura Salhoff, Owen Smith and Emily Waniewski.

First honor roll

Fifth grade: Robert Barrowman, Jacquelyn Cary, Frances Ford, Susannah Kelly, Sean Lichorowiec, Lindsay McCluskey, Jessica Murphy, Matthew Swiatowicz and Jessica Walsh.

Sixth grade: Nicole Comi, Megan Dole and Jeffrey Ricchiuti.

Seventh grade: Kate Emminger, Jill Parsons and Audrey Ting.

Eighth grade: Kelly Cheeseman, Rebecca Hoghe, Jaime Hoose, Ellen Lowrey, Elizabeth Malinowski, Bridget Murray and Lauren Murray.

Second honor roll

Fifth grade: Joseph Clynne, Peter Fouhy, Stefan Kidalowski, Jamie Kieper, Megan Kindlon, Kimberly McCall, Justine Moreau, Meissa Orner, Stephen Strait and Justin VanDyke-Restifo.

Sixth grade: Ashlee Coye, Emily Crandall, Christopher Deitz, Lisa DiStefano, Michele Fido, Aimee Gould, Katherine Gould, Michael Hoghe, Stephen Hoghe, Christopher Ira, Timothy Kindlon, Sheena Loughlin, Catherine Luke, Danielle Moreau, Stephenia Morse, Michael Nut-

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Eighth grade: Jessica DeFlumer, Allison Kuta, Luara Salhoff, Owen Smith and Emily Waniewski.

Vacation child care available in Delmar

The Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will offer child care services during school vacation from Monday, April 22, to Friday, April 26.

"New Beginnings" is open to children in kindergarten through grade six, and will run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. Full- and half-day openings are available. Activities will include storytelling, cooking and baking, games, sports, and arts and crafts.


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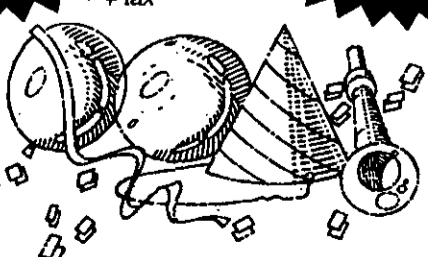
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Girls Scouts to collect food for hungry

On April 13, area Girl Scouts who are involved in the "Feed Your Neighbor" program will be dropping off empty grocery bags for areas. The girls will pick up the filled grocery bags on April 20.

This project, now in its second year and co-sponsored by News Center 6, ensures that all food collected stays within the local community. Last year 72,000 pounds of food was collected.

Looking toward the summer, all Girl Scout leaders in the RCS community who would like their troops to camp at Camp Is-Sho-Da this summer must attend a site orientation meeting on April 14. The contact person to call is Linda Daley, field executive at the Girl Scout Council.

RCS hosting annual readers' festival

On Saturday, April 13, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School will host its fifth annual Young Readers and Authors Festival from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the middle school on Route 9W.

Ruth Pelham returns

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 23. The RCS Community Library will sponsor two Musicraft Workshops with Ruth Pelham. Children will build simple musical instruments and accompany themselves as they sing together.

Pelham, a nationally known songwriter and musician, will teach the children new songs and lead the band.

Children under age 6 will need

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to bring a parent; older children do not need a parent although all parents are welcome to attend.

The first workshop will take place in the Oakbrook Manor Community Room at 11 a.m. The second will take place at the Feura Bush Library/Reading Room. Each workshop will run about 90 minutes.

For information and to register for the workshops, call the library at 756-2053.

Honor society to conduct flower sale Friday

On Friday, April 12, the National Honor Society will hold a flower sale at RCS Senior High School.

Middle school group sets meeting date

The RCS Middle School Parent's and Teachers Partners in Education will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the middle school large group room.

The focus of this month's meeting will be "Library Resources in the Capital District."

Tennis team to conduct fund-raiser car wash

After a hiatus of several years,

RCS High School now has a brand new boys tennis team.

To help raise money for its new uniforms, the tennis team will hold a car wash at RCS Senior High School on Saturday, April 13, from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Help the new team (and get the dirt off your car) by supporting the fund-raiser.

Iris society lecture to focus on growing

The Capital-Hudson Iris Society will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, at the Bethlehem Public Library, located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Dana Borglum will lead a discussion on breeding and growing iris in New York state. Borglum is an award winner in Siberian iris breeding, and is currently working with re-blooming iris.

For information, contact Janice Haney at 587-2834 or Katherine Moher at 393-8205.

Feura Bush student joins honor society

Wayne E. Joy of Feura Bush was one of 13 students inducted into the Hudson Valley Community College Chapter of Tau Alpha Pi, the national honor society for engineering technology students.

Tau Alpha Pi is a scholastic recognition society set up to promote outstanding academics in the field of engineering technology. Membership is restricted to students in the upper 4 percent of engineering technology classes.

Slingerlands school to hold spring musical

Fifth-graders at the Slingerlands School at 25 Union Ave. in Delmar will hold their annual musical on Wednesday and Thursday, April 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Tickets for "The Phantom of the Music Room" are \$2.50.

A dress rehearsal on Tuesday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m. is free for senior citizens.

For information, call 439-7681.

Research results



Stephanie Downs of Voorheesville, a seventh-grader at Albany Academy for Girls, presents original research to a panel of parents and scientists at the Academy's fifth annual middle school science symposium.

Embroidery classes are open to the public

The New York Capital District Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America will sponsor a two-day needlework seminar on Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30. The seminar will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar.

Three classes will be open to the public: "Soft Sculpture," in which students will learn how to paint and stuff nylon to form a doll's face; "Counted Thread Techniques," including pulled work, needlelace and Brazilian embroidery; and "Beading," in which students will make a small beaded purse which can be worn as a necklace.

The cost of the two-day workshop, including meals, is \$69.

For information, contact Nancy Schlegel at 477-4511.

Walkers to watch for spring peepers

The Watchable Wildlife Series from the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will present the spring peeper, a small, brown tree frog with a dark cross on its back, on Friday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

Following a brief indoor introduction to the frog, a walk through the marshes will take place, with center naturalists aiding participants in looking for the frogs.

Participants should bring a flashlight.

For information, call 475-0291.

Chicken and biscuits on tap in Feura Bush

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush will hold a chicken and biscuit supper on Saturday, April 27. Servings are at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

Tickets are \$7.75 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 12 and \$1 for children under 5 years of age.

For information, call 767-9693.

Business club offering student scholarships

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club is offering two scholarships to any graduating high school senior from Bethlehem or returning students. High academic standing is not necessary. The application deadline is May 1.

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Twice a month, technical services orders hundreds of new titles. Because of sheer volume, most books are ordered from jobbers — commercial booksellers who mass market to bookstores and libraries.

Delivered within three to four days, these books come already fitted with pockets, spine labels and plastic covers. Books ordered directly from publishers — 10 to 20 percent of the volume — do not come with library accessories and must be processed by hand.

RCS reading festival to draw three authors

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School will host its fifth Young Readers and Authors Festival on Saturday, April 13.

Nationally-known authors Alane Ferguson, G. Clifton Wisler and William Selator will be on hand to sign books and give presentations to Ravena pupils.

The event will begin at 9 a.m., and an autographing session will take place around noon. The cost is \$10 per student. Adults can participate for free.

For information, call the RCS Middle School at 756-2155.

Talk on Adirondacks slated on UA campus

The natural history lecture series co-sponsored by the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and SUNY Atmospheric Sciences Research Center will continue with a program on the Adirondack forest.

The program will be offered on Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. in Lecture Center 7 on the University at Albany campus at 1400 Washington Ave. in Albany.

For information, call 475-0291.

Mothers' Time Out to study local history

Mothers' Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will meet Monday, April 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 286 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Local historian Allison Bennett will speak about the development of Delmar.

For information, call 439-9929.

Stargazers to gather at Elm Avenue park

Astronomer and Bethlehem parent Janie Schwab will "guest star" at the Bethlehem Public Library's Star Party for children in grades three to six on Friday, April 19, at 8:30 p.m.

The event, which was rescheduled after cancellation last winter, will be held at the Elm Avenue Town Park near the park administration building.

A telescope will be available, and participants are invited to bring their own telescopes or binoculars. In the event of poor visibility, an indoor slide presentation will be given in the administration building.

For information, call 439-9314.

Heldeberg Workshop to run vacation series

The Heldeberg Workshop will be offering a week of classes for children in grades one through seven during the week of April 22 to 26.

The classes, which run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, will be held on the workshop property located on Picard Road in Voorheesville.

Classes being offered are: "Spring Birds, Birds, Birds" with Chris Keefer, "Animal Discovery" with Jessica Jacklet, "Wildlife at the Workshop" with Dee Strnisa and Barb Carmen, and "Hiking and Orienteering" with Cathleen Gill.

For information, call 479-1419.

Civil War Round Table to meet at library

The Capital District Civil War Round Table will meet on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Stephen Alcorn will present a lecture entitled, "Civil War Engravings and Historical Research."

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Fire pension vote scheduled Tuesday

Residents of the village of Voorheesville vote on a proposal to create a Fire Department Service Award Program this Tuesday, April 16, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

A final public hearing and information meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Anyone with questions about eligibility to vote can call the village office at 765-2692.

Church to serve family-style dinner

A family style roast beef dinner will be served at the New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85 on Saturday, April 13, at 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children 12 and under. For information, call 765-2090.

Final parenting seminar scheduled Tuesday

The final parenting seminar of the school year will be held on Tuesday, April 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the large gym at the elementary school.

The program, entitled "On Our Best Behavior," will be presented by Barbara Zimmerman. Child-care will be provided.

That night's regular monthly PTA meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Book swap slated at elementary school

The PTA is sponsoring a book

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swap today, April 10, and Thursday, April 11, at the elementary school. All students are invited to participate.

In a "two for one" exchange, students should bring in two books to swap for every one they get in return. All books must be in good condition.

For information, contact Paula Handen at 765-3236.

PTA to honor school staff

On May 8 the PTA will honor all elementary and high school staff members with a luncheon. Many helpers are needed.

To volunteer, call Theresa Flynn at 765-2802.

Staff development day set on Friday

Friday, April 12, is a staff development day for the school district. Students will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m. There will be no afternoon kindergarten.

Students to visit Mexico, France

High school students will be travelling on language-department-sponsored trips to Mexico

and France during the spring recess. Families interested in hosting an exchange student for part or all of next year should contact Foreign Language Department Chairman Robert Streifer at 765-3313, ext. 310.

Writer to speak on coaches' night

Steve Campbell, sports columnist for the *Times Union*, will be the featured speaker at the New Scotland Kiwanis Club's coaches' night dinner on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85.

Coaches of Kiwanis athletic teams will receive a free dinner courtesy of club members. For information, call Bob Stapf at 765-2451.

Village brush collection under way this month

Brush will be collected by the village of Voorheesville during April and May. It should be placed at the curb with the cut ends facing the street. Brush will not be collected during the summer.

All other yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags and will be picked up throughout the growing season on Mondays and Tuesdays, except during inclement weather. Bags must weigh under 40 pounds and contain only clippings - no dirt, stone, metal, wood or branches.

Beginning April 15, the village will be reading water meters and checking sump pump connections in Salem Hills.

Village trustees reschedule regular meeting

Due to a conflict with spring recess, the Voorheesville board of trustees has rescheduled its regular monthly meeting from April 23 to Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Piano students to give recital

Piano students of Shirley Green will perform in a recital on Sunday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m. at the high school.

Ashley Beach, Alexandra Benincasa, Stephanie Cariatti,

Emily Corcione, Brian Curley, Adam and Evan D'Arpino, Liz Dieckmann, Joey Faratzis, Erica Finkle, Samara Fluster, Marlanna Ghovanloo, Jordan and Jamie Glover, Cory Gross, Honor Lawler, Joey Mathies, Lauren and Bridget Murray, Chris and Jeff Nelson, Tyler Seabridge, Ian and Julie Silverman and Julie Van Cleve will play solos and duets.

The public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

New Salem installs fire officers

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department recently installed 1996 line, civil and auxiliary officers.

The line officers are: Craig Shufelt, chief; Roger Wright, assistant chief; Charles Unser, captain; John Wright, first lieutenant; Larry Cross, second lieutenant; and Bill Water, chief engineer. Peter VanZetten was named fireman of the year.

Civil officers are: Doug Shearer, administrator; Ron Kusel, secretary; Dave Beeson, treasurer; Diane Sala, director of membership; and Nancy Hannmann, director of house. Dick Berger, president of the Rural Fire Chiefs Association, administered the oath of office.

Auxiliary officers are: Laura Seery, president; Kay Beyor, vice president; Linda Goia, secretary; and Cathy White, treasurer. Margarite Sutter was the installing officer.

Ritalin:

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The Spotlight is preparing an article on the use of Ritalin to treat local children's attention deficit disorder. If you have had experience, positive or negative, with Ritalin, contact Dev Tobin at 439-4949.

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V'ville library taking board applications

The Voorheesville Public Library is accepting applications for a position on the library board of trustees.

Any school district resident over 18 years of age wishing to apply can do so by submitting a petition with 25 signatures. Petitions, which are due by 9 p.m. on Friday, May 3, can be picked up at the library at 51 School Road in Voorheesville.

The election and budget vote will take place on Wednesday, June 5, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville.

For information, call 765-2791.

Missionary to talk about Mozambique

The First United Methodist Church, located at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, will hold a special luncheon on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church fellowship hall.

The event will provide the public with an opportunity to meet Beth Farrell, who will be speaking about her recent mission to Mozambique.

For information, call the church office at 439-9976.

New Scotland GOP slates annual dinner

The Town of New Scotland Republican Committee will hold its annual dinner on Friday, April 12, at the Colonie Country Club on Route 85A.

A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be offered at 6 p.m., and a station buffet at 7:30 p.m.

There is a requested \$25 donation to attend the event.

For information, call 439-9277.

Greene County Dems want Button on ballot

The Democratic Executive Committee of Greene County has endorsed Rena Button of Delmar as the party's candidate for the 102 Assembly District legislative seat. The endorsement was made at the committee's meeting on March 20 at the Quarry Steak House in Coxsackie.

The full county committee will complete the endorsement at its April meeting. Albany County Democrats have previously voted for the endorsement of the candidate.

No sales tax (for now) on Slingerlands pizza

Pizza by Dominick, located on the corner of routes 85 and 85A in Slingerlands, will offer tax relief by not charging sales taxes to its customers through April 15.

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Gardener to explain sprucing up annuals

Times Union columnist and master gardener Phyllis Rosenblum is the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

Rosenblum will share her ideas on the topic "Beyond Marigolds



and Zinnias," with suggestions for an annual flowering bed.

Join us and learn more about the Friends group.

Some special events have been scheduled for National Library Week on April 14 to 20.

The public is invited to meet the library board of trustees and director at a reception on Monday, April 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Some of the newest library acquisitions will be on display.

On Tuesday, you can "log-on" at the library with a demonstration of the Internet. Call 765-2791 to sign up for one of two sessions, from 6 to 7 p.m. or from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

One World, Many Worlds: Traditional Arts in the Capital Region

'Early Birder' walks to begin at Five Rivers

"Early Birder" bird walks are offered every Thursday morning from April 11 to June 13 at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar. Refreshments are offered at 7 a.m. and the walk will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Center naturalists will offer tips for the identification of birds. Binoculars and bird identification books are suggested. The center will have some equipment available to loan.

For information, call 475-0291.

Session to share tips on forming book group

Book lovers are invited to attend a meeting on forming and maintaining a successful book discussion group.

The meeting will take place in the community room at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Sunday, April 14, from 2 to 5 p.m.

A panel of representatives from local book discussion groups will speak at the meeting.

New Salem church to serve roast beef

The New Salem Reformed Church on New Scotland Avenue in New Salem will host a roast beef dinner on Saturday, April 13. Seatings are at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Reservations are required.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children ages 12 and under.

For reservations, call 765-2090.

is the theme of a set of programs funded by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.

One of these programs is set at the library on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. Seamstress Panchita Davila will give a demonstration of the Quinceanera gowns worn by young Hispanic women for their coming of age ceremony.

And don't miss the miniature scenes in the showcase designed and assembled by La Mini Scala. Joan Baim is the artist of the month in the hall gallery.

The TLC club of kids meets today, April 10, after school.

Barbara Vink

Delmar Dash runners taking off April 14

The Delmar Dash, sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, will take place on Sunday, April 14, at 9 a.m. The five-mile race will begin and end at the First American Bank on the corner of Delaware and Elsmere avenues.

Registration for the race is open to all ages and abilities. Sign-ups will begin at the Elsmere School on Delaware Avenue at 8 a.m. the day of the race.

Refreshments provided by Bruegger's Bagel Bakery will follow the race.

The entry fee is \$12 for club members and \$14 for nonmembers. The first 325 registrants will receive a free shirt.

For information, call 439-9487.

Christian country star to play in Glenmont

Michael James, a Christian country music artist and two-time winner of the Dove Award, will play at the Solid Rock Church at 1 Kenwood Ave. in Glenmont on Sunday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m.

James has made appearances on TNN, CBN's 700 Club, TBN and INSP.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, and can be purchased at the following Christian bookstores: The Doorway, Insight Christian Bookstore, The Little Gift Shop, Cornerstone Books and Gifts and Madonna's Lily. Tickets are also available at the door for \$7.50. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m.

For information, call 439-4314.

Literary weekend on library agenda

Diane Gallo, award-winning writer, screenwriter and poet, will present a literary weekend at the Voorheesville Public Library on 51 School Road on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13.

Gallo, whose work has appeared in the *New York Daily News*, *Capital Region Magazine*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Travel Holiday and New York Alive*, is a visiting poet with the Geraldine Dodge Foundation's Poetry Program and the editor of *Timepeace*, an annual daybook of quotation and verse for women.

Gallo was featured in the 1994 Asheville Poetry Festival, along with Carolyn Forché, Nikki Giovanni and Marge Piercy.

A veteran teaching artist, Gallo has worked with thousands of students in arts-in-education and Lincoln Center programs. She has facilitated writer-in-residence programs throughout New York, led workshops for the International Women's Writing Guild conferences at Skidmore College and taught and lectured at institutions such as Rensselaerville Institute and colleges in the SUNY system.

Gallo will be featured in the Community Showcase Readings at the library on Friday at 7 p.m.

She will read selections from her work including "Two Dollar Mommy," "Hitting My Husband on the Head with a Hammer while I Help Him Fix the Porch," "Purse Snatcher" and "But Garcia Lives." She will also present items from her recently released audiocassette, "The Neighbor's Dog Howls."

The readings will include a pre-



Diane Gallo

sentation by the Every Other Thursday Night Poets and an open mic.

On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gallo will lead a seminar on turning life experiences into stories and poems. Through brief focus lectures, clear examples and a series of rapid fire rounds of writing, Gallo will guide new and

experienced writers to an understanding of how to create vivid imagery and engage a reader's attention, the program is free and open to the public, but registration is necessary.

Call the library at 765-2791 to register.

Girls invited to attend leadership program

"Leadership Skills for Girls" will be presented on Saturday, May 4, at the Elsmere Elementary School on Delaware Avenue. All fifth-grade girls in the Bethlehem Central School District are invited to attend this free program.

Participants will have a chance to interact with women who work in a variety of careers, and will learn how to cultivate self-reliance, decision-making and other leadership skills.

The program was created in response to research conducted by the Harvard School of Education and the American Association for University Women on self-esteem and confidence in adolescent girls.

For information, contact Dr. Anne O'Brien Carelli at 439-0233.

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Dental insurance is a major fringe benefit in many companies. It is rapidly playing an increasingly larger role in helping people in obtain dental treatment. Dental insurance is meant to aid people in obtaining dental treatment that will functionally restore the patients mouth to optimal dental health. It must be considered only as a subsidy for reconstructive dentistry.

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Sports

Eagles trounce RCS in season-opener

By Michelle Kagan

The Bethlehem varsity baseball team got off on the right foot with an easy 7-1 victory over Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk in a non-league game last week.

Pitching a complete game, **Nathaniel Sajdak** struck out four hitters and only walked one.

Martin Cadieux added some excitement to the game with two doubles, a single and two runs batted in. **Jeff McQuide** hit two singles and **Chris DiMuria** contributed a single and a double. **Brian Davies'** single knocked in two runs for the Eagles. Ravena scored its only run in the top of the third.

"We played a pretty strong game," said BC Coach **Jesse Braverman**. "We made no errors in the field, we had nine hits, Nate (Sajdak) only allowed three hits, and we stole three bases."

Since last year, Bethlehem has greatly improved its pitching, said Braverman. "Last year we needed to develop more depth in our pitching. We have worked very hard individually in our off-season and in pre-season practices to develop a deeper pitching staff.

"We feel now that we have about

five or six pitchers who can go out there and give our team a chance to win."

Third baseman **Eric Bartoletti**, outfielder **Aaron Thorpe** and **Nathan Kosoc**, who is now pitching for College of Saint Rose, were lost to graduation last year.

"Nathan was probably the most outstanding pitcher not only on our team, not only in the Suburban Council, but probably in the entire Capital District last year," said Braverman.

Bethlehem will be facing some tough competition this year, Braverman said. The Eagles play league games against Shaker and Saratoga this week.

Pop Warner signups

Bethlehem Pop Warner registration for the 1996 season is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall.

The registration fee is \$40 for cheerleaders and \$85 for players. There is a family discount of 25 percent for each additional child.

All participants should bring a copy of their birth certificate and a recent photo. For information, call **Mitch Griffin** at 439-5671.



Members of this year's St. Thomas seventh and eighth grade girls basketball team include Carley St. Lucia, bottom left, Tracy Bukowski, Ellen Lowrey, Megan Fish, Lauren Murray, middle row left, Bridget Murray, Jill Parsons, coach Jim Murray, top left, Becky Hoghe, Alison Kuta, Kate Emminger, Amanda Ahlemeyer, Jaime Hoose, assistant coach Chuck St. Lucia and assistant coach John Hooper.

St. Thomas girls team finishes second in Albany CYO league

The St. Thomas girls seventh and eighth grade basketball team finished a highly successful season last week with a 22-8 record.

The team's strong performance led to three, first place and two, second place finishes in local tournaments.

The team also captured second

place in the Albany CYO League behind Diocesan League winner Holy Names.

Seven eighth-graders formed the nucleus of the squad. Many of these girls played together since the third grade.

Graduating players include **Amanda Ahlemeyer**, **Becky**

Hoghe, **Jaime Hoose**, **Alison Kuta**, **Ellen Lowrey**, **Bridget Murray** and **Lauren Murray**.

The seventh graders included starter **Megan Fish**, **Tracy Bukowski**, **Kate Emminger**, **Jill Parsons** and **Carley St. Lucia**.


Dolphins registration set

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club has scheduled registration for its spring program on Monday and Wednesday, April 15 and 17, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the administrative conference room of Bethlehem Central High School in Delmar.

The spring season will begin on April 29 and run through the end of the school year.

The club is open to children 6-to-18 years old who are residents of the town of Bethlehem or its school district, and who can swim 25 yards without assistance.

For information, call **Joann Hill** at 439-8304.

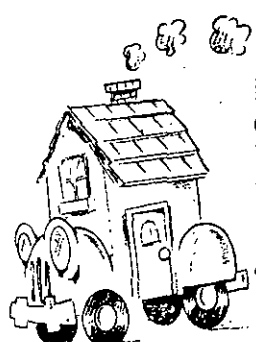


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Get a gazebo

By John Thorpe

Spring is not only the time for thorough cleaning and organizing, it can also provide the perfect opportunity to add a feature to your property that will both increase its value and enhance its look.

This season, gazebos are hot, and Bay Horse Gazebos and Barns on Route 9W in

□ **GAZEBOS/page 11**

Now's the time for TLC for trees and shrubbery

By Dev Tobin

While most homeowners focus on getting their lawns up and growing properly in the spring, trees, shrubs and trees also need some TLC before the growing season begins in earnest.

Generally, the first thing to do is inspect for winter damage, and prune it away, according to Jerry Jonas, owner of J.P. Jonas Landscape Design and Contractors in Glenmont.

But Jonas warned that pruning flowering plants should be out off until after they have bloomed.

Broad leaf plants like rhododendron may have suffered windburn or sunscorch during winter, Jonas noted, and should be fertilized with a suitable nutrient mix to help the plant recover from the damage.

Spring is a good time to apply "dormant oils" to shrubs and plants to prevent insect infestations later, Jonas said.

"The highly refined horticultural oils smother the egg masses laid last year and are a good example of the saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," Jonas said.

Spring is also the best time to be on the lookout for, and correct, soil deficiencies in nutrients or trace elements. The deficiencies manifest themselves in leaves that "do not look normal," and should be brought to an expert for analysis, Jonas said.

"Bring the leaf in and we can tell if it's deficient in iron or another trace element. Now is the time to correct a deficiency, before the plant starts growing," Jonas explained. "If something's



Jim Olsen and Adam Van Zutphen prepare for the spring landscaping season by bringing out some pine nursery stock at Olsen's Nursery and Greenhouses on Route 85 in Slingerlands. *Dev Tobin*

lacking, it will inhibit the plant's ability to absorb nutrients and moisture and to fight off diseases and pests."

For new homes, or major landscape renovations to older homes, people should "consider how they use outdoor space,

what their privacy needs are, and how the landscape will fit in with the 'hardscape' — walkways, decks, driveways, play areas, etc.," said Laurens Van Geest, owner of Van Geest Nursery in Colonie.

"Also, think of how you want

winter, as well as in the warm weather," he added.

While much minor landscaping can be done by a relatively handy homeowner, major landscape renovations or new installations will go a lot smoother with the help of a professional, Van Geest said.

"You can do a lot of the smaller plantings yourself, but understand that it's a big commitment of time and labor," Van Geest said. "Landscaping professionals charge a wide range of fees and can help at any stage. Find a professional who you trust and can communicate with."

Van Geest explained that landscapers can turn difficult areas into opportunities to enhance your home's aesthetic appeal, like converting a rocky slope into a rock garden.

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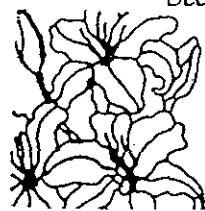
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Local experts discuss lawn care

By Mel Hyman

Marc Futia, owner of Bloom'n Green lawn care service of Delmar, doesn't advise his customers as to whether they should choose organic or nonorganic fertilizers when treating their lawns.

He merely lays out the options and let's them decide, because as far as he's concerned there are advantages and disadvantages to each.

"More and more people are turning to organic fertilizers and pesticides," he said, possibly because "it seems to be the politically correct thing to do."

At the same time, there's no getting around the fact that organic materials are "environmentally safe. The only way organic pesticides will be harmful is if you drop the bag on your foot."

Chemically laden commercial fertilizers, on the other hand, were blamed for the death of some wild turkeys in town a couple of years ago, Futia said, and apparently that has made an impression on people.

The main disadvantage to organic lawn fertilizer is that it takes much longer for the desired effect to take place. Chemical fertilizers, on the other hand, are fast-acting, and "there's really no need to panic if they are applied properly," Futia said.

Regardless of what type you use, it's important to remove the dead layer of grass on your lawn in the springtime, he explained. "That allows you more efficient use of your fertilizers."

Aerating your lawn is not crucial, Futia added, but "it does help the fertilizer to reach the roots."

Some people may recommend a laissez-faire approach to



Marc Futia dethatches a lawn on Old English Road in New Scotland.

lawn care, according to Robert Kretzler, owner of Colonie Lawn Care and Landscaping, but that is not really sensible.

"You have to get rid of the thatch in order for the soil to breathe," Kretzler said. The "best plan of action is what I call the four-plus-one."

Once the lawn is raked out, an application of fertilizer and water should be administered, sometime in April.

"That's the pre-emergence application, which is also designed to control crabgrass," Kretzler said.

Fertilizer should be applied three additional times during the year, he said. The second application should occur at the end of May or early June.

The third application is recommended for the end of July or the first part of August, and the fourth treatment should take place during October, which provides the soil with enough fertilizer to rejuvenate itself over the winter.

Around the first part of September, a grub control treatment should be administered, Kretzler said.

Kretzler said he personally recommends chemical fertilizers and pesticides to his customers.

"I just feel they work better. There are hazards. I know that. But I feel if all the precautions are taken, and proper posting is done, there should be no problem."

Using sod for repairs

Unightly, damaged, dying or dead grass — whether it's a small or large area of a lawn — can be repaired simply, easily and immediately with a few hand tools and mature turfgrass sod. Repairing lawns with sod can be done at any time of the year, unlike patching with grass seed, which usually must be delayed until fall or spring for any chance of success.

Before starting a lawn-repair project, people should identify their best source for replacement sod. People can check the phone book listings under "Sod" or "Sodding," which should provide a number of alternatives. Additionally, consumers can call the industry's international association, Turfgrass Producers International, at 1-800-405-TURF, for a list of local growers. Garden centers, nurseries and home building-supply firms also may have turfgrass sod available in small amounts.

The Turfgrass Resource Center publishes "Turf Installation Guide," a brochure that illustrates and describes each of the four simple steps for quick and easy sod installation.

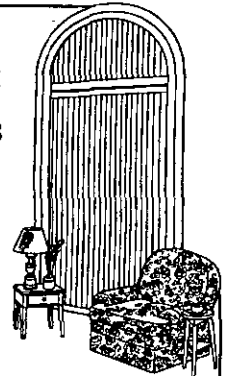
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Keeping turf healthy helps to control pests

By Katherine McCarthy

The robin red breast is a welcome sign of spring on suburban lawns, but crows and skunks throwing divots of turf as they hunt for grubs are a source of dismay to many homeowners.

Grubs are the number one insect problem in our area, according to Brian Herrington of Horticulture Unlimited in Selkirk. They will eat grass and flower roots and bulbs, although in the spring they are most troublesome prey to the crows,

skunks and voles who wreak havoc hunting them. Later in the summer, when they are Japanese beetles, they devour the leaves of every plant in sight.

How to control these pests? For starters, Herrington recommends working towards a "healthy turf," which could better tolerate a grub infestation.

Bob Kretzler of Colonie Lawn & Landscape recommends a four-step treatment. "Right now, treat for pre-emergence crab-grass control. In late May or

early June, do a weed and feed application; fertilize in late July or early August, and save the grub control for early September."

Martha Griffin of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County agrees that a good healthy turf is the best weapon against infestation. She encourages people to make sure that grubs are the problem. "Cut back a square foot of your lawn," Griffin advises, "and count the grubs. If there are fewer than eight, you don't need to treat your lawn. If there are more than twelve, it's okay to treat for them."

Griffin recommends the parasitic nematode, a microscopic worm-like creature that controls the grub population biologically. "Integrated Pest Management research indicates that this is 60 percent effective," Griffin said.

Herrington said his experience with nematodes has not been so positive, leaving him with unhappy clients. He has had more luck with another organic treatment, the milky spore virus, even though the Cornell Cooperative Extension says it doesn't stay viable in this climate.

Chemical treatments are available, the most popular among them diazinon. Griffin advises against diazinon, due to its negative impact on the bird population. "You have to take into consideration that the lawn is a pet and play area," she said. "The effects of pesticides are cumulative, and smaller things are more affected by them. A four-year-old, for instance, is much closer to the ground than an adult." If using chemicals, Griffin advises following the directions very carefully.

Herrington and Kretzler both stressed following directions to the letter. "Diazinon has gotten a bad name," Herrington said. "The instructions say to water after application and then it will not be toxic to waterfowl." The least toxic chemical, and one Herrington has had good results with, is dylox. Herrington pointed out that anyone who applies pesticides commercially must be a certified pesticide applicator, and the business must be a registered pesticide business.

Herrington said there is a more holistic approach to lawn care with Integrated Pest Management. "There are improved turf varieties nowa-

days, and it's important to identify the problem with the turf. Often, insects are a symptom of a bigger problem - how the lawn is mowed; the type of plants present that might draw the beetles. An organic fertilizer which grows a better plant could make a difference in the amount of damage a pest causes."

Skunks will also dig up lawns hunting grubs. Griffin recommends patience; once the grubs are gone, the skunks will go. Moles are sometimes seen in the area, tunneling for earthworms. The good news is that they are solitary travellers that can be caught with a trap from a garden center. Voles, vegetarian rodents who will eat bulbs and girdle trees, leave their tunnel marks when the snow melts. Mouse traps can be used to catch them, but Griffin said that a good hunting cat is probably the best defense against a vole.

Japanese beetles will likely appear in the summertime; the strength of the infestation varies from year to year. Chris Story of Story's Nursery in Freehold recommends literally "bagging" the bugs in the widely available traps that use a pheromone to lure the beetles away from plants.

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"Rain, rain, go away. Come again some other day." This little rhyme may be great for kids who want to play outside, but it's not so great for your lawn. It's much more likely that you'll be singing, "Rain, Rain, please remain. My water bill's too high again!"

If Mother Nature doesn't provide enough moisture for your lawn, you should help. Grass plants have to take in almost all of their nutrients dissolved in water. Without enough water in the soil, a lawn can't get the nutrients it needs for food production, growth, strength and reproduction — making it susceptible to disease and insects.

The soil is generally moist enough in early spring and doesn't need water. But toward the end of spring and throughout the summer, the sun's searing heat will dry out your lawn unless you give it regular attention.

Your lawn needs at least one inch of water a week. Use a rain gauge to monitor rainfall. Use sprinklers to supplement the amount of rain your lawn receives — placing sprinklers evenly around your yard.

It's also a good idea to measure the amount of time it takes for your lawn to receive the needed amount of water by placing plastic containers around the lawn with a one-inch mark. If you do this once, you'll know how long to water every time.

When you water, water deeply. If possible, water in the morning. Grass blades left wet overnight are susceptible to disease and fungus.

Even if you monitor the amount of water your lawn receives, watch your lawn for signs of thirst. Sandy soils need more water while rich

organic soils generally need less. Evaporation, heat, length of grass blade, shade and wind all affect your lawn's watering needs.

If your grass blades begin to curl or turn bluish-green, your lawn needs to be watered. Another sign that it's time to water is when you walk across the lawn and can look back and see your footprints.

If you live in an area where water conservation is requested or enforced during a drought, you simply have to do the best you can and hope your lawn survives the stress. Be responsible. Water only when you're lawn needs it, and follow water regulations in your area.

If you're having a long dry spell, either water regularly or don't water at all. If you don't water, your lawn will go dormant - you can bring it back to life when the drought is over.

If you decide to water, be sure you water regularly and deeply. The worst thing you can do is tease your lawn with little bits of water now and then.

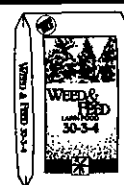
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And keep singing, "Rain, rain, may come and go ... but I prefer the rain to snow!"

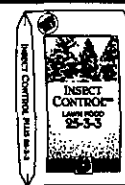
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Rider mowers, tractors should be built to last

If you are planning to buy a new piece of outdoor power equipment this year, you've made the commitment to an investment.

After all, the average price for a lawn tractor is \$2,500 — about

Be sure that the warranty is inclusive, meaning the unit is covered from front to back, and that parts and maintenance are covered.

the price of a new car in 1965. Like any other investment, you expect your new riding mower or garden tractor to repay you, in this case, with long, dependable service and easy operation.

There are a number of key

features to look for when making a major lawn-and-garden equipment purchase.

First, look at the way the machine is constructed. It should have a full-length frame made of stamped steel for strength and durability. The front axle should be one piece of bar steel or cast iron. Evaluate the quality of construction by asking if front-end attachments can be used on the unit. If the answer is no, you're buying an inferior product.

In addition, look for a unit with powder-coat paint, sometimes referred to as automobile paint. It lasts longer with less fading and is more resistant to rust.

Also consider "operator-friendly" convenience features that will make a big difference in your overall satisfaction. These



Get the most for your investment by selecting a rider mower with a number of options and attachments.

little extras may sound insignificant, but beverage holders, fingertip controls, visible fuel gauges and high-back seats become very important if you spend hours each week on yard work.

You should be comfortable and in total control while operating the unit. The seat on a tractor or riding mower should adjust to feel as if it were custom-made for you. All controls should operate with a pedal system or be in very easy-to-reach places. Options like cruise control or an electronic

ignition switch will cut time and frustration.

Look for a unit with options and attachments that make yard work easier all year long — from gardening to snow removal.

Your tractor should be available with attachments that include a bagging system, a mulching option, and side discharge and thatching capabilities, plus plowing and blowing attachments for the winter.

Be sure the manufacturer of the product you select is known for equipment that is built to

last. Compare various manufacturers' warranties, remembering that most are for just the first two years, with a number of exclusions and exceptions. Be sure that the warranty is inclusive, meaning the unit is covered from front to back, and that parts and maintenance are covered.

Finally, don't overlook the importance of buying from an authorized dealer who is knowledgeable about the product and its manufacturer before the sale and will service the equipment afterward.

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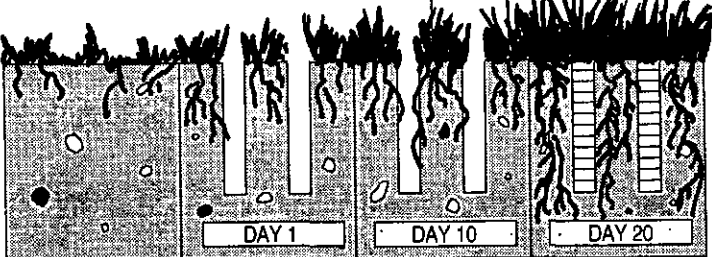
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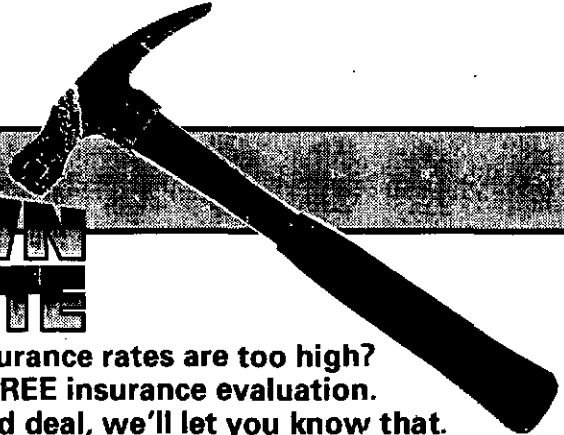
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When planting flowers, think of the garden as your canvas and the flowers as your palette of colors. You might choose a rainbow of hues planted in carefree abandon, carefully planned schemes of pastel tones or even a monochromatic theme.

Neighboring colors on the color wheel can supplement a monochromatic color scheme without affecting its tranquility. For example, a red salvia or petunia goes quite well with a monochromatic blue scheme. Reds, oranges, yellows and lime greens produce a bright, cheerful color scheme; pinks, crimsons, violet blues and purples create a cooler, more restful garden tapestry.

Colors within any semicircle on the color wheel will combine successfully. Related colors create harmonious color partnerships; for example, any three successive colors, like green, yellow green and yellow, are perfect partners.

Dramatic garden color schemes use colors that are opposite on the color wheel. For example, blue salvia complements coral zinnias. Neutral colors, like gray, white or matte green, will unite contrasting colors.

Although you have many other plant characteristics to consider — height, texture, annuals vs. perennials, season and length of bloom — color should be your first consideration. It may take several attempts to achieve a color scheme that completely pleases you, but each year is a new opportunity to try again.

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Drifts of color dress up the simplest garden. While many flowers are easily grown from seeds, it is practically foolproof to grow them from transplants purchased in nurseries in spring. Annuals flower for one season and provide color all season long if faded flowers are removed before they form seeds.

The sole objective of annuals is the formation of seeds. Once

they achieve their objective, they fade away. Your objective, then, is to prevent seed formation and, in the process, keep them flowering in your garden for a long time.

In addition to removing faded flowers and watering your plants, it is important to fertilize them weekly with a water-soluble fertilizer. This care and feeding will produce lush new growth and an abundance of colorful flowers.

Most perennials have specific seasons of bloom and generally provide color for a month or so. They will

repeat their performance for many years if provided with humus-enriched soil, appropriate light, mulch and adequate water. Many must be divided regularly.

Perennials thrive on regular applications of a water-soluble fertilizer during the growing season.

Some perennials can be encouraged to bloom again if they are trimmed back after flowering and then fertilized with a water-soluble fertilizer. The objective is to grow healthy plants and, in the process, promote maximum color display from your palette.

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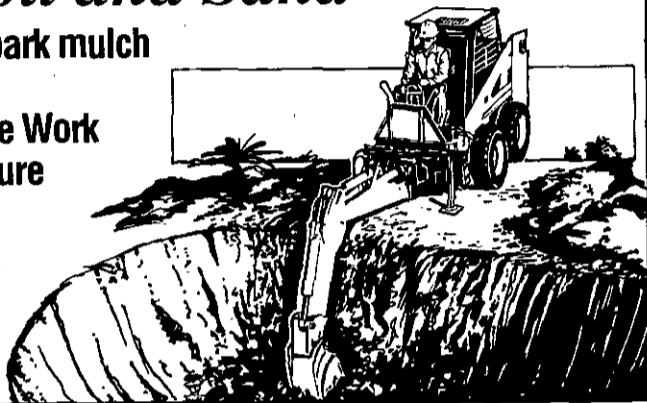
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Tips to help find a contractor:

- Local home builders associations can provide a list of reputable firms along with the type of work they provide.

- The Better Business Bureau is a good source for checking the standing and financial stability of the company.

- Bank and mortgage brokers will provide information

on qualifying and financing options to fit your budget and might have references for community contractors that they do business with.

- Building, lumber and supply stores who know and have a continuing relationship with area contractors.

- Other home owners serve as excellent references for finding the right contractor for your project.

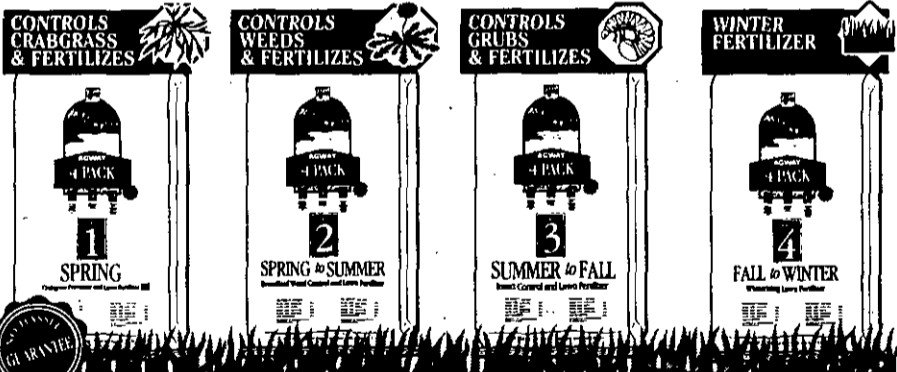
Once you have made a list of contractors, prepare some interview questions.

A competent, qualified contractor should be willing to discuss insurance, warranties and products, references, contract specifics and legal considerations. You should never hire a contractor without a signed, written contract with specific information about the work to be completed.

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Mower maintenance key to safe, stress-free season

By Tom Murnane

The return of spring brings the familiar symphony of roaring lawnmowers and buzzing chainsaws.

But like anything else that's been put away for a while, lawnmowers need maintenance, so owners first need to make sure their equipment is in proper working condition before they hit the grass, say a couple of mowing mentors.

Besides changing the oil and lubricating a mower's working parts, there are other things to keep in mind, said Larry Osterhout, whose family has owned a John Deere store on Route 143 in Coeymans for the last 65 years.

People should always make sure the mower underdeck is clear of grass that can accumulate and cake up, reducing cutting efficiency, Osterhout said.

"Half of the mowing machine is about lifting the grass, because the blades will create a certain amount of suction," he said. "But if all that old grass is still caked up inside there, it interferes with the vacuum action and the blades won't cut as well."

Not only should the grass be cleaned out, but the blades should be sharpened, if not replaced, and the spark plug replaced, as part of spring maintenance, said Berch Parlakian, advertising and credit manager for Grassland Equipment and Irrigation Corp. on Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham.

To find out the proper plug and blade size, as well as other maintenance tips, people who want to do all or some of their own maintenance should first check the owner's manual, "which is pretty all-inclusive," Parlakian said.

The growing number of people who are too busy or do not want to try to do their own mower tuneups should bring their machines into the shop for expert care.

That care might range from replacing a blade (\$6 to \$8), removing some grass and an oil change, to more costly, comprehensive maintenance, particularly with the larger tractor mowers that Osterhout sells.

With labor averaging \$40 an hour, it might be smart to study the owner's manual and do some of the basic work yourself, Parlakian said.



HC Osterhout & Sons owner Larry Osterhout warms up a John Deere tractor lawn mower outside his John Deere dealership in Ravena. *Doug Persons*

If you are going to tackle the job yourself, there are safety precautions to keep in mind, Parlakian said.

If you are going to be cleaning off the underdeck of grass or sharpening the blades, make sure the spark plug is disconnected, Parlakian said. "At any time, the thing could start by accident, and if you're too close to the blade, forget it."

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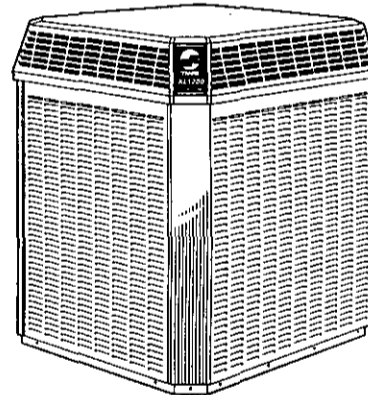
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Specialty stores sell squirrel-proof bird feeders

By Martin P. Kelly

Squirrels play havoc with bird feeders in people's back yards. They are inventive and persistent in figuring out ways to steal the often expensive seed bird lovers place in their bird feeders.

There are now ways of thwarting squirrels from stealing the food by a clever means of closing off the supply by the little rodent's own actions.

Or, if a homeowner is so inclined, it's possible to divert the squirrel's attention by setting up his own play and feeding area.

With an estimated 65 million people in the United States engaged in bird watching or bird feeding or both, design of bird houses and bird feeders have become big business.

For example, the Wild Birds Limited chain of more than 200 independently-operated stores across the nation do year-round business with people who are attentive to the little feathered creatures searching for food in backyards.

"A good half of the more than 100 species of birds in this region stay all year long in the area," Ken Coulter, owner of the Guilderland Wild Birds Unlimited store, said. "The seed-eaters stay north for the winter because there's usually enough food for them."

He pointed out that many people think that all birds migrate to warmer weather but "It's only the insect-eating birds who go south." He added that the seed-eaters would find crowded conditions in southern climes and also they are often



Ken Coulter shows off the display of bird houses at Wild Birds Unlimited.

chickadee, titmouse, nuthatch, house wren, and Carolina wren, who can fit into a hole about one and a quarter inch diameter."

The larger birds need larger houses and they are available also. One of these houses, especially designed by Wild Birds Unlimited, has a hinged roof so a person can observe the nesting bird and another hinged area to clean out the house.

"If you don't do it too often, birds don't mind being observed," Coulter said.

Coulter suggested people who install bird houses should clean out the structures after each brood had fledged so that larvae doesn't affect the next set of young birds. The entrance hole of the birdhouse should be away from the prevailing wind and the houses should be left up all year so winter birds can roost.

Coulter emphasized also that bird houses should be in low traffic areas, particularly away from feeding areas. Most of all, if predators, such as cats, raccoons, possums and the like, are a potential problem, then the post or tree to which the house is attached should be baffled.

One bird feeder on display has a metal cylindrical tube about the pole that frustrates any animal trying to climb to the feeder.

Another feeder has a bar on which the birds stand to feed from little holes. However, when a squirrel or other small animal attempts to use the bar, it drops from the weight of the predator and closes off the food supply.

As for playgrounds for squirrels, there are Ferris wheel contraptions where field corn is impaled on spikes so that squirrels who feed on the corn can ride around in circles. The same is true also of a contraption that resembles a child's seesaw with corn again the attraction.

"If you can keep the squirrels busy in another part of the yard, your bird feeding challenge is lessened," Coulter said.

too small to weather such long trips.

Coulter and other merchants sell bird houses that are breeding areas in the spring and summer and places of refuge from the cold in the winter. Made of natural wood and blending into the wooded areas, the houses are attractive to birds.

One particular bird house Coulter has on display has an interchangeable section so that a nest can be built by the birds during the spring and summer and in the winter, a section of the wooden structure is reversed to supply perches for birds to escape the cold.

The birds which use houses are the ones who normally build

nests in cavities, like old woodpecker holes or rotted fence posts, Coulter said.

A former banker, Coulter started the Western Avenue business with his wife Linda two and a half years ago, after he retired from First American Bank following its takeover by Key Bank.

"It was time to turn my hobby into a business," he said. "I'm not so much a bird-watcher searching out different species as I am a person who likes to attract different birds to my backyard."

Bird feeders are for the birds who build nests in trees, bushes and natural nooks and crannies, he said. "The bird houses are more appropriate for the

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Gazebos

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Selkirk has them. "They're selling really well," said sales associate Al Suwara. "They're a decorative way to enhance your yard, and a great investment for your house's value."

The gazebos at Bay Horse are all handmade by Amish craftsmen in Pennsylvania, carrying on a tradition that was started in 1988 by the company's owners.

The quality craftsmanship the Amish put into these items is really beginning to attract a lot of people.

Al Suwara

Charlie and Jean Hamilton. While the practice may not seem efficient, Suwara insists the Amish suppliers can turn out approximately 70 pieces a week, all of which are custom built according to the consumer's desired size, shape and color.

"The quality craftsmanship the Amish put into these items is really beginning to attract a lot of people," he said. "We're getting more well-known, and looking forward to a great year."

New to Bay Horse this year will be cedar gazebos and an expanded line of play sets. Of course, all of the gazebos will continue to consist of pressure-treated, kiln-dried lumber, and come fully assembled right to a

customer's selected site. They can also be built fully screened, if desired. Prices of gazebos begin at about \$1800.

For those needing to organize the yard, Bay Horse also has a complete line of utility sheds, beginning at about \$900 each. The sheds, like the gazebos, are hand-crafted by the Amish, and can also be made to specifications. They range in size from 8 feet x 8 feet to the spacious 14 feet x 40 feet.

"They can store so many things. They're great for cleaning up that mess in your yard," said Suwara.

All of Bay Horse's sheds can be made to match the color of your home, and are delivered directly from the trailer to your selected site.

The Hamiltons opened the Selkirk Bay Horse shop about three years ago, and today it is managed by Fred Becker. "We pride ourselves on being family- and service-oriented," he said.

The company also carries a full line of picnic tables, lawn furniture, bridges and wishing wells, all handcrafted and customized.

Safety guidelines

Home Safety Guidelines for Older Adults is available from Cornell University Resource Center, 8 BTP, Ithaca 14850. The \$1 cost includes postage and handling.



Utility sheds, like this one, are great for storage and help clean up the mess in your yard. Sheds can be made to match the color of your home.

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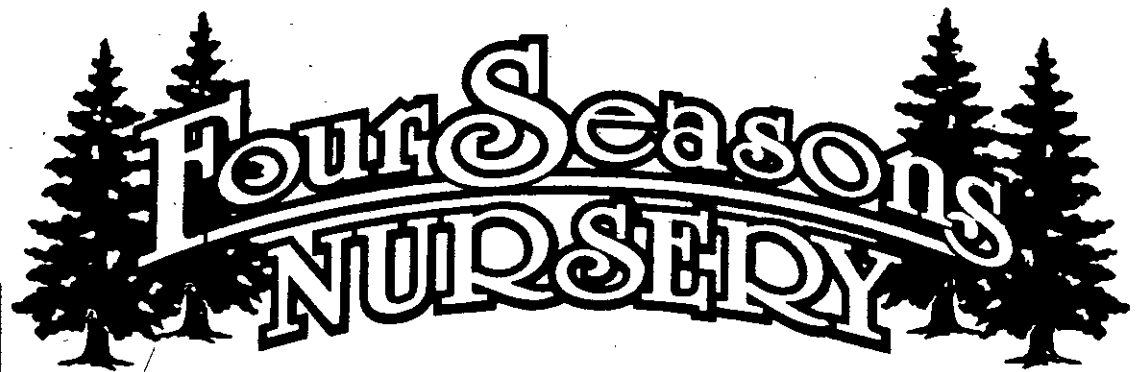
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Led by museum educators, the program "Plant a Pizza" will teach families how to plant a garden of herbs used for making pizza.

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Pets can do damage to landscaped lawns

Americans spend more than \$22 billion annually on gardening items. That's money well-spent, according to the National Gardening Association, which says a carefully crafted landscape can add an average of 15 percent to the value of a home. However, there are threats to this investment — and they're as adorable as your neighbors' dogs and cats.

The damage to landscaping by animals can be costly. It's important to combat the problem in the early stages. Homeowners often fail to assess the damage until a nibble or unearthed plant leads to total defoliation.

Repellents are just one way to make your yard and garden less appealing to animals.

Consider the following tips to keep your landscape vandal-free:

- Select an odor-based repellent that causes temporary nasal discomfort in animals. That drives them from the treated area. Some "repellents" are odor maskers, which only disguise previous odor markings left by dogs and cats and do not deter foraging animals.

- Repellents can be applied as a perimeter treatment around

the area you want to protect. In this fashion, it can be used to train your own pet to stay out of certain areas of the yard.

- Taste-based repellents can be good companions to odor-based repellents, because they leave bitter residue that most animals dislike.

- Stray dogs usually damage lawns and street-facing flower beds during the day, while cats are notorious for nighttime strolls through flower and shrub beds. Wild animals prefer to forage at night and are attracted to tender garden vegetables and ornamental plants. This sort of damage is easy to spot, since deer and rabbit browsing leaves jagged and torn surfaces on twigs and stems.

- Most homeowners opt against fencing, citing expense and aesthetics. Animal activists caution that some types of fencing, like barbed wire, can be deadly to deer.

- Scare tactics can be a second line of defense. Scarecrows can simulate people if moved weekly to different positions and covered with worn — not washed — clothing. Making scarecrows can be a fun project for the whole family.



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Earth-friendly gardeners are discovering that, once established, natives are easy to grow and maintain.

Getting started with natives can provide several fun outings for the family. Hikes in the fields and woodlands near your home will spark your imagination, but before you venture out, get to know the habitats in your own backyard. Your objective is to partner with nature and select plants that suit the unique conditions of your yard.

In a small journal, record a few notes about the light, soil, exposure and other factors that affect plant growth. You may have a variety of microclimates and habitats in your yard. Get to know them, so you can match plants to conditions that they will thrive in. There are natives for sun and shade, for wet areas and for dry areas, for acid soils and for alkaline soils, for clay and for sandy loams.

When you explore the fields, woods and wetlands in the different seasons, keep an eye out for flowers, fruits, bark details, autumn colors and architectural forms that capture your imagination. Spend some quiet time in the habitats that interest you, and observe the birds, butterflies and other creatures. A native home landscape will be alive with animals, providing endless hours of fascination for the owners. Plan to share the tasty, edible fruits that many natives produce with feathered friends and other wildlife.

Local nurseries that specialize in native plants are a resource for information and plants. Never dig plants from the wild, and verify that your nursery is selling plants that it has propagated. The objective is to preserve our botanical legacy, not to deplete it. Botanical gardens, garden clubs and mail-order catalogs are other good resources.

If you match the right species to the right conditions, natives will need little supplemental water once established and will survive without fertilizer. However, native plants will grow more vigorously and produce more flowers and fruits if you water during dry periods and boost them regularly during the growing season with a water-soluble fertilizer. The objective of most home gardeners is to create a backyard paradise, and native plants will appreciate a little push to produce the desired effect.

Gardening teaches kids life lessons

A child's garden produces the richest harvest of all.

With hoe and trowel in hand, a child experiences the satisfaction that comes from commitments and observes the cycle of life firsthand.

Working side by side in the garden, adults and children learn from each other and share successes. Gardening cultivates a child's love for the earth and its bounty — crunchy carrots, sweet snap peas, fresh herbs.

• Even a small garden can yield big discoveries. In fact, gardening experts recommend that a child's garden be small enough that the weeding, watering, thinning and harvesting are manageable for the child.

Child-size tools for the task, from a mini-greenhouse and seed pots for indoor growing to shovels, hoes and rakes with sturdy wooden handles and metal blades are available at specialty toy stores.

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Use fresh gas in mowers

Gasoline is a lot like a loaf of bread — it's best when it's fresh. Many people are not aware that gas breaks down in storage, and there are a lot of things people don't know about gas, which is a complex blend of chemicals.

Sometimes, what you don't know about gas can hurt you — or, rather, your outdoor power equipment. For fast-starting, trouble-free operation of lawn mowers, it pays to be fuel-wise.

For example, since gas degrades over time, it's best to drain the lawn mower's tank after every cutting season, then fill up fresh the next year. That's one reason the experts recommend keeping no more than a one-month supply of gas on hand.

Another reason for not stocking up with too much gas ahead of time is because of those seasonal changes in the blend. The seasonally wrong blend often leads to hard starting and vapor locking.

The experts recommend buying only brand-name gasoline. If you notice a decrease in engine performance after a gas purchase or observe water or haze in the gas, you should switch to another brand.

Storage containers should have tightly fitting caps to maintain gas quality. Allowing gas to be exposed to air continuously can lead to gum formation, octane loss and moisture pickup, which all contribute to poor engine performance.

If you did not drain the gas tank before storing your lawn mower, add stabilizer to the tank, and fill it with fuel. Then, operate it a few minutes to draw the stabilized fuel into the carburetor. Do not leave an air space in the tank.

Most outdoor power equipment is designed to run well on regular (87-octane) gasoline, so you're probably wasting money if you're buying premium.

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Create a new lawn in two weekends of hard work

A lovely new lawn could be just two weekends away if you follow this checklist.

As with any big project, breaking the job down into manageable chunks will smooth out the problems of when to do what.

Extend this guide into four weekends if your new lawn is going to be quite large, and speed things up to just a two-day project if you're adding lawn to a small area.

Before you begin

- Measure the area where you want to lay sod or seed, and calculate the square footage by multiplying the width by the length.
- If using sod, call and reserve the amount you'll need, and schedule delivery on the day you will finish soil preparation.
- Check with local rental services about reserving a tiller, roller and landscaper's rake for

the next two weekends. In the busy spring season, these tools may be checked out every weekend — get a jump start, and reserve now.

- Stockpile the supplies you will need for the project: fertilizer, peat moss, grass seed, large rake (or a rented landscaping rake), rototiller, wide board or old ladder to drag and level soil, roller, and sprinklers or irrigation system to keep new lawn well-watered

First Sunday

Improve your soil. Work 2 to 3 inches of peat moss or a peat moss/compost blend into the top 6 to 8 inches of soil. Organic matter like peat moss helps sandy soil to retain moisture and loosens and improves drainage in clay or hard-packed soil.

Second Saturday

Level and rake. Drag a ladder or wooden plank across the new lawn area to make sure the bed is level and free of dips.

If you rent a landscaper's rake, go over the ground twice to smooth out the inevitable rough spots.

Another tool the professionals use is a roller. These are also available for rent and are used to break down small lumps of soil just before seeding.

Second Sunday

Once the soil is tilled, amended and leveled, it's time to add fertilizer. Make sure you spread a lawn food especially formulated for new lawns.

At last you're ready to spread seed or sod the area. Hand seeding or seeding with a drop spreader is the least expensive. After sprinkling the soil with seed, top it off with a thin layer of peat moss. This will help keep the seed from blowing away or drying out.

Sodding gives instant gratification, and because you start with a thick grass carpet, there is less trouble with invading weeds. After you lay sod, fill in the cracks between the sections with peat moss to help the sod sections to knit together quickly.

Once the seed or sod is down, all you have to do is keep the new lawn well-watered until established. The soil should be moist at all times, but not wet. This could mean watering twice a day in hot weather or once a week if it rains.

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Fabrics are chemical-free way to win war on weeds

Remember the days when the only possible way to battle weeds was with the help of a hoe?

It was a tiresome, dirty task, the end only appeared near when summer was over and the cooler weather of fall was approaching.

Those days are fortunately long gone, as landscape fabrics are making life for the gardener easier than ever.

Weeds can be a nightmare, even for the experienced gardener. Imagine all the hard work and time spent toiling to produce the picture perfect garden, only to have it bombarded by ugly weeds.

Unpleasant to the eye, weeds kill a garden by blocking sunlight and absorbing moisture that ultimately never reaches the plants.

Landscape fabrics, however, work to promote the growth and stamina of garden plants, and they do this by prohibiting any kind of weed growth.

Environmentally safe, extremely effective, and easy to use, landscape fabrics are proving to be the weed prevention strategy of choice among gardeners.

The first question one may ask is, how are landscape fabrics environmentally safe? To appreciate this answer, it's important to understand the workings of the fabric itself. A

landscape fabric is a strong synthetic fabric with thousands of tiny "micro-funnels" molded into it, which allow air and water to pass through to the plant roots.

In the past, gardeners had turned to regular black plastic bags to deter the growth of weeds, but this method backfired when garden plants were literally suffocated because the soil couldn't "breathe" through the plastic.

Landscape fabrics, on the other hand, allow plants to receive air, water, and vital nutrients, while the growth of weeds below the fabric, who would otherwise be competing for those nutrients, is stopped in their tracks.

The use of landscape fabrics is also a much safer route when compared to other weed preventatives, such as chemicals.

Landscape fabrics do not entail the use of any substances that could cause harm to the environment, and their effectiveness equals or surpasses that of any yard and garden chemical currently on the market.

Besides being environmentally sound, landscape fabrics are safe to store around children and pets.

While landscape fabrics have been successful as a weed deterrent in the garden bed, they are useful in other areas of the yard as well.

These weed-prone areas include around trees, plants, shrubs, and even in potted plants. Once the landscape fabric has been applied, weeds won't stand a chance, even in such hard to reach areas.

Besides their use for weed prevention, fabrics can also be installed when repair work is done on decks and patios.

The actual process of applying a landscape fabric is quite simple, even if you're not a seasoned gardener.

Start a weed-free garden by laying the landscape fabric over a chosen area of garden soil. Distribute plants on top of the fabric the way that the finished garden would look.

Once the garden is plotted, cut holes into the landscape fabric where the plants will

grow, and simply plant them through the holes of the fabric.

Stopping weeds in a mature perennial garden is just as easy. Lay the fabric over the garden, and cut x's above the plants, so the fabric can be pulled over them. Covering the material with a layer of mulch or compost will further ensure weed prevention.

Halting the attack of weeds in the garden may have seemed like a hopeless task in the past,

but now, with the help of landscape fabrics, those worries are history.

The garden will not only look sharper, but fabrics relieve gardeners from the aggravating task of ripping up weeds.

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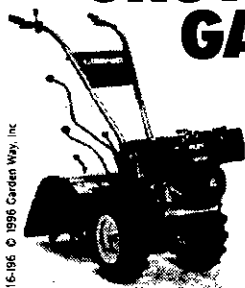
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Edging is one of the most important ways to keep a great looking yard looking great. Thanks to some modern technology, it can also mean far less time spent in the garden for the busy do-it-yourself homeowner.

Most homeowners creating a border around their planting beds or a tree spend hours using a half-moon edging tool to cut through grass and soil in an effort to create a natural edge.

Hand-produced edges are rarely even and, due to rain and erosion, the natural wall begins to fall apart, eventually blending with the soil in the planting bed.

Worse, grass and/or weeds tend to grow in the wall of soil,

thereby marring the area's look. Left unattended, a naturally cut edge with no support will sink and level out, and grass will fill the area. Many people will turn to old-fashioned, difficult-to-cut black edging, which comes in a long hard-to-handle coil. Then, once the edging is uncoiled, the homeowner must create a trench and painstakingly stake the edging material into the ground to hold it firmly in place.

There is, however, a simple, cost efficient and effective solution, namely a landscape edging made from durable polymer resins that can be easily hammered into the ground.

For example, Easy Gardener has introduced Emerald Edge, a

forest green edging product that comes in lightweight, serrated and interlocking pieces that measure four-foot long by five inches high, meaning there are no long coils of black edging to unfurl, then cut, then finally put into the ground.

Hand-produced edges are rarely even and, due to rain and erosion, the natural wall begins to fall apart, eventually blending with the soil in the planting bed.

The new, long-lasting product, which will also not rust, crack, chip or fade, is designed

in such a way that it is flexible enough to create curves and tree rings without having to purchase additional pieces.

All it takes to install a "hammer-in" edging, which can be purchased at hardware stores and major garden and home centers, is a few minutes of one's time, a mallet, and a garden hose.

Once the location and shape of the area to be edged have been determined, lay out a garden hose where you plan to put the edging. The four-foot edging sections can be used straight or curved at any angle up to 120 degrees. Line up the edging to the hose shape guide and drive the section into the ground by striking the edging's

scalloped top with the mallet.

It's best to drive the edging about three to four inches deep into the ground, which will serve the dual purpose of ensuring that it stays in place and that there's enough edging above the soil surface to maintain an efficient physical barrier.

People sometimes find the soil too hard to penetrate. If that should occur, stop hammering, soak the area with water for a few minutes to soften the soil, and then try again.

For safety purposes, at all times handle the edging and mallet carefully. Finally, the edging sections can be seamlessly joined together by snapping the lining-hinge connectors of one piece to another.

Be sure to read the directions for more information on this step and for using a saw to shorten sections to length required.

Installed properly, a plastic landscape edging will work for years and years without having to be replaced or reinstalled.

So, take a little time and expend a minimum of effort now, and get the edge on edging. The result will be a landscape that looks fine-tuned, professionally done, and beautiful, and that will stay that way for years to come.


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This new generation of furniture is beautiful, stylish, and made to last for years outdoors.

Casual furniture falls into a half-dozen categories, based on the material used for the frame: aluminum, resin, steel, wicker/rattan, wood, and wrought and cast-metals.

Aluminum is by far the most popular material. It doesn't rust. It's easy to move. It's durable. It comes in a broad range of prices. It requires little care. And it's available in a wide variety of styles.

Both aluminum and steel furniture are usually "powder coated" (sealed in a plastic finish that is thick, glossy and durable) instead of painted.

Steel furniture has been popular since the 1940s. It is heavy, extremely durable, less expensive than many other frame materials and, if not properly prepared and coated by the manufacturer, and maintained by the owner, guaranteed to rust.

Reputable manufacturers have spent small fortunes developing finishes that inhibit rust. All you have to do is be

meticulous about following their rather simple care instructions.

Resin furniture is the darling of outdoor furniture in Europe, where it commands upward of 90 percent of the casual furniture market.

Aluminum is by far the most popular material. It doesn't rust. It's easy to move. It's durable. It requires little care.

Resin is actually polypropylene plastic to which chemicals have been added to enhance strength, whiteness, resistance to dirt and to sunlight.

Resin furniture can sell for \$5.99 per chair or \$2,000 for a full set. The difference in quality

is not discernible to the naked eye.

Better resin furniture uses more raw material (it's heavier) with superior weather-fighting chemicals, and has a glossier finish.

Wicker is not a material; it's a method of weaving. Anything from sea grass to reed to synthetic materials can be woven into patterns called wicker.

Weather-resistant wicker is a special category that is tremendously popular today. It has been treated to allow constant outdoor use, and is sun-proof, rain-proof, snow-proof and chlorine-proof.

Wrought iron has been around since the 1920s, and is characterized by elegant, traditional design.

It is actually steel that is hammered and bent (literally "wrought") to form graceful curves. Wrought aluminum, duplicating the grace and style of wrought iron, is lighter and easier to maintain.

Cast iron and cast aluminum are formed when molten metal is poured into molds.

Cast pieces usually feature intricate, traditional designs that reflect eighteenth-century styling.

Wood furniture is manufactured from a wide variety of American trees like pine, white oak, redwood, cypress, teak, ma-

hogany, cedar, maple, birch and beech, as well as an array of exotic African hardwoods with names such as bubinga and ovengkol.

Because the exotic woods, including teak, are often harvested from tropical rain forests, look for a seal of approval from Friends of the Earth, or certification that the wood was plantation-harvested.

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Tips on growing a successful vegetable garden

Everyone loves a ripe juicy vegetable, especially one grown in your own backyard. Does the prospect of cultivating a bounty of tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers and carrots sound scary? Time-consuming? Not worth the effort? Well, think again.

Gone are the days when a gardener had to spend hours and hours toiling in the garden in order to grow a couple of less than impressive vegetables. Nowadays, thanks to the intro-

duction of several cost-effective, time-efficient, and chemical-free solutions, anyone can create a salad-worthy vegetable garden that's easy to start and maintain, and that will reap a bountiful harvest.

Choosing your vegetables

According to the experts at Easy Gardener, a manufacturer of numerous vegetable gardening products, step one on the road to great vegetables is choosing the vegetables you

wish to grow. Lettuce, carrots, peas and potatoes do best in slightly cooler weather, while cucumbers, squash, and eggplant thrive in warmer weather. Corn and peppers crave hotter temperatures. The next step is to choose and prepare a planting site. Bear in mind that all vegetables grow best in soil that's drained well, airy, and filled with nutrients. This is because the plants' roots are able to spread down deep into

the soil, thereby securing them firmly in the ground and allowing them to soak up as much moisture as needed. Bad soil will lead to a bad harvest, so be certain to amend soil, especially compacted or dry soil, with compost to supply nutrients. Also, try adding a balanced fertilizer to keep plants well fed.

If you intend to grow plants that climb, such as cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers, try installing a plant support such as

the Easy Trellis. A sturdy, reusable 70-inch-high netting for vegetables, fruits and flowers, the Easy Trellis can be secured to wooden or metal posts positioned about six feet apart, with plants tied onto the netting with Trellis Ties. As a plant reaches higher, more Trellis Ties can be used to allow the plant to grow unimpeded.

Now that the bed has been properly prepared, the hour has come to plant seeds or place seedlings into the ground. Should you be planting seedlings, set the roots deep into the soil, according to the directions on the plant's container. Handle seeds carefully, as they often suffer transplant shock. If starting from seed, read the packet directions for information on planting depth and the spacing of seeds.

Weed prevention

Nothing can thwart the potential growth of vegetable plants quite like weeds in the garden bed. Why? Weeds battle with plant roots for moisture, and it's a battle weeds usually win. The key is not to pull weeds out once they pop up, but to prevent them from popping up in the first place. Some people use sheets of black plastic laid atop the soil to deter weeds. However, plastic does not let air or water reach the soil, and it can lead to soured soil which will kill the vegetable plants.

One new product, BioBlock, is an environmentally friendly and easy way to control weed growth. Made from 100 percent recycled fibers and available in easy to use rolls, BioBlock is designed to block weeds and then biodegrade. Thus, it never has to be removed. Further, thousands of tiny "MicroChannels" permit water and air to pass through the thick paper-like material to the plants' roots.

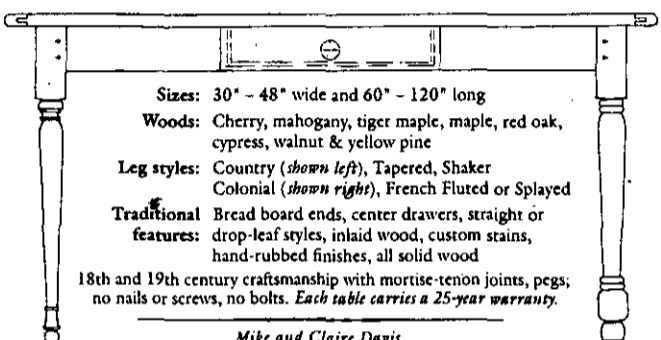
Stimulating plant growth

Even after a garden bed has been aerated and fertilized, and plants staked and protected from weeds, plants can still use a little help, the kind of help that will result in an increased vegetable yield. Floating row covers, sheets of clear plastic laid over seedlings, are just the kind of help plants can use.

While a row cover should not be used at peak sun hours or in extreme heat, it's perfect come fall, when temperatures drop and frost threatens a second or third harvest. It provides a physical barrier between frost and plants.

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Trees just love to be pruned

But when done improperly, damage can result

Pruning your trees can feel a lot like programming your VCR: You know how it's supposed to work, but you're not quite sure you're doing it right.

Unfortunately, if you make a mistake pruning, it's a lot more serious than missing an episode of "Home Improvement." Luckily, pruning is simple when you follow a few guidelines.

Pruning is easier than most people think — with a little time and practice, your trees will improve not only in size and shape, but in overall health, too.

When to prune?

The most commonly asked pruning question is also the toughest one to answer. You want to encourage proper growth and avoid shock to the plant, so prune only when the plant is dormant (not actively growing).

There is no single time when all plants are dormant, so follow these tips:

- Cold weather brings on dormancy. In mild-winter regions, prune before freezing occurs to avoid damage — typically late autumn.

- In severe-winter areas, prune in late summer to allow new growth to harden before extreme temperatures set in.

- In tropical and subtropical regions, trees are dormant during their leafless season. This period varies and may not be in winter.

- Trees that do not lose their leaves annually (like evergreens) are usually dormant during the coldest time of the year.

Why prune?

There are three reasons to prune regularly:

- To promote the growth of the tree,
- To promote the health of the tree,
- To make your trees more attractive.

To promote growth, remove dead branches, unwanted shoots and any stray branches that could block needed sunlight. For both looks and the tree's health, you'll want to remove diseased branches that could spread disease throughout the tree.

When pruning diseased branches, remember to clean your tools with rubbing alcohol before cutting healthy branches.

How to prune?

Begin with the right tools. While power trimmers and chain saws are good for some

jobs, the two "must-haves" are a pair of pruning shears and a pruning saw. With them, you can accomplish basic backyard pruning chores using the following guidelines:

- **Be safe:** Whenever you use cutting tools, always wear gloves and eye protection. If you're on a ladder, don't support branches over your head or cut where you have to fully extend your arm. Never use a chain saw while on a ladder, and don't prune branches near power lines — leave that to the pros.

- **Cutting with shears:** There are two types of shears: hand shears and lopping shears. Lopping shears have longer handles for hard-to-reach branches. Both have two blade designs to choose from, the anvil or hook-and-blade. The anvil design is normally lighter, but the hook-and-blade cuts closer and cleaner.

To prune, place the blade just beyond the portion of the plant you want to remain (whether that is a bud, stem or nearby branch). The perfect cut is

slanted slightly upward in the direction of the bud, stem or branch.

- **Cutting with a saw:** Use a saw on branches more than an inch thick. Pruning saws normally have a curved blade and cut on the pull stroke.

When cutting branches, always cut on a 45-degree angle from the trunk of the tree. Never cut a branch flush against the trunk — it could stop future growth.

- **Heavy branches:** With a heavy branch, there is the added danger of the branch falling before you make your final cut.

To avoid this, support the branch with your free hand while cutting with the other. Use a lightweight saw with an ergonomically designed handle to complete dangerous jobs quickly, safely and with less strain.

Follow these tips, and you can prune with confidence. If you have more specific questions, contact your local greenhouse for advice.



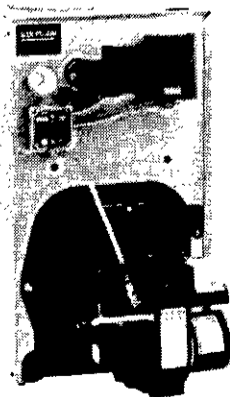
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Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme — you can grow your favorite herbs in a decorative planter for a delightful display and handy supply.

A strawberry pot is ideal with its protruding pockets that allow an assortment of herbs to cascade from all sides, providing versatility in the kitchen, as well as an attractive show on the deck. Most herbs are sun-lovers, so choose a sunny site where they will be convenient for picking. Position tall herbs, like chives, parsley and mint, at the center and shorter or trailing herbs toward edges and in the pockets.

For best results, use a top-quality, peat-based potting mix. An easy way to judge quality is to look at the ingredients listed on the potting-mix bag. The proper mix is particularly important for container plants to ensure adequate drainage. Yard soil tends to retain too much water, leading to rotting roots, and poor-quality potting mixes allow water to run through too quickly, leading to dried-out plants.

Creating the herb planter is easy. You will need a strawberry pot, about 10 herb plants, peat-based potting mix, some small stones and a cardboard tube

from wrapping paper.

- Add about 2 inches of peat moss to the bottom of the strawberry planter. Place the cardboard tube in the center of the planter. Work it into the peat moss so that it remains upright.

- Fill the pot with potting mixture to the first pockets. Now add plants, gently passing roots through the holes. Cover roots with potting mix, and repeat until planter is filled. Leave about 1 inch between the potting mixture and the planter rim to allow for watering.

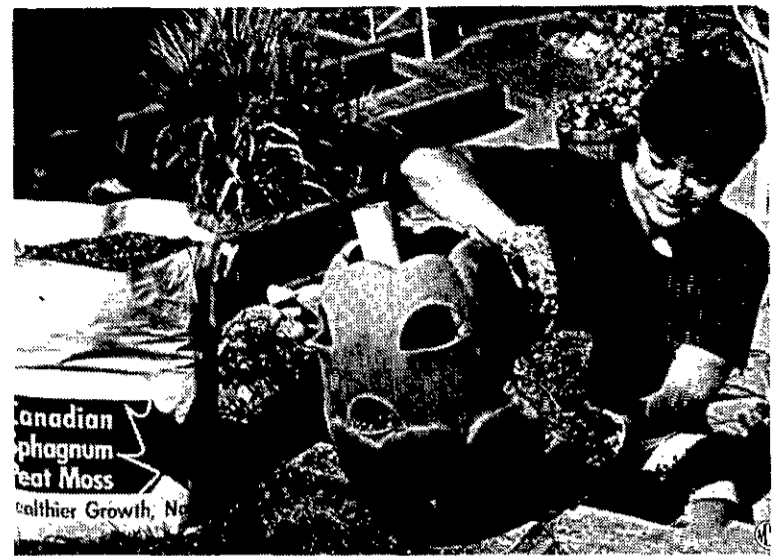
- Fill the cardboard tube with small stones, and then carefully pull it out. The stones improve drainage, allowing water to seep

evenly throughout the potting mix.

- Plant herbs in the open soil at the top of the planter. Use herbs that require less water, like basil, thyme and rosemary.

The herbs should be ready for picking within a few weeks. Water the planter frequently to keep the soil moist but not wet to the touch, and use a water-soluble fertilizer every two weeks.

Pick herbs often, never taking more than a third of the plant at one time. The best time to pick is in the morning. For best flavor and fragrance, harvest herbs before they bloom.



A strawberry pot is ideal for cultivating a fresh herb garden. All it takes are the right ingredients — a healthy potting soil with plenty of organic matter, seeds of your favorite herbs, water and lots of sunshine — for you to enjoy fresh herbs this year.

Windows stop furniture fading

Home decorating is big business. In 1995, Americans are expected to spend nearly \$9 billion on furniture alone.

But once the dollars are spent, many homeowners believe they should turn their homes into caves to keep natural light from fading their new furnishings. Technological advances indicate otherwise.

"The most basic place to start is the windows," said Matthew MaLossi of Crawford Door & Window, local distributor of Pella windows and doors. New window technology can bring natural light in while blocking most of the harmful rays that cause fading.

MaLossi said today's windows offer advanced glazing technologies such as low-emissivity, or low-E, coatings. The coating acts much like a mirror, reflecting heat and other fading rays. Because the coating is clear, it allows nearly all visible light into the home. Some windows with multiple layers of low-E, for example, block up to 74 percent of ultraviolet and other rays which cause fading, MaLossi said.

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Members of this year's BCCHS cheerleading squad include Laurie Kondrat, top left, Jamie Dwyer, Betsy Languish, Janelle Boubeck, Alicia Rooney, Jenn Scott, bottom left, Alyce Smith, Danielle Rinaldi, Nicole Sajdak, Kelly Ray, Gretchen Sodergren, Kirsten Casey and Katie O'Brien, front. Elaine McClain

BCCHS cheerleaders headed to Great Adventure in Jersey

The Bethlehem varsity cheerleading squad is headed to the Great Adventure Amusement Park in New Jersey this weekend to participate in the National Cheerleaders Association regional competition.

Coached by Susan Lasher, the cheerleaders have distinguished themselves during several previous competitions this year.

In March, the BC girls took first place in their division in the Northeast Regional Championships held at Albany High School.

In February, the girls captured

first place in the Herkimer Competition, which featured teams from Rochester and Syracuse. Bethlehem received the Spirit and Sportsmanship Award for the entire 60-team competition.

Also in February, the BC contingent captured first place in its division of the Colonie Competition against several other schools in the Suburban Council.

"The team has worked very hard to achieve recognition as an athletic program at Bethlehem," Lasher said. "Their performances this year have shown the fruits of

their labors.

"Since I've been at BC, I've seen tremendous family and community support for the program," she said. "They've definitely helped us put Bethlehem cheerleading on the map."

Assistant coach Tricia Kandefer has also been key to the team's success, Lasher said.

Two members of the team, Nicole Sajdak and Katie O'Brien, recently returned from Myrtle Beach, S.C. where they were part of an all-star team competing in a national tournament.

Two perfect games rolled at Del Lanes

Two bowlers, Jeff Dievendorf and Olin McDonald, rolled 300 games at Del Lanes recently. Bowling honors for the week of March 31 include:

Senior Circuit Men: George Bickel 267 and 891 four games; Gerald Richardson 592 triple; and Harold Eck 243 and 895 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: Mildred Hammes 189 and 498 triple; Cora Kubisch 462 triple; and Jeannine Fissette 529 triple.

Men: Dievendorf, 300 and 1125 four games; McDonald 300; and Rob Zinzow 759 triple.

Women: Kathy Hoffman 253; Kim Bates 628 triple; and Tami McDonald 929 four games.

Junior Classic: Mike Patounas 278 and 935 four games; Andrea Kachidurian 216 and 800 four games; Mike Westphal 223 and 751 four games; and Courtney Radick 212 and 754 four games.

Majors: Terrance Williams 223 and 573 triple.

Juniors: Brian Lichorowiec 188 and 500 triple; Jessica Neiles 216 and 516 triple; Sean Brown 230 and 493 triple; and Deanna Dougherty 191 and 494 triple.

Hawks win in Amsterdam

The under-8 Bethlehem Hawks coached by Andy Giordano took first place in the recent Amsterdam "Break the Ice" soccer tournament.

The Hawks started out with a 3-1 win over Saratoga, and then faced the Village team. The Hawks came away with a 6-1 victory, which set the stage for a showdown against Ballston Spa.

The third game against Ballston Spa was the most exciting game ever played by the Hawks. Ballston Spa came out fired up and scored first to lead 1-0. Ryan Banagan then tied the game off a perfect feed from Geoff Narode.

Shortly after the ensuing kickoff, Peter Hill stole the ball and blasted it into the net from midcourt to score the winning goal with 1.8 seconds left in the game.

The Hawks completed their second straight undefeated tournament with a 3-0 victory over Highland and a 3-1 win over Amsterdam. Max Petraglia, Andy Harder and Nicky Giordano also scored during the tournament.

"They came today with a lot of smarts and a ton of heart," said Giordano. "The type of gym and rules for this tournament were very different than others. We made great adjustments with our offense."

Kevin Cassidy and Lindsey Rood were instrumental in a revised set-up that had to defend key players looking for the clear shot on the outside.

Ryan Knaack and Brian Rudolph shared the goaltending for the Hawks, who never allowed more than one goal a game.

BC girls help win trophy

Three BCHS varsity soccer players recently returned from a successful trip to Washington, D.C. where their team won the National Cherry Blossom Soccer Tournament

Sophomores Emma Samuelson-Jones and Diana Woodworth together with freshman Lily Corrigan played for John Pauley's Capital United under-15 travel team.

The U-15 team was undefeated

in tournament play, scoring 15 goals and allowing only two against strong competition from select teams from the mid-Atlantic states.

The U-15 championship game was played on a special field between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Capital United defeated the Alexandria, Va. Flames by a 5-1 margin. The three Bethlehem players anchored a strong defense.

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Husky

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"been in the works for some time," Rooney said. "Our understanding is that they were looking at the Pittsfield area, where they already have a plant, but they ran into some problems. We may be a little late to the party, but we're giving it our best shot."

Bethlehem's new \$13.9 million water system, which went on line in January, would satisfy all of Husky's needs, and is a major reason Bethlehem is being seriously considered, Fuller said.

The town has not yet submitted a formal proposal to Husky, Fuller said, which is part of the reason the company is upset over the local publicity.

Efforts to obtain a comment from Husky were unsuccessful.

Geese to be featured in 'Watchable Wildlife'

The Watchable Wildlife Series will continue with a program on geese on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The program will begin with a brief indoor introduction to the geese, followed by a walk to nest sites.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Science

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Wolkenbreit acknowledged Sufirin's concerns and will provide monthly updates to the board regarding the new curriculum in the seventh and eighth grades as the changes unfold.

Barlow also presented a chemistry report to the board, in response to concerns about student performance in chemistry on Regents exams. Chemistry is consistently the weakest area on Voorheesville's CAR reports, with scores frequently in the high 70s or low 80s. In contrast, scores for all other subjects are in the high 90s and frequently reach 100.

A number of measures have been taken to bring the chemistry scores up to par. A "chemistry clinic" will be offered daily; computer software and hardware have been purchased for review and remediation in chemistry; a diagnostic test with typical Regents chemistry questions will be administered to students prior to the April vacation, allowing students to identify their problem areas. In addition, weekly report forms will increase communication among teachers, parents and students and extra help sessions will be available.

Samuel and Barlow are also surveying neighboring schools regarding selection of Regents level chemistry students as well

as how students in other schools taking AP chemistry or an honors level chemistry course perform on the Regents exam.

At Voorheesville high school, Samuel and Barlow are also examining student performance on Regents and non-Regents math exams as well as the Regents chemistry exam to see if students who have taken more math perform better on the chemistry exam.

Board members Steven Schreiber and Thomas Thorpe also urged Barlow to look at how chemistry is being taught. Thorpe also pointed out the importance of making students aware of possible careers in chemistry. Barlow explained that BOCES working on a grant that could make it possible for Voorheesville to be involved in a mentor relationship with GE plastics in Selkirk.

'Naughty Maria' on screen at town library

The Bethlehem Public Library, located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will present the film *Naughty Marietta* (1935, black and white) on Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

The film, which stars Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, is a musical comedy about a runaway princess.

For information, call 439-9314.

Plan

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plan that sparked opposition involved the large lot sizes that LUMAC wanted to create in certain rural parts of town.

Bowing to pressure from a number of farmers in the Selkirk/South Bethlehem area, LUMAC recommended that the maximum residential density for conservation zones be changed from one unit per five acres (as originally proposed) to one unit per three.

The maximum residential density originally recommended for the agriculture/residential category was changed from one unit per three acres to one unit per two acres.

And the maximum density for the rural residence land use category was changed by LUMAC

from one unit per three acres to one unit per two.

About 15 other changes were made in the draft master plan in response to public comments and letters received over the past year. All of the changes will be available for public review when copies of the final document are placed in town hall and the Bethlehem town library.

Unlike the 1960s, when the town board developed but never implemented a master plan, the current board will definitely take action, Fuller said.

Actual implementation of the master plan is expected to take a number of years, however, because it will involve formal additions and/or changes to the town zoning ordinance.

Residence

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The residence, celebrating its 15th birthday this month, has become an integral part of the community, McKee said.

"This town is truly a shining star," said residence director Deb Goet. The residence, which is run by the state, opened without fanfare or objections from neighbors, Goet said.

McKee said the home was founded as a result of a movement in the 1970s for the state to close some of its large institutions. "It's a much more normal setting, a more normal life, and it's much cheaper to have a person living in a home" than it is to house them in an institution, she said.

McKee got involved with the residence even before it opened as a result of an ad she responded to in the newspaper. The advisory board provides things "the state can't" for the residents, and acts as a sounding board for the 12-member staff.

Goet said the town has been wonderfully supportive.

"The town of Bethlehem is re-

ally a phenomenal example of what deinstitutional life," can be, Goet said.

Everyone from people involved in town services such as the ambulance squad and fire department to Girl Scout troops to church youth groups to local businesses have pitched in to help to make the residents feel a real sense of home and belonging, she said.

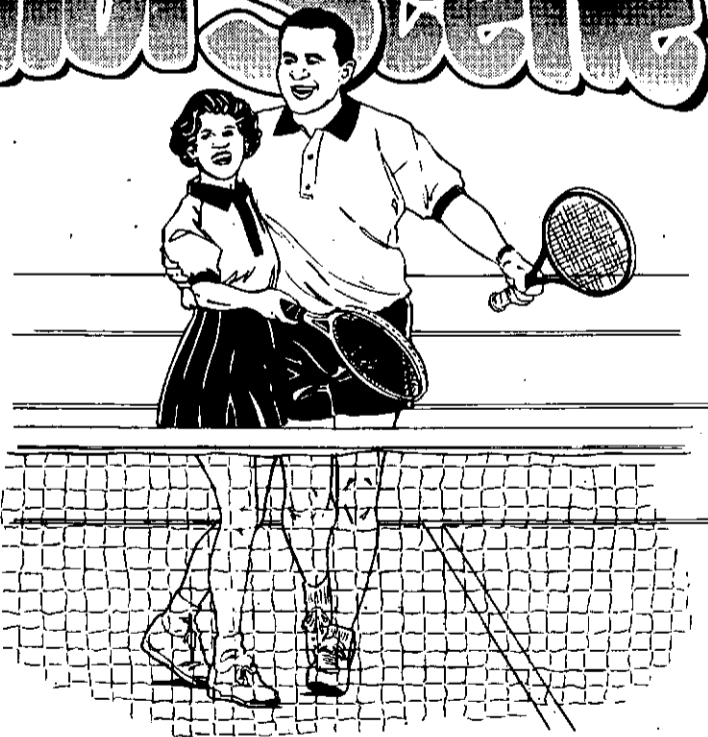
"Little things like going to Stewart's to pick up milk and eggs and being recognized and welcomed there" are very important to the men who live at the residence, Goet said.

"These people get a lot of care and love" from the community and from the staff, said Linda Lange, advisory board co-president.

To celebrate its 15th birthday, there will be an open house at the residence on 397 Delaware Ave. on Sunday, April 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. The community is welcome to attend.

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Joseph Porcaro and Lynda Sutliff

Sutliff, Porcaro to marry

Lynda Stacey Sutliff, daughter of Roger and Patricia Sutliff of Delmar, and Joseph Anthony Porcaro, son of Robert and Jennie Porcaro of Selden, Suffolk County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Northeastern University. She is employed as a senior engineer

by Electric Boat Corp. in Groton, Conn.

The future groom is a graduate of SUNY Maritime College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is also employed as a senior engineer by Electric Boat in Groton.

The couple plans a June 29 wedding.

Doane Stuart pupils earn academic honors

Several local pupils were honored for their first semester academic records at the Doane Stuart School.

Pupils who received honors were: fifth-graders Amanda Bon-Keen of Delmar, Casey Cunningham of Glenmont, Alicia Ogden of Ravena and Chelsea

Vagele of Selkirk; and sixth-graders Max Freed of Slingerlands and Michael Nardelli of Loudonville.

Also, seventh-graders Niels Hansen of Selkirk, Anna Mojallali of Delmar and Rachel Richter of Glenmont; eighth-grader Rebecca Harper; and ninth-grader James Perkins of Glenmont.

Delmar student taking courses 'Down Under'

Bucknell University junior James Fraser of Delmar is studying at the University of New South Wales, Australia, during the spring semester of the 1995-96 academic year.

Fraser, who is majoring in civil

engineering, is the son of Nancy and Robert Fraser of 64 Dumbarton Drive.

Fraser is a dean's list student and member of Alpha Lambda honor society and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Glenmont woman joins Longaberger team

Claudia Tiberia of Glenmont has joined the Longaberger Co. sales force as an independent consultant.

The company makes handwoven Longaberger baskets and markets a full line of pottery,

home accessories and wrought iron products.

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Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Joshua Daniel Egan to Suzanne and Robert Egan, Delmar, March 1.

Boy, Gabriel Sol Naviasky, to Barbara Pats and Laurence Naviasky, Delmar, March 4.

Boy, Brendan George Donahoe, to former Glenmont resident Krista and Thomas Donahoe of Mahopac, Putnam County, March 6.

Girl, Alexis Janel Young, to Allison and Robin Young, Delmar, March 22.

Boy, Theodore Smyth Shaw, to Penny and Elliott Shaw, Delmar, March 31.

Out of town

Boy, Christian Matthew Fifield, to Jill and Stephen Fifield of Little Rock, Ark. Maternal grandmother is Madelene Sutter of Delmar.

Dean's List

The following local college students were recently named to the fall semester dean's lists at their respective schools.

Marist College — Gabriella Bracaglia of Slingerlands, and Ken Schulz and John Svare, both of Delmar.

Pennsylvania State University — Kevin Rice of Delmar.

Temple University — Suzanne Rice of Delmar.

Area businessman to lead charity walk

Neal N. Galvin, president of Callanan Industries in South Bethlehem, has been named the corporate recruitment chairman for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation "Walk for the Cure."

The 5-kilometer walk, now in its fourth year for the Capital-Saratoga Chapter of JDF, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Corporate Woods in Albany.

Malinowski takes top geography honors

Elizabeth Malinowski, a student at St. Thomas School in Delmar, received first place in the school's 1996 Geography Bee. There were 30 contestants and a total of 12 rounds in the contests. Malinowski answered all the questions correctly.



David Vierschilling and Colleen Eggleston

Eggleston, Vierschilling plan April 1997 wedding

Colleen Eggleston, daughter of Richard and Shirley Eggleston of Selkirk, and David Glenn Vierschilling, son of the late Clarence Vierschilling of Millburn, N.J., and the late Margaret Vierschilling of Irvington, N.J., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of West Feliciana High School in St. Francisville, La., and Mildred Elley Business School. She is employed

as a front desk manager by the Howard Johnson's Lodge in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of McArthur High School and Sheridan Vocational School, both in Hollywood, Fla. He is employed as a locomotive engineer by Conrail in Selkirk.

The couple plans an April 19, 1997, wedding.

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Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.



Children's Arts & Crafts Day slated

Bethlehem Children's School is holding its hands-on Arts and Crafts Day for Children on Sunday, April 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Elm Avenue Park warming building.

Participants will take a trip around the world, stopping at different countries and learning about their cultures at the same time they're making a craft.

Admission is \$3.50 per child, with children under 3 admitted free. A silent auction will be held and refreshments will be available.

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Obituaries

Rabbi Alvin Roth

Rabbi Alvin S. Roth, 78, of Delmar died Sunday, April 7, at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Chareroi, Pa., he attended the University of Pittsburgh before attending the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform rabbinical seminary.

Rabbi Roth received a doctorate in religious education and counseling from Garrett Theological Seminary of Northwestern University.

He served in the Army Air Forces shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and returned to the seminary after the war and was ordained in 1953.

His first assignment was a Chicago Sinai Congregation and he came to Albany in 1956 to assist Rabbi Samuel Wolk at Congregation Beth Emeth. After the death of Rabbi Wolk, he became senior rabbi. He then became a founding rabbi of Congregation B'nai Shalom.

Rabbi Roth's preaching and scholarship were widely known. During his tenure in Albany, he participated in walks and marches and community activities related to civil rights, women's rights and fair housing. He also participated in many ecumenical events preaching and lecturing at several Protestant churches. He taught at Siena College and Hudson Valley Community College and wrote a weekly column, "One Moment Please," for the *Times Union*.

In later years, he worked as a psychologist for the state Department of Mental Hygiene. He devoted himself to his family and writing during his retirement.

Rabbi Roth served as a member of the board of overseers of Hebrew Union College and as vice president of its alumni association. He also served on the executive committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and chaired a special committee on the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Caplan Roth; a son, Samuel Roth of Boston; two daughters, Emily Roth of Birmingham, Ala., and Katherine Roth Boyar of New York City; two sisters, Phyllis Heller of Albany and Violet

Wiesenthal of Pompano Beach, Fla.; and two brothers, Robert Roth of Palo Alto, Calif., and Marvin Roth of San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Services were from Congregation Beth Emeth.

Arrangements were by the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Beth Emeth Cemetery.

Mildred Zick

Mildred C. Zick, 92, of Delmar died Saturday, April 6, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Polo, Ill., she had lived in Delmar for the past six years.

She was the widow of Judge Leon A. Zick.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara E. Anderson of Colorado Springs, Colo., a son, Robert R. Zick of Glenmont; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Services were in Polo, Ill.

Renna A. Hauf

Renna A. Hauf, 74, of New Port Richey, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Thursday, April 4, at her home.

Born in Midlothian, Texas, she was a longtime resident of Delmar before moving to Florida in 1985.

Mrs. Hauf worked for the Thruway Authority in Albany for 10 years.

She was a member of Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

Survivors include her husband, John E. Hauf; two daughters, Judy Frink of Cartersville, Ga., and Patricia Crosby of Hudson; two sons, William E. Hauf of Delmar and Edward J. Hauf of New Port Richey; three sisters, Marie Naylor of Dallas, Juanita Sheppard of Victorville, Calif., and Doris Land of Stratford, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Laurel J. Cahill

Laurel J. Cahill of Cherry Avenue in Delmar died Tuesday, April 2, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Schenectady before moving to Delmar.

She was an office manager for the Charles Bruning Co. in Delmar for about six years.

Mrs. Cahill was a member and past president of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Rosary Society, past president of the Tri-Village Nursery School, past president of Bethlehem Safe Water and a member of Westland Hills board of directors.

Survivors include her husband, John M. Cahill; two sons, Devon A. Cahill and Clayton M. Cahill, both of Delmar; her father, John P. Pacelli of Delmar; a sister, Laraine Desmond of Greenfield Center; and a brother, Laurence Pacelli of Schenectady.

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

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Sunnyview Hospital Foundation, 1270 Belmont Ave., Schenectady 12308.

Noble E. Adams

Noble E. Adams, 78, of Altamont and formerly of Voorheesville, died Tuesday, April 2, at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Lake Clear, Franklin County, he lived in Voorheesville for 12 years before moving to Altamont.

Mr. Adams worked for Walter Motor Truck Co. in shipping and receiving for 20 years before he retired.

He was a member of the Altamont Senior Citizens and a communicant of St. Lucy's Church.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Kehoe Adams; four sons, Gary Adams and Larry Adams, both of Altamont, and David Adams and George Adams, both of Guelderland; a daughter, Nancey Chestnut of Castleton; a brother, Ralph Adams of Jay, Essex County; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Lucy's Church.

Burial was in Schenectady Memorial Park.

Arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 8 Mountainview Ave., Colonie 12205, or the Altamont Senior Citizens, 109 Fairview Ave., Altamont 12009.

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Science bugs



Nancy Heinzen, co-chairwoman of the Elsmere Elementary School science fair, demonstrates liquid conductors. The experiment was done by third-graders Emily Sobiecki and MacKenzie Riegel.
Elaine McLain

Clarksville church serving roast beef

The Clarksville Community Church at 1997 Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville will host a roast beef dinner on Saturday, April 13. Serving times will be at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The cost for the all-you-can-eat dinner is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for youngsters under 5 years old.

For information, contact Diane Sala at 478-7238.

Book group tackling Plato's 'Symposium'

The adult Great Books Discussion Group of the Bethlehem Public Library will meet on Wednesday, April 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. A selection from Plato's "Symposium" will be discussed.

New members and guests are welcome, but only those who have finished the reading may participate in the discussion. Reserve copies of the text are available at the library.

For information, call 439-9314.

Turkey dinner is on the menu in Ravena

The Congregational Christian Church of Ravena, located on the corner of Mountain Road and Main Street in Ravena, will hold its annual roast turkey dinner on Saturday, April 13, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Take-outs will start at 4:30 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$7.50. Tickets for children ages 5 to 12 are \$4. Children under 5 years old eat for free.

Embroidery guilders to meet in Delmar

The Embroiders' Guild will meet on Wednesday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. Participants are invited to bring samples of their current work.

The evening division of the Embroiders' Guild will meet on Tuesday, April 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar. The group will continue its study of color theory.

For information, call 477-4511.

Women's Bible group to meet Thursdays

The Women's Common Unity Bible Study will meet Thursdays, April 11 to May 30, at 9:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Community Church at 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar, and at 7:30 p.m. in members' homes.

Topics will include "Meeting the Mountain-Mover," "Tuning In to God's Voice," and "Living in God's Presence."

For information, contact Pat Maloney at 765-4364.

Health screenings on tap at town hall

The town of Bethlehem will hold a blood pressure screening on Tuesday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, located on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

For information, call 439-4955.

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.

Local libraries show diversity for Nat'l Library Week

By Joshua Kagan

Libraries around the area, and around the country, will reach out to their communities with a series of events marking National Library Week, from April 14 to 20.

"It looks to me like it's very enthusiastically received by the public and approached by the staff," Louise Grieco of the Bethlehem Public Library said. "It's to celebrate libraries and the importance of reading and show the public the various activities at libraries."

"We want to get people in here and acquaint them with the library," said Barbara Vink of the Voorheesville Public Library. "Many people don't know what we have to offer."

This year's theme is "Libraries Change Lives. Call. Visit. Log On." Many libraries are focusing on promoting their computer services, especially those that include Internet access.

Events planned at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar include:

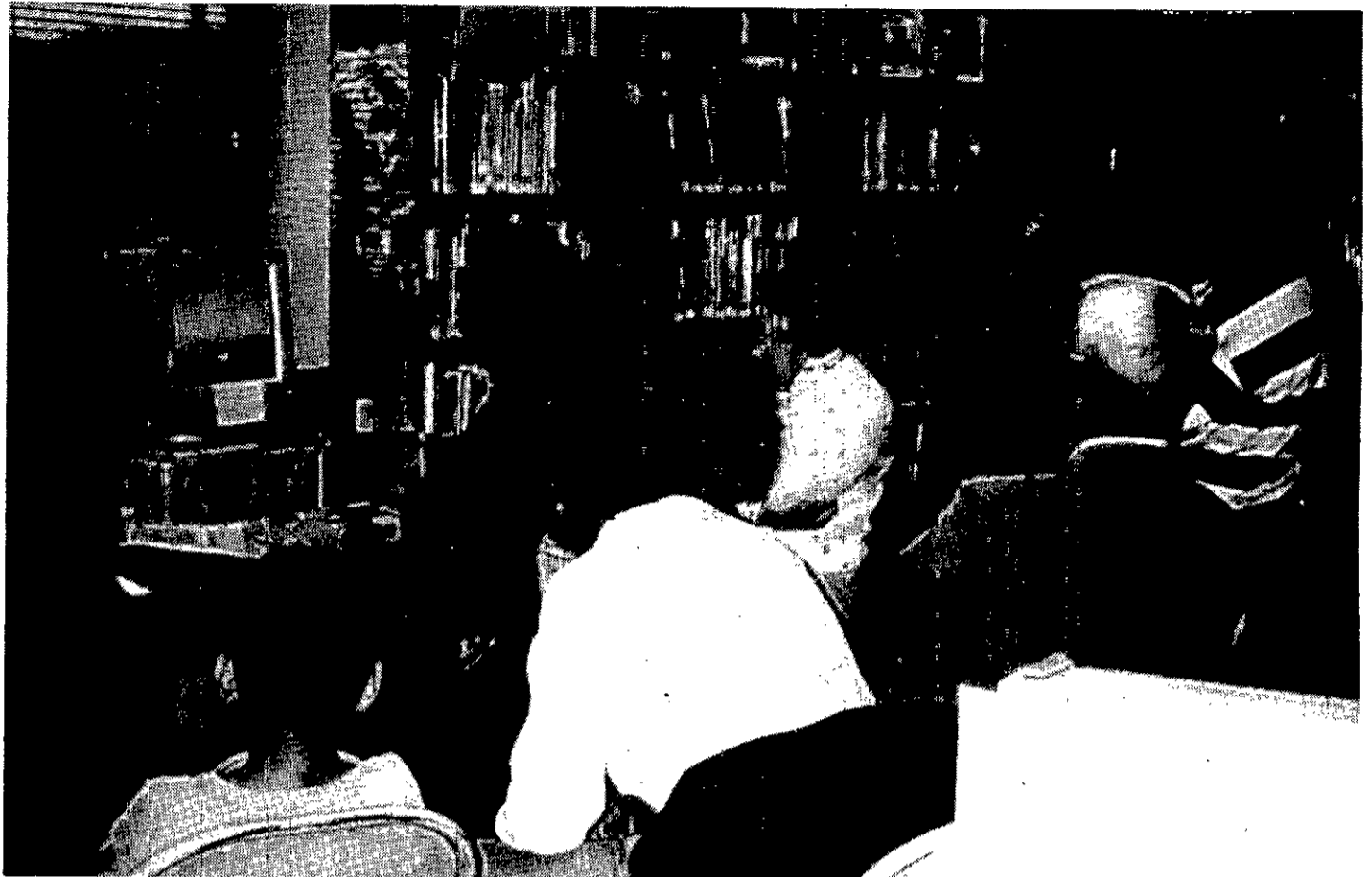
- A "Readers' Reception" is slated on Sunday, April 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. Representatives from several local book discussion groups will give a presentation on forming and running a group.

- In an event offered for the first time, Siena English professor Francine Dempsey will facilitate a "Journal Writing for Personal Growth" workshop on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. Grieco said, "The journal writing workshop is something different we're trying this year because reading often leads to writing. It should be popular."

- Richard Guthrie of the state Department of Environmental Conservation will present a slide lecture on "Songbirds of the Adirondacks" on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. This is the last in the library's Adirondack Aspects series.

- There will be "Story Reading for Children" sessions at 10 a.m. and 4 and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The sessions will feature stories from around the world.

"Hopefully, the events will be attractive to all our patrons," Grieco said.



You're never too old or too young to learn the latest, in this case, how to access an encyclopedia via computer, as Suzanne Fisher, reference librarian at the Voorheesville Public Library, demonstrates at a recent computer training session.

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For information or to register for a program, call the library at 439-9314.

The William K. Sanford Town Library at 629 Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie will feature its new reference computer with Internet access through Netscape Navigator software. There will be four computer trainings sessions during the week: Monday and Thursday, April 15 and 16, from 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A representative from the Capital Region Information System of New York

will demonstrate using the Internet on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

Anyone with a library card may sign up to use the computer for one hour by calling the reference desk at 458-9274.

The Voorheesville Public Library at 51 School Road in Voorheesville will host the following events:

- A reception to "Meet Your Library Board" is scheduled on Monday, April 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. "We are hoping to get members of the community to interact with the library staff and board," Vink said. "We always want community

involvement."

- The library will demonstrate its computers with Internet access on Tuesday, April 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- Panchita Davila, a custom seamstress, will present a demonstration on "The Quinceañera Dress" on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. The event is part of the Upper Hudson Library System's series "One World, Many Worlds: Traditional Folk Arts in the Capital Region."

All week, the library will give away coupons for free paperbacks at the Friends of the Library Book Sale on May 22 to 25. Fifty people will also receive coupons covering the cost of library fines.

For information or to register for a program, call the library at 765-2791.

NYSTI announces 'mystery' 96-97 season, co-marketing plan with Capital Rep

With the announcement of its new season of five productions for the 1996-97 theater year, the New York State Theatre Institute in Troy revealed a cooperative plan with the Capital Repertory Theater in Albany.

Subscribers to the five productions produced by each regional theater will be given an extra ticket for a production at the other theater. As a result, producing artistic director Patricia DiBenedetto Snyder of the institute said, "One of our subscribers will get a chance to see a sixth show, one of Capital Rep's plays next season."

She said further, "A Capital Rep subscriber will also get a ticket for one of our shows."

Since Maggie Cahill took over the reins of Capital Rep last September, there has been more cooperation between the two professional theaters. Some actors who have worked with Capital Rep, Mychelle Lee Vedder, for example, are now working with NYSTI.

Vedder, who opens today (April 10) as the lead in *Earhart* worked last season with Capital Rep as the female understudy for all the company's shows.

Snyder sees this subscription cooperation extending further as the relationship grows between the two theaters. Meanwhile, the NYSTI producer is dickering with the Warner Music Group over plans for a video of *A Tale of Cinderella*, the musical which was written for the Troy theater and premiered there. "We are negotiating not only on the video, which would follow the already released CD musical score," Snyder said, "but we are also considering a tour of the production and talking to producers who want to do the show in Japan."

Meanwhile, the next season opens in October with a revival of the comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, by Joseph Kesselring.

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Originally written as a mystery thriller by the playwright, before its Broadway opening in the early 1940s the producers turned it into a comedy, and it's been a standby for theaters everywhere since then.

Another revival opens in December when a reworked production of *The Snow Queen* will be presented. This mythical thriller by Hans Christian Anderson was adapted by Englishmen Adrian Mitchell and Richard Peaslee. Both have consented to rework the script and music to give the production a harder, more mysterious edge. It will be considered part of the five-musical group for which the Warner Music Group provided up to \$400,000 to produce. *A Tale of Cinderella* was the first of these musicals.

Another revival, Agatha Christie's most powerful drama, *Witness for the Prosecution*, will open Jan. 29. Done originally by the company at The Egg, this will be recast with new scenery.

A world premiere of Ed. Lange's adaptation of a Sherlock Holmes' mystery opens March 12 when the company presents *Sherlock's Secret Life*.

Last on next year's schedule is an adaptation of an Oscar Wilde story, *The Canterville Ghost*, which opens May 15. The story, which was done as a movie in the 1940s, follows an



Martin P. Kelly

American family meeting a ghost when they move into an English manor house.

Information on the schedule or the two plays which conclude this season, *Earhart* and *Beauty and the Beast*, is available at 274-3256.

Gershwin devotee sings at Knick Arena for Catholic Charities benefit April 19

Vocalist and pianist Michael Feinstein will perform in concert at the Knickerbocker Arena in Albany April 19 in a benefit for the Albany Catholic Charities.

Feinstein who as a young man, was an assistant to lyricist Ira Gershwin, gained a wide education on the Gershwin music of the 1920s and '30s. Since then, despite his relatively young age, he has been a proponent of the Gershwin library of music.

Feinstein's newest CD release, *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, is a tribute to the two Gershwins, men he readily admits were his inspiration.

When working with Ira Gershwin, the young singer-pianist gained access to much unpublished music by the two brothers. He has since been able to include many of these songs in his repertoire for concerts and records.

Feinstein made his first recording in 1985 and has been a leader among recording artists since that time. He's appeared at a command performance for the Queen of England and at the White House.

Tickets for the Knickerbocker Arena performance are \$20 and are available at 453-6650.

Around Theaters!

Junk Bonds, at Capital Rep in Albany through April 21 (462-4534) ... *Reckless*, drama at The Egg Thursday through Sunday (April 11-14) (473-1845) ... Mort Sahl's *America* at Proctor's in Schenectady, Friday (346-6204)

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"IDIOT VARIATIONS"

solo acoustical piece performed by satirist Rinde Eckert, Yulman Theatre, Union College campus, Schenectady, Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, 8:02 p.m., \$15. Information, 346-6204.

"MORT SAHL'S AMERICA"

one-man political satire show, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Friday, April 12, 8 p.m., \$20.50. Information, 346-6204.5

"JUNK BONDS"

Lucy Wang's award-winning play, The Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through April 21. Information, 462-4534.

"SONG OF SINGAPORE"

high-paced musical, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Wednesday, April 10, 8 p.m., \$25.50. Information, 346-6204.

"EARHART"

new play about Amelia Earhart, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through April 14, \$8-15. Information, 274-3256.

"RECKLESS"

Craig Lucas' off-Broadway comedy, Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through April 20, 8 p.m., \$12-\$15. Information, 382-0062.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER

guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays through April 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

MAX LIFCHITZ

classical pianist, SUNY Albany Performing Arts Center Recital Hall, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, Wednesday, April 10, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

concert seven, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, corner of State and Second streets, Troy, Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4663.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

folk musician, First Unitarian Church, 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady, Friday, April 12, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 603-868-3000.

FRANKLIN MICARE AND HIS LUCKY LIDS

The Inn, 231 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, Sunday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 782-0577.

DOC SCANLON'S RHYTHM BOYS

big band swing and rhythm and blues, Mullany's Mill Road, 30 Mill Road, Latham, Friday, April 12, 9 p.m. Information, 782-0577.

VITA MAMONE

Timothy's Pub at the Century House, Route 9, Latham, Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 785-0834.

TROY MUSICAL ARTS

choral music directed by Herbert Marshall, Russell Sage College's Julia Bush Memorial Center, Congress and First streets, Troy, Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., \$8. Information, 462-3120.

RAINBOW ROOM TRIO

swing and standards, Mullany's Mill Road, 30 Mill Road, Latham, Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m. Information, 782-0577.

RICHIE HAVENS

Eighth Step, upstairs, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., \$15. Information, 434-1703.

DANCE

ELLEN SINOPOLI DANCE COMPANY

Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 473-1845.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

SOUP MULTIMEDIA

Soup Multimedia is currently looking for artists, photographers, painters, videographers, musicians and writers for "Postcards from Albany." Call, write or e-mail SOUP4MARK@aol.com, PO Box 3721, Albany, NY 12203. Information, 869-0766.

DISTINGUISHED POETS AWARD

one poem only, 20 lines or less on any subject in any style, \$500 grand prize, send to Sparrow Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. E, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, WV 26175. contest closes May 31. Information, 304-652-1449.

CLASSES

DANCE CLASSES

ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

ART CLASSES

watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

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AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 10

ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET
Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

"SISTER KENNEY: HEROIC WOMAN SCIENTIST?"
discussion in the John Paine Student Center, Russell Sage College, First Street, Troy, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 270-2331.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

"NATURAL ENEMIES IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN"
discussion of the employment of natural enemies to deter unwanted insects in the vegetable garden, registration required, sponsored by Environmental Clearinghouse of Schenectady, 2851 Aqueduct Ave., Niskayuna, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost, \$5 ECOS members, \$8 non-members. Information, 370-4125.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

THURSDAY
APRIL 11

ALBANY COUNTY

"MANAGEMENT OF ORAL-FACIAL PAIN"
limited seating, Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 471-3058.

CHORUS REHEARSAL
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

EDUCATION AND THE RADICAL RIGHT
forum sponsored by the Upstate New York Coalition for Democracy, McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 436-8408.

THE QUEST
a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

FARMERS' MARKET
corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

"COUPLESHP AND FAMILY BAGGAGE"
workshop to explore patterns existing in families, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$18 per person or \$30 per couple. Information, 489-4431.

SENIOR CHORALE
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE
meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

"LAND DOWN UNDER"
preview of fall tour of Australia and New Zealand, reservations required, The Eddy's Margaret Krause Center, 2212 Burdett Ave., Troy, 7:15 p.m. Information, 272-6028.

FRIDAY
APRIL 12

"A NIGHT AT THE RACES"
to benefit athletic department, refreshments available, Christian Brothers Academy, De La Salle Road, Albany, 6:30 p.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 462-0455.

"ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT: TOO MUCH OR TOO LITTLE"
The Government Law Center, Albany Law School, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information, 445-2329.

"WHALE OF A CARNIVAL"
fund-raiser to help pay for fifth grade whale watch trip, games, crafts, music, clowns, refreshments, Altamont Elementary School, Altamont, 6 to 9 p.m. Information, 861-8076.

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

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

SATURDAY
APRIL 13

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 482-5283.

"FURRYTALES AND TOUCHABLES"
youngsters to touch animal skins and listen to stories, New York State Museum, Madison Avenue, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 474-5877.

"DYING AND DEATH: AN INVITATION TO THE SOUL"
workshop for those affected by terminal illness, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, April 13 to 14. Cost, \$135. Information, 489-4431.

SAGE EVENING AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Sage Albany Campus Center, Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 270-2246.

SCOTTISH DANCING
Unitarian Church, Washington Avenue, Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

SUNDAY
APRIL 14

"GARDENING FOR EVERYONE"
Campus Arts Center at The Academy of the Holy Names, 1069 New Scotland Road, Albany, 2 p.m. Cost, \$18. Information, 438-7895.

CBA OPEN HOUSE
for students entering grades 6 through 11, Christian Brothers Academy, 1 De La Salle Road, Albany, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 462-5447.

ALTERNATIVE HEALTH FAIR
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost, \$4 for center members, \$5 for nonmembers. Information, 477-6566.

ALBANY ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE
for parents and students entering grades 1 through 12, The Albany Academy, 135 Academy Road, Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 465-1461.

DANCE PROGRAM
"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

MONDAY
APRIL 15

SENIORS LUNCHEONS
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

"LICK DIABETES DAY"
fund-raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, patrons will receive a free frozen yogurt cone and be asked to donate their spare change, TCBY of Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Avenue, Fuller Road, Guilderland, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Information, 477-2873.

"A SKILLSHOP FOR MANAGING CONFLICT"
sponsored by Cornell University's New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, pre-registration required by April 11, Cornell University/NYSSILR Capital District Office, 146 State Street, fourth floor, Albany, and April 16 and 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$90 per person. Information, 449-4161.

SCOTTISH DANCING
Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

LEGAL NOTICE

BASIC ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE COMPANY ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

DENTISTS DIRECT SERVICES, LLC

Under Section 1203 of the limited liability company law
FIRST: The name of the professional service limited liability company is: Dentists Direct Services, LLC.

SECOND: The professional service limited liability company is formed for the practice of the profession of dentistry.

THIRD: The county within this state in which the office of the professional service limited liability company is to be located is: Albany.

FOURTH: The latest date in which the professional service limited liability company is to dissolve is: March 1, 2026.

FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the professional service limited liability company served upon him or her is: 7 Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207-1066.

SIXTH: The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the professional service limited liability company can be served is: DSSNY Administrators incorporated, 7 Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207-1066.

SEVENTH: The Articles are effective upon filing.

EIGHTH: The professional service limited liability company is to be managed by: One or more managers.

NINTH: The names and residence addresses of all individuals who are to be the original members and the original managers:
Dr. Milton L. Lawney, 4 Tiffany Avenue, P.O. Box 428, Conklin, NY 13748

Dr. Lawrence E. Volland, 4538 Sharon Drive, Lockport, NY 14094

TENTH: There are no other individuals, corporations, companies, partnerships, or other entities who are to be the original members or managers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 27th day of February, 1996 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are

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certificate has been subscribed this 1st day of March, 1996, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Milton L. Lawney
Founding Member and Manager

(April 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Articles of Organization of 637 Elm Avenue, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 23, 1996, 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 c/o 2145 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

(April 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

FIRST: The name of the professional service limited liability partnership is HOGAN & GROSKY, LLP.

SECOND: The professional service limited liability partnership is formed for the practice of the profession of law.

THIRD: The office of the limited liability partnership is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:
HOGAN & GROSKY, LLP, 1859 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

FIFTH: The latest date upon which the limited liability partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 27th day of February, 1996 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are

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true under penalties of perjury.
s/Norma E. Hogan,
Attorney at Law
Dated: February 27, 1996

(April 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF A PARTNERSHIP TO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Under Section 1006 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The partnership was, in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law, duly converted to a limited liability company.

SECOND: The name of the partnership was Northeast American Realty Partnership.

THIRD: The name of the limited liability company is: Northeast American Realty, LLC.

FOURTH: The certificate of conversion of the partnership to a limited liability company was filed with the Secretary of State on February 28, 1996.

FIFTH: The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County.

SIXTH: 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 this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:
1769 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

SEVENTH: The purpose of the limited liability company is to own, develop and manage real property, lease real property to others, and to engage in such other business as the members may agree.

Dated: March 7, 1996
Martin J. Ricciardi, Esq.
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna,
Attorneys for Northeast American Realty, LLC
P.O. Box 22016
Albany, New York 12201

(April 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC- KEMPER REALTY ADVISORS, LLC)

Articles of Organization of Kemper Realty Advisors, LLC filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") January 31, 1996. Dated: January 1, 2016. Office

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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 at 504 Sir Charles Way, Albany, New York 12203; Purpose: consulting for structuring of commercial real estate transactions.
(April 10, 1996)

LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF

SAMANTHA PROPERTIES, LLC

(UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK)

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is Samantha Properties, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Samantha Properties, LLC, 800-19 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more managers.

SIXTH: A manager shall not be personally liable to the Company or its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for any matter in respect of which such manager shall be liable by reason that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability, there shall have been a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such manager that established that such manager's

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acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or that such manager personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not legally entitled or that with respect to a distribution of the subject of \$508 of the LLCL, such manager's acts were not performed in accordance with \$409 of the LLCL. Neither the amendment nor the repeal of this Article shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article in respect to any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of

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an inconsistent provisions. The Article shall neither eliminate or limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to the Adoption of this Article.

SEVENTH: The Company shall have the power or indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under penalties of perjury, this 21st day of March, 1996.

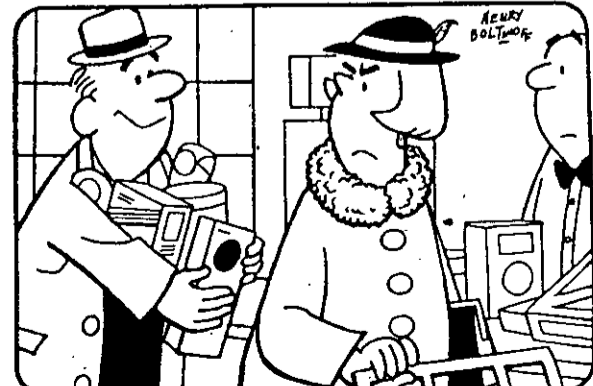
(s) Alan M. Jezierski
Organizer.

(April 10, 1996)

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Differences: 1. Window is added. 2. Box is longer. 3. Gloves are removed. 4. Collar is different. 5. Feather is shorter. 6. Apron is missing.

The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 10

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP
discussion on an excerpt from Plato's "Symposium," reserve copies available, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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. Information, 439-0205.

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

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

RED MEN
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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

AL-ANON MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 479-6469.

FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 3:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

FAITH TEMPLE
bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

THURSDAY
APRIL 11

BETHLEHEM

"EARLY BIRDER" NATURE WALK
naturalists to aid in bird identification, Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, refreshments at 7 a.m., walk at 7:30 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

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

CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

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

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., child care available for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY
firehouse, Adams Place, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

F.O.L. ANNUAL MEETING
with Phyllis Rosenblum program, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY NIGHT POETS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

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**FRIDAY
APRIL 12**

BETHLEHEM

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

Q.U.I.L.T. (QUILTERS UNITED IN LEARNING TOGETHER)
Carol Doak to discuss "One Quilter's Journey," United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 434-8073.

CAPITAL DISTRICT CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
lecture on Civil War engravings, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

DIANE GALLO AND COMMUNITY SHOWCASE READINGS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

**SATURDAY
APRIL 13**

BETHLEHEM

ROAST BEEF DINNER
reservations required, New Salem Reformed Church, New Scotland Avenue, New Salem, seatings at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Cost, adults \$7.50, children 12 and under, \$3.75. Information, 765-2090.

CHURCH LUNCHEON
featuring presentation by world traveler Beth Farrell, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, youth group, 6:30 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

"WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK"
program to help children ages 3 to 6 think about their adult careers through crafts, stories and songs, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

ROAST BEEF DINNER
Clarksville Community Church, 1997 Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville, seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Information, 478-7238.

DIANA GALLO WRITER'S WORKSHOP
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

LOON PROGRAM
unique program offered by the Audubon Society of New York, Hollyhock Sanctuary, Rarick Road, Selkirk, 10 to 11 a.m. Information, 767-9051.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 14**

BETHLEHEM

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 369 Elm Ave. Information, 439-0358.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-9953.

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

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

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

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

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont. Information, 462-2016.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care available, coffee/fellowship following services, youth groups, 6:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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

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

"THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS"
musical performed by the Delmar Reformed Church "Youth Notes," 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

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"THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS"
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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Masses—Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior choir or chime choir practice, 9 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., recorder group practice, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
worship services, 9:30 p.m., church school and nursery care, 10 a.m., children's choir, 11:15 a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

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

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

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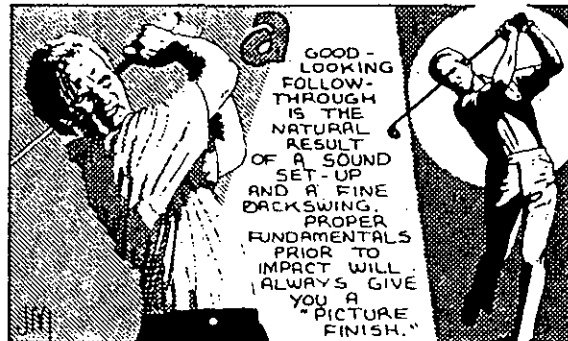
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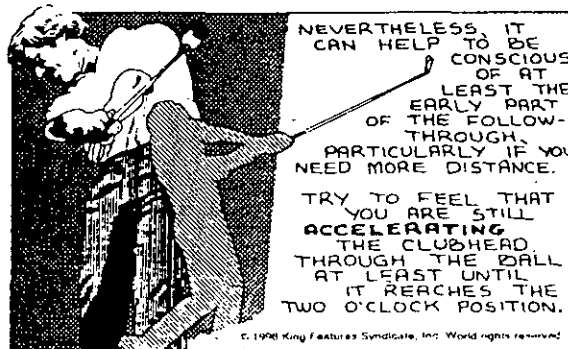
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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- Flesh
- Freestone
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- Jam
- Jelly
- Juicy
- Nectarine
- Nutlet
- Ripe
- Rose family
- Seed
- Sweet

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GOOD-LOOKING FOLLOW-THROUGH IS THE NATURAL RESULT OF A SOUND SET-UP AND A FINE BACKSWING. PROPER FUNDAMENTALS PRIOR TO IMPACT WILL ALWAYS GIVE YOU A "PICTURE FINISH."



NEVERTHELESS, IT CAN HELP TO BE CONSCIOUS OF AT LEAST THE EARLY PART OF THE FOLLOW-THROUGH. PARTICULARLY IF YOU NEED MORE DISTANCE. TRY TO FEEL THAT YOU ARE STILL ACCELERATING THROUGH THE BALL AT LEAST UNTIL IT REACHES THE TWO O'CLOCK POSITION.

Answers to Super Crossword

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MONDAY APRIL 15

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

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

DELMAK KIWANIS Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

DELMAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

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

"STORYREADING FOR CHILDREN" read aloud session scheduled each day through April 19, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

TUESDAY APRIL 16

BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

"JOURNAL WRITING FOR PERSONAL GROWTH" Francine Dempsey, Professor of English at The College of Saint Rose, to help participants create and maintain a personal journal, bring pen and paper, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

DELMAK ROTARY Howard Johnson's, Route 9W. Information, 439-9988. ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&AM Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave. "BECOMING A WOMAN OF FREEDOM" women's bible study, Emmanuel Christian Church, Retreat House Road, Glenmont, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-3873.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE PTA in the elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3644.

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

STORY HOUR Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

BETHLEHEM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

DELMAK PROGRESS CLUB CREATIVE ARTS GROUP Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

"SONGBIRDS OF THE ADIRONDACKS" Richard Guthrie, retired from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will give slide presentation on songbirds, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

WELCOME WAGON newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233 Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

"THE PHANTOM OF THE MUSIC ROOM" annual Slingerlands School fifth grade musical, 25 Union Ave., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m., \$2.50, additional performance on April 18. Information, 439-7681.

ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

TESTIMONY MEETING First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH 1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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

AL-ANON MEETING First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 479-6469.

FAITH TEMPLE bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

"ONE WORLD, MANY WORLDS" Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

THURSDAY APRIL 18

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

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

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

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

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

AA MEETINGS Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 8, 1996, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School, and the High School of the district.

The trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school district budget will be held on the 17th day of April, 1996 at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m., EDT.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1996 to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, Pamela Williams and Peter Trent (the last such position being currently vacant due to the resignation of said Peter Trent); and petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing on July 1, 1996, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Melissa Palmer must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 8, 1996.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes will be taken upon the following:

- 1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
2. For the election of three (3) members of the Board of Educa-

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tion of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 1996, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, Pamela Williams and Peter Trent, except that the person elected to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Peter Trent shall also be deemed to fill the vacancy created by resignation pursuant to Section 2105 of the Education Law.

3. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

4. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for one full term of five (5) years commencing on July 1, 1996, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Melissa Palmer;

5. Upon the appropriation of \$348,500 to purchase seven (7) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor; and

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 8, 1996, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place on May 8, 1996.

Franz Zwicklbauer School District Clerk Dated: March 6, 1996 (March 20, April 3, 17, 24) (April 10, 1996)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Board of Education action taken December 9, 1991, the following procedures must be followed to procure an absentee ballot to be used for elections conducted by the Voorheesville Central School District

An absentee ballot and application will be mailed to each qualified voter who requests such in a signed letter provided the voter meets the criteria listed below:

- The person will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the school district election for which the absentee ballot is requested because he/she is, or will be on that day:
a) a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place because of illness or

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physical disability or; b) because his/her duties, occupation or business will require him/her to be outside of the county or city of his/her residence on that day;

(1) Where such duties, occupation or business are of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, a brief description of such duties, occupation or business shall be set forth in the affidavit.

(2) Where such duties, occupation or business are not of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, the application shall contain a statement of the special circumstances that such absence is required; or

c) because he/she will be on vacation outside the county or city of his/her residence on that day. The application shall also contain the dates which he/she expects to begin and end the vacation, the place or places where he/she expects to be on vacation, the name and address of his/her employer, if any, and if self-employed, a statement to that effect; or d) absent from his/her voting residence because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

Letters requesting applications for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election.

Requests should be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District Voorheesville, New York 12186

The Clerk shall post the list in a conspicuous place or places during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on the list at that time, by making a challenge and the reasons known to the inspectors of election before the close of polls. Dated: March 22, 1996

Dorothea Pfeleiderer, District Clerk Voorheesville Central School District (April 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF LLC

DIRECTION PLANNING LLC has been formed as a limited liability company in New York. The Articles of Organization were filed on March 21, 1996 with the Secretary of State. The office is located in Albany County, The Secretary of State is designated as Agent upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 251 New Karner Road, Al-

LEGAL NOTICE

bany, New York 12205. The purpose of the business of DIRECTION PLANNING LLC is to engage in all lawful business for which a limited liability company can be formed pursuant to Section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. (April 10, 1996)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM 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, April 17, 1996, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Donald and Barbara Pickup, 270 Clapper Road, Selkirk, New York 12158 for Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, Section 128-66 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition to existing dwelling at premises 270 Clapper Road, Selkirk, New York.

Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals (April 10, 1996)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

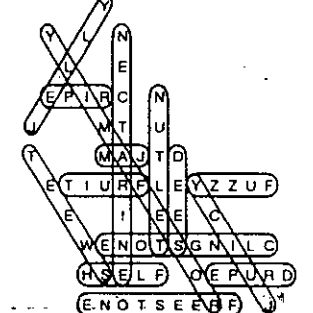
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Joseph E. Simon, 7 Bedell Avenue, Delmar, New York for Variance under Article XII, Percent of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-49 and Section 128-50 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of an addition at premises 7 Bedell Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on

THE PEACH



LEGAL NOTICE

Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Richard and Susan Taylor, 12 Brookside Drive, Delmar, New York, for Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, Section 128-68 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to construct a detached garage which cannot meet the Front Yard setback requirement for a corner lot at premises 12 Brookside Drive, Delmar, New York.

Michael C. Hodom Chairman Board of Appeals (April 10, 1996)

NOTICE

NOTICE: Articles of Organization for The Henke-Warren Agency, LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State ("SOS") on 1/30/96. LLC's office is located in Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail a copy of any process against LLC to: William H. Brown, 20 North Street, Albany, New York 12204. LLC terminates 12/31/2075. Purpose: Insurance Agency. (April 10, 1996)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 24th day of April, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 7 of 1996, Amending the

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Zoning District Boundary of Planned Residence District No. 5 by Changing the Zoning District Designation of Certain Lands from Residence "A" District to Planned Residence District.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, CMC TOWN CLERK

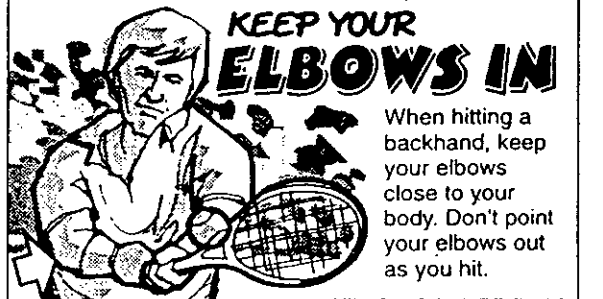
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NOTICE

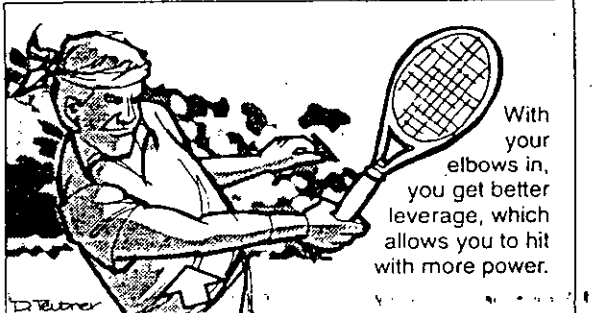
Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 1996 of the school buildings of the Bethlehem Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein has been completed and the report thereof is available at the office of the Health and Safety Coordinator 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY for inspection of all interested parties.

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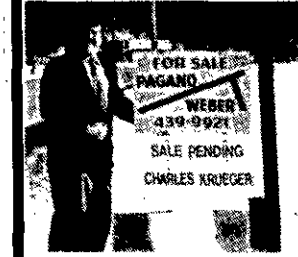


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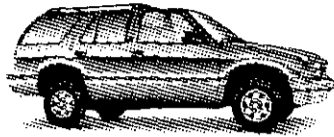
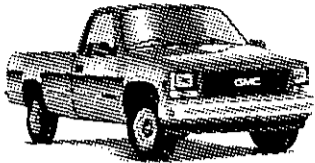
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