Hudson Ave. group eager to air views

By Mike Larabee

After months of watching Bethlehem's proposed senior zone move through channels, Hudson Avenue Neighborhood Association president Joseph Duclos said his group is looking forward to be heard on the record.

"We're going to formulate our argument and try to make it as clear and concise as possible," Duclos said, about a special Oct. 17 hearing set last week by the town board.

"We feel there are board members that can be convinced."

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Jericho Bridge work begins

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Jericho bridge is located on county Route 53 at a mile and a half north of South Bethlehem. Controversy surrounding the span it came more intense after speculation, it's unavailability impeded emergency response to a January 1989 fire that claimed the life of Rarick Road resident Robert R. Belnow, a nationally known environmentalist.

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Bethlehem and Slingerlands property owner Anthony Pizzitola are nearing settlement on the ownership of a landlocked private cemetery off New Scotland Avenue, both parties reported recently.

In July, the town filed an injunction with the state Supreme Court barring representatives of AFV Enterprises Inc., which Pizzitola owns with his wife, Fulvia, and brother, Vincent, from entering a portion of property with a 60 by 45-foot parcel of property within AFV's larger lands at the intersection of New Scotland Road and Kenwood Avenue.

The property holds a small, rectangular vault containing the remains of several members of the Slingerlands family, for whom the burial of Slingerlands is named, and possibly slaves or servants. Pizzitola and town officials say the court case was brought to clarify ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the vault and surrounding parcel.

Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said that following a court appearance before Justice Lawrence Kahn, he is "optimistic" a settlement can be reached. While Kaplowitz did not disclose details of negotiations, Pizzitola described progress in terms of concessions by the town.

While Pizzitola doesn't claim to own title to the cemetery property, he has refused to allow the town representatives to use a 16.5-foot right-of-way to access the property unless they have liability insurance.

"The settlement was that Mr. Kaplowitz admitted the town doesn't own the 16.5 foot right-of-way and the town doesn't own the cemetery," said Pizzitola. Regarding who should maintain the burial ground, he said, "We might give the town permission to go on the land.

But Kaplowitz called that "a very one-sided viewpoint of a settlement that hasn't even occurred yet." He added that in response to news reports, a woman claiming to be a Slingerlands heir contacted with the town, which he said could complicate the dispute.

Fife and drum group seeks new members

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps of Delmar is interested in finding new members. No musical experience is necessary; free lessons are given on Sunday afternoons at Bethlehem Town Hall. Children who are 10 years old by May 1991, and up through adult, are welcome to join.

Interested persons should meet at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sept. 23 at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 439-6942.

Funding deadline set

The Mohawk-Tuscarora Community Foundation recently invited non-profit organizations to apply for grants for special projects during the fall funding cycle. Applications are due no later than Oct. 1, and can be obtained by calling the foundation at 273-6596.

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Question of access muddles land sale

By Debi Boucher

Five acres that were parcelled out to five brothers as a grandmother's legacy some 50 years ago are still without proper road access, and so without paying taxes on them all these years.

Now, however, they have received more than one offer to buy the three acres as one parcel for construction of a single-family house, which Schultz said he would prefer to seeing three houses put there.

"It's available piece of land," he said. "It's 20 minutes from Albany, in the beautiful Voorheesville, in Voorheesville school district. There is access to power on the land, but a well would have to be dug. "I know there's water up there," he added.

Schultz said he was only requesting the board to investigate the matter. "What I'm asking," he said, "is do I have anywhere I can give away for 1,000 bucks an acre to some real estate person who has the money to give you all the roads you need?"

Hampton said constructing a road might be a problem because the parcels contain wetland portions. "DEQ is going to be all over this because of the wetlands," he said.

"It's a road, it becomes an issue. If it's a private driveway, it's not," said Schultz, noting that the wetlands would not prevent building on the entire parcel.

What the Schultz brothers would like is to be able to sell the land with a private driveway. Planning board members said in order to do that, they might have to deny access to the existing house on the first lot. Schultz said he wouldn't consider doing that. "This is a family affair," he said.

Five Rivers group taking seed orders

One project at Five Rivers is strictly for the birds.

Five Rivers Limited, Five Rivers Center in New Scotland's citizens support group, is taking orders on an annual fund-raiser, where donors get bird seed at competitive prices in exchange for an investment in the environment.

"It's a bargain. You don't have to pay sales tax, and we buy the seed directly from the supplier," David Rhodes, a member of Five Rivers Limited's board of directors, said.

And the money goes to support all the things Five Rivers Limited supports.

That includes environmental lessons for more than 5,000 school children every year, funds to implement Five Rivers Center's budget and help buy educational supplies, volunteer greeters and guides who augment the professional staff, and support for other groups affiliated with the center.

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Anita Sanchez, a Five Rivers Environmental Educator, is helping sell a seed order through Five Rivers Limited's annual fund-raiser.

Orders must be submitted by Oct. 9 and forms are available at Five Rivers and local supermarkets. All orders will be filled on pickup day, Saturday, Oct. 20.

Five Rivers grounds are open daily from sunrise to sunset. The Interactive Building is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 6 p.m. Sundays except during winter. For information, call 475-0291.

Master plan meetings under way

Debi Boucher

Residents are gathering at various meeting places throughout New Scotland this week to learn about the town's proposed master plan, recently completed in draft form by C.T. Male Associates of Latham.

One of the report's most significant sections is "Recommendations and Implementation Measures Area," which outlines a "blueprint for growth" in three parts: an overall design concept or theme for development, specific recommendations addressing goals, and descriptions of the different districts proposed for various areas in the town. An update of the Long Range Development Plan, done in 1950, the document is intended to shape the town's growth over the next 20 to 25 years.

The accompanying map shows 15 different zones with provisions for agriculture, forest management, and conservation as well as three different types of residential development.

The master plan meetings under way for the next several days will mark the beginning of the Town Planning Board's work. The last time the board met was last spring, and it's hard to say what its "standing" of the plan was like.

The meetings have shown there is "no clear direction" from the public on such issues as cluster zoning and average density planning, said one town official.

The meetings are being held at town hall for residents of the town's northeast quadrant, and at town hall for residents of the town's southeast quadrant. For an updated schedule, call town hall at 439-1205.

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Lung group sponsoring breathing program

People with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) are invited to take part in a seven-session Better Breathers Program sponsored by the American Lung Association of New York State, the Christmas Seal people. Offered through the Lung Association’s Greater Capital District Branch, the program offers COPD patients and their families an opportunity to learn more about lung disease, and advice on how to breathe easier. Therapy sessions include instruction in relaxation techniques and breathing retraining exercises. Psychological aspects of COPD are also discussed.

The Better Breathers program begins Oct. 1 at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany, and meet Monday and Wednesday evenings for three weeks. For information, call 459-4197.

New faculty members named at Sage

The Sage Colleges have announced faculty appointments of four area residents.

Jamie Anne Pickel of Slingerlands has been appointed assistant professor in the math/science division of Sage Junior College of Albany. She was previously an instructor of computer and business courses at Hudson Valley Community College, Lisa A. Calahan of Delmar was appointed assistant professor in the sociology department of Russell Sage College. She was previously a lecturer in the department of sociology at the State University of New York at Albany.

Carolyn M. Richart of Slingerlands has been named assistant professor in the education department of Russell Sage College. She was previously an adjunct professor in education at Sage Evening College and a graduate assistant in educational psychology at the State University of New York at Albany.

Richard Green of Dover Drive, Delmar, was appointed May 5 for DWI, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while impaired (DWAI), a violation, in Bethlehem Town Court on May 15 and was fined $250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Mark A. Junco, 36, of Berne, pleaded guilty at Albany court on Aug. 21 and was fined $250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Alexander M. Kashi, 49, of New Baltimore, pleaded guilty June 10 for DWAI.

Man arrested for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested Elmer J. Wilsey Jr., 51, of Slingerlands, for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, Sept. 15, after he was stopped for traffic violations while travelling south on Route 144.

Albany man arrested

Bethlehem police arrested Michael G. Mariano, 36, of Hackett Boulevard, Albany on a two felony count sealed indictment.

Two charges, one count of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and one count fourth degree criminal possession of stolen property.

Man arrested at Albany County Court

John Turner was arraigned before Albany County Court Judge John Wellingham on charges of driving while intoxicated, two counts of driving while impaired (DWAI), and was fined $250 with a 90-day license suspension.

Stop smoking classes scheduled

The American Lung Association of New York State has scheduled its next “Freedom From Smoking” program to begin Oct. 2 at the Association’s Colonie offices. The seven-session program runs through Nov. 6 and includes the following features for people who want to kick the habit of smoking.

Group leaders who have successfully quit smoking, group support to make quitting easier, easy-to-use educational materials to reinforce your desire to give up cigarettes, informative audio-visual aids, and the advice to help you stay smoke-free, including a newsletter.

Openings are limited, so early registration is advised. Sessions run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost of the program is $50, with $15 due upon registration and the balance at the second session. Call 459-4197 to reserve your place.

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Telephone interviews with 265 multiple dwelling units for senior citizens will be conducted from Sept. 19 to 25 at the Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Each participant will be assigned a zone and will be contacted directly by an independent consultant to discuss the effect of a zoning change Sept. 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy their own lunch, choosing from a variety of main courses, and newcomers or regular members of the public are welcome to come and participate and to evaluate any proposal Book Discussion Group chose for the fall." "In consideration of a solid waste management, the Town Board and residents expressed concern that existing local zoning and other ordinances, and New York State regulations might not be adequate to fully promote the health, safety and general welfare and environment of the community and citizens of the town of Bethlehem," the law reads. The next step is for the town to have a consultant to assist with the highly technical aspects of developing the kinds of standards "it has in mind — requirements which might supersede even the state Department of Environmental Conservation's 360 regulations," Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said. The Solid Waste Board of the Guild, whose responsibility it is to come up with any proposals during the moratorium, is in the early stages of that process. A moratorium directly affects several pending applications, the most controversial of which is a $200 million waste-to-energy incinerator proposed by American Rel-Fuel for Cabbage Island. At an Aug. 22 hearing on the proposal, representatives of Bethlehem on Waste, a town-based citizens group focusing on refuse disposal issues, asked that a 5-year moratorium on incinerators be imposed. After six months, the town has the option of extending the law. 

Mike Larrabédie
Matters of Opinion

A time for reflection

Observances begin Wednesday night (even, the evening before) for this year's observance of Rosh Hashanah. Later in the month, Yom Kippur ("the Day of Atonement") will be observed on the 29th, preceded by Kol Nidre's prayers and fasting the evening before.

For Jews all over the world — wherever these days may be celebrated: in the Middle East, Russia, or the United States — these are the "Days of Awe," a time for reflection and atonement. This descends from a ladder of other meanings for "countenance": First, the face or mask, as the beginning of the "Ten Days of Penitence," with fasting. Traditionally regarded as the first day of creation, the Day of Atonement is also referred to as the "Days of Remembrance" and "Days of -Judgment," in which God remembers all His creatures and passes judgment on all human beings, thus determining their lot for the year to come.

The blowing of the shofar (ram's horn) on the Day of Atonement symbolizes God's summons to the Jews to examine their own lives, prior to the high days of Yom Kippur, the holiday of atonement. These are days of warning the years ahead.

Every little bolt helps

With the nation's economy framed by a very large question mark and the construction industry's decline punctuated by an emphatic declaration mark, both these staples of a healthy USA stand in need of all the help they can get. Nor was there any attempt by town officials we believe the to determine if their decisions, including those of the planning board that approved the site plan, were motivated by an intent to do wrong, as it is charged in the complaint. The evidence, if any, is not before us, and the most that can be said is that the town's cooperation is the Good Samaritan project on Rockefeller

The ‘old’ reliable

Some may see it as a mark of respect for a dedicated public servant's seniority in all its effectiveness, and others may call it a vote of thanks for tireless constituent service. And thanks for tireless constituent service. And thanks for tireless constituent service.

But we wager that his most endearing quality, the one that his constituents and staff would be loath to part with, is the ability to make the most of a bad situation. It may be that this is why he is so beloved by those he serves, for he never fails to come up with a creative solution to a difficult problem, a puzzling thing.

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He views housing sites, says ‘Try my backyard’

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Spotlight has been calm enough lately so that it’s hard to fire it up a little. I’d like to comment on the subject of senior citizen housing.

Recently, there has been plenty of controversy about the "floating zones" of some towns. I’m referring to the zones of housing for citizens’ housing somewhere here in Bethlehem. I think that a great number of elderly people have been residents of the town for many years and are in need of maintaining their own homes due to advancing years or the high taxes that they cannot meet, but they’d like to stay close to their family or friends in town. This low-rent housing would be just the solution to the problem.

I’ve been a supporter of the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning as they question the assumption that the town is planning on changing the zoning for leadership in keeping with its legislative priorities.

A highly articulate advocate for the cause was former congressman Sam Straton. He was forcefully recorded on their behalf, he was forcefully recorded on their behalf. These efforts were not in vain. The study did not in vain. The study did not prove the need for the change, but it did prove the need for the change, but it did prove the need for the change.

This is the kind of housing that we need to be planning for, and that we need to be planning for, and that we need to be planning for. And it’s not just about housing; it’s about preserving our history and culture.

Bethlehem’s elderly data seen inflated

Editor, The Spotlight:

The proposal for the senior citizens’ floating zone is based upon the assumption of a real need for low-income senior citizens’ housing. A primary justification given in the SUNYA study. This 1988 study said that the need for low-income housing was universally accepted. But in my opinion, the need was not as clear-cut as it seemed.

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The proponents of a "floating zone" argue that the study indicates that there is a need for it. However, using figures from both the study and provided by town officials, we believe that

Elderly page 8

Vox Pop

Vox Pop is The Spotlight's public forum. All letters from readers on matters of local interest will be considered. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible, and letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness, and accuracy, as well as for length. Letters should be typed and double spaced if possible. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. of the Friday before the Wednesday of publication, unless otherwise indicated.

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Shap: A man to know and remember

Just about everyone is familiar with that long-running staple among Reader’s Digest features, “My Most Unforgettable Character.” An individualist, one of a kind, who ranks high among my personal acquaintances is one whom I owe a debt of gratitude.

He was known to many thousands of people, as I knew him, as “Shap.” The toll name for use in formal business purposes was Samuel Oliver Shapiro, ordinarily abbreviated to just S.O. In any case, Shap was the title that everyone used.

Shap was sharp, and in his role as a mentor and counselor (which he was for me, as well as a warm friend) he was effectively persuasive, based on a career in promoting his own agenda.

He was a delightful raconteur, and without undue influence he would recall escapades as an undergrad at the University of Illinois, or better yet his days with the legendary publisher Bernard McFadden, as a salesperson for McFadden Magazines and as Gardner Cowles. Long ago, he organized for McFadden a sales forum which inspired the now-traditional Houston streets selling Liberty Magazine door to door. As if it happened, I was once in his little army through my heart really was with the Junior League of Curtis Sal- ena, whom I was an aspir- ing member.

Among the areas of expertise in which Shap had specialized was that of magazine cover-interest, its illustration, its typography, and not least of all the language of the blurb that are intended to lure the prospective reader’s interest. Good cover lines can make all the differ-

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The Constant Reader

Reasons why Muslims ‘rage’ at us

The Constant Reader isn’t cer-
tain when (or whether) an issue of The Atlantic is due to appear, but you can count on this column to be a model of wellreasoned language, but that doesn’t mean it’s easy to read. Merely opening the book is a challenge. The text is small, and the paragraphs are short. It’s a book that requires thoughtfulness and an ability to follow a complex argument. But those who are willing to invest the time and effort will find that the rewards are well worth it.

In this issue, the Constant Reader examines the reasons why Muslims are so often portrayed as “raging” at the West. He argues that this portrayal is based on a misunderstanding of what it means to be a Muslim, and that it is an example of how Western media often misrepresent the beliefs and practices of Muslims.

The Constant Reader starts by pointing out that many Western media outlets have a history of portraying Muslims as “violent” or “aggressive.” He notes that this is a continuation of a long-standing tradition of portraying Muslims as a threat to Western culture and values.

However, the Constant Reader argues that this portrayal is not based on any understanding of what it means to be a Muslim. He argues that Muslims are not a monolithic group, and that it is unfair to stereotype all Muslims as “raging.” He points out that many Muslims are peaceful and moderate, and that it is important to recognize this diversity.

The Constant Reader also argues that the portrayal of Muslims as “raging” is not based on any understanding of the historical and political context of the Middle East. He notes that many Western media outlets are more interested in creating a dramatic story than in providing a nuanced understanding of complex issues.

In short, the Constant Reader argues that the portrayal of Muslims as “raging” is not based on any understanding of what it means to be a Muslim, nor is it based on any understanding of the historical and political context of the Middle East. He argues that it is important to recognize this diversity and to provide a more nuanced understanding of complex issues.
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to either approve or disapprove the proposal to build a community center.

I do not want to convey an opinion that it would not be desirable to have such a facility in our community. It would, I am sure, provide many of the positive benefits cited by its proponents. However, I find that it is necessary to be practical when making decisions which will affect people for years to come.

I urge all voters to carefully examine this proposal and vote on Nov. 6. Do not miss the opportunity to express your opinion.

Robert H. Hoffmeister
Slingerlands
**BCHS coach faulted on views of soccer**

Editor, The Spotlight:

It has been brought to our attention that a certain BCHS football coach voiced an improper attitude when referring to BCHS soccer players. He referred to the BCHS soccer players as "ladies" and "girls" who have no right to trespass on the football practice fields. These statements are similar to this: "Please, boys, don't hang up the kicking ball players at the lockers; it's not their fault — it's their mothers!"

As former BCHS athletes, we were appalled. We feel these statements were not only unnecessary, showing a lack of respect, but damaging BCHS school spirit in general. These statements to football players could lead to disrespect and dishonor amongst both BCHS athletes and fans promoting competition and respect for other Suburban Council rivals.

Very few similarities exist between the two sports, which once again stresses the absurdity of the statements. The basic differences are as follows: football is a coordination sport whereas football is running and handling a ball. The only eye-foot contact known in soccer is the kick by the kicker. Which brings us to the point that it is interesting how many former soccer players knock for the NFl.

Obviously, we the writers are former BCHS soccer players, but we were also involved in other non-soccer related activities. As athletes we appreciate the strength, fitness, agility, and endurance in all sports, whether the sport is soccer, football, or archery. As a former athlete, a coach should realize this respect, and apply it in his own coaching and teaching of young, impressionable athletes.

It's time to look beyond the football field. After all, the entire world can't be wrong about soccer.

Name submitted

Delmar.

Widespread support aids Samaritan Home

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of residents and staff of Good Samaritan Home, I would like to thank the entire community for our support of our fifteenth anniversary "super celebration" held Sept. 8. The event netted over $2,000, which will be contributed to our chapel maintenance fund. To see so many organizations of our community working side by side was truly a heartening experience for all of us. With this kind of support, we could not fail.

While it is impossible to publicly thank every individual who contributed time, items, or dollars, we thank the following community groups and businesses.

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R-C-S superintendent deplores 'comparisons'

Editor, The Spotlight:

In a recent issue of your publication, an article entitled "Voorheesville Spends Most Per Pupil" was published. The article stated that the information referenced was "found in an extensive roster of statistics published in the current issue of capital magazine." As superintendent of one of the schools mentioned in your article, I am concerned about the way in which the information is presented. While Capital publishes a lot of "comparisons" the three districts. Many variables are associated with the data presented; i.e.: state-aid formulas, size of districts (ours was misquoted), etc., and beyond the control of the individual school district. As a result, inappropriate conclusions regarding quality may be drawn from the material presented.

I have nothing but the greatest respect for my colleagues in Beth- lehem and Voorheesville. I know they work very hard for their school districts, and while I cannot speak for them, from my perspective, these types of comparisons serve no useful purpose, and can be very demoralizing and misleading.

To be sure, accountability to the residents and taxpayers in school districts requires that we achieve the same high levels of excellence and accountability program provides opportunities for schools and their communities to collaborate and to determine what excellence is and how it should be measured. The backbone of this program is that it encourages diversity and originality of thought based partially upon the aspirations and desires of parents and communities within a school district.

This individualism among school districts, I believe, is one of the strengths of American education and is consistent with the philosophy that the schools belong to the people. Why else are we governed by local boards of education consisting, for the most part, of members elected by the people?

Comparing school districts is much like comparing children. Each is different from the other and each has its own strengths and needs. I cherish and encourage those differences and I rely heavily on my reporting of selected data does the same.

William Schwartz, Superintendent, Ravena-Coeyman-Selkirk Central School

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**Sam's popularity: relentless effort**

Editor, The Spotlight:

From the all-Canadian edition of the newspaper dated Sept. 17, former Congressman Sam Stratton had this to say for his support of the military.

One of his most significant accomplishments was the acceptance of women into West Point.

Many politicians work hard and never receive the acknowledgment they deserve. Sam was lucky.

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Why was Sam so popular? He believed in something and he pursued it relentlessly. But more than that, everyone thought of him as a close friend. I remembered your name and always had time to talk. I called on Sam often during his last years to help with alcoholism or economic development projects and his staff were always responsive.

Margaret B. Buhmester

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**Your Opinion Matters**

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McDonald's helps Bethlehem organization

McDonald's of Delmar recently celebrated its 25th anniversary by donating 20 percent of its net for the day to Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, a community organization dedicated to providing teenagers with alternatives to drugs and alcohol. Dan Formica is owner of McDonald's of Delmar.
Mustard seed sprouts into mighty tree

By Sal Prividera Jr.

A tiny "mustard seed" planted by Monica Bell two weeks ago has grown into a mighty plant through an outpouring of support for the Americans serving in Operation Desert Shield.

The Loudonville resident said she has received more than 100 telephone calls and many letters from people who want to participate in the letter-writing campaign. "I've given out lots of addresses," said Bell, who has become a clearinghouse of information for those concerned about people stationed in the Middle East.

Bell, whose son Scott Hommel is a Marine infantry corporal stationed in Saudi Arabia, began the campaign to let the servicemen and women know the people back home care, they are doing it because they are said Bell. "Don't have people in the military . . . doing something worth­while takes some of the pain away," said Bell.

"Most of those who have called don't have people in the military . . . friends or relatives in the service. They are doing it because they are good citizens and care," she said.

The letter-writing effort has Marine personnel. The letter-writing effort has Marine personnel. The letter-writing effort has Marine personnel. Bell is also working to organize care packages with goods from local merchants for military personnel, but that plan has run into some difficulty with getting the packages shipped.

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Is Your Child’s School Listed Below? (If not, you’re missing a great opportunity!)

Selkirk bids farewell to Postmaster Picarazzi

Goodbye Lou! This Friday, Sept. 21, the public is invited for coffee, punch and cookies at the Selkirk Post Office to say goodbye to Postmaster Louis "L. Picarazzi who is retiring. Stop by between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to bid farewell.

Elks resume breakfasts

Roll out of bed and over to the Bethlehem Elks first breakfast buffet of the autumn this weekend on Saturday, Sept. 22. From 8 a.m. to noon, the Elks will serve all their special treats including "Elk Gravy. Everyone is welcome to the lodge located on Route 144 near Clapper Road in Cedar Hill.

Celebrate fall

With a crisp snap in the air, members of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church are holding the annual fall festival this Saturday, Sept. 22.

Opening at 10 a.m. booths will be open all day with crafts, games for the kids and a snack bar. An auction begins at 1 p.m. and silent auctions from 10 to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m. George Kendall will be providing live music all day and the grand finale features a chicken barbeque prepared by Brooklyn Famous Chicken Barbeque from 5 to 7 p.m. For reservations for dinner, call 767-2380. Take outs are available.

Church to mark 100th

St. Patrick’s Church of Ravena is 100 years old and will celebrate throughout the fall. On Sunday, Sept. 23, the parish will hold a children’s field day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Outside events are planned along with refreshments but in case of bad weather, the events will be held in the school building.

Barn program set

The Bethlehem Historical Association will present a program on Dutch Barns of Upstate New York on Thursday, Sept. 20 beginning at 8 p.m. The program includes a slide show and talk by Mark Heiser. The program takes place at the School House Museum on Route 144 at Clapper Road. There is no admission fee and refreshments will be served.

Parents night planned

A.W. Becker Elementary School will hold its annual Parents Night on Tuesday, Sept. 25 beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is a great chance to meet the teachers and new principal, Diane Killilea.
Ambulance squad seeks help from friends

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance Squad will begin a fund raising campaign this week to help equip a new ambulance they plan to purchase for $60,000.

Due to the increased number of calls, and the valuable time which may be lost by the squad to other ambulance services covering Voorheesville, the present ambulance will be kept as a backup.

Although the squad has enough money to purchase the new vehicle, it needs money to purchase older ambulance and purchase additional materials including cardiac resuscitation equipment for both.

All area residents should have received information on this program along with a contribution envelope. According to Captain Gerry Condon, volunteers will be calling from Sept. 23 through Sept. 30 to solicit donations.

The volunteer squad is looking for new members to staff its pool of trained personnel.

Girl Scout leaders meet

Leaders of the Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scout Program will meet on Monday, Sept. 24 at the Voorheesville Public Library on School Road. Registrations folders for previously enrolled scouts will be available and two packets will be given out to leaders. The group is still in need of a volunteer to serve as neighborhood chairman, registration chairman and neighborhood cookie manager. Anyone interested in serving many of these capacities may contact neighborhood liaison Lynda Delany at the council office, 450-690. Volunteers need not already be involved with scout troops as long as they have daughters in the program.

Girls who wish to join the program at ages 5-12 and older, Browns or Girl Scouts may do so by obtaining a registration form at the grade school office. Parents are also needed as leaders. Those wishing to sign up may contact Delaney at the council office.

Boy Scouts hold picnic

Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 23 will hold its fall family potluck supper on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Coughtry's Woods on Hilton Road. Scouts and their families will join together for one more festive occasion before the troop returns to its "cold weather" home in the elementary school gym. Any boy in the area age 11 or older may contact Scoutmaster Ray Ginter for more information on how to join.

Library holds workshop

The Voorheesville Public Library will hold a workshop on "Dried Flowers and Herbs" on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Led by village resident Colleen Catan, the free program will cover appropriate flowers and herbs to use in drying and the various methods that can be used. Simple decorative arrangements will be demonstrated. For more information, contact the library at 765-2761.

Fall story hours are now in effect and will be held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Senior driving program open

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will again participate in a special drive program sponsored by AARP. Voorheesville resident Virgil Zimmerman will conduct the class on Tuesdays, Oct. 23 and 30, at the Waman Onhorat Community Center in New Scotland. Anyone interested in signing up may call Lois Crouse at 765-2109. Cost of program materi­als is $16. This program is for anyone over the age of 65. Those who successfully finish the course will have their car insurance premiums reduced.

Adult courses offered

There is still time left to register by mail for the continuing education courses offered by the Voorheesville Central School District. According to program director Jim Hadian, those who missed registration this week may register by mail until Sept. 24. Programs begin this week. Any­one wishing to register who did not receive the brochure may call the high school at 765-1734 between noon and 4 p.m. for information.

Registration for various mini-courses of interest to the seniors will continue until one week before each course.

Kiwaniis plan dinner

The Kiwanis Club of New Scot­land is still accepting reservations for its gala 60th anniversary din­ner dance, being held at the West­ern Turnpike Golf Club on Friday, Sept. 28. Those interested in att­ending may contact either Mary Van Worner at 765-4769 or John Colle at 765-3308 for reservations.

The dinner, which will feature Congressman Michael McNulty as the main speaker, costs $20 per person and will include either prime rib au jus or cornish game hen. The entire community is in­vited to participate in this celebra­tion.

Chabad Center plans holiday services

The Chabad Center of Delmar will conduct High Holiday serv­ices on Sept. 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. and again Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m. The Shofar blowing will be at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome regardless of affiliation. For more information call 459-8280. Kiddush and dinner will follow each serv­ice.

Flu clinics scheduled

Senior Service Centers of the Albany area, Inc. will present the annual flu (influenza) clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Louise Corning Senior Serv­ices Center at 765 Delaware Ave. in Albany. Individuals aged 60 and over will be provided with immuni­zations administered by Dr. Albert Ellman and Dr. Jonathan Schwartz.

Seniors can register at any of the six centers operated by Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc.: Louise Corning, 25 Delaware Ave.; Ida Vorheesville, 260 North Pearl St.; Second Avenue, 6kranch St.; South Mall, 101 South Pearl St.; Townsend Park, 45 Central Ave.; or Westview, 680 Central Ave. Individuals must register in per­son between Tuesday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee is $4 for members, and $6 for non-members. The payment is required at registra­tion and is non-refundable.

For additional questions, call 465-8322.
Birds kickers run into snags despite win

By Bob Hagyard

There are no easy wins for the team everyone thinks will win it all.

Voorheesville’s boys’ varsity football team did not have Joe Race at halfback for tonight’s game at Cohoes. VC won all right, 2-0, but the team won’t have Joe Race for the rest of the season.

The Cohoes player didn’t draw a call. In fact, no Cohoes player did. VC, the visiting team, the team everyone expects to win it all, drew two years’ worth of whistles; five yellow (caution) calls plus a red for Race’s offense against soccer decorum.

There are no easy wins for the team everyone thinks will win it all.

“Hey!” yelled VC coach Bob Crandall.

“I thought it was a goal,” said Race. But Crandall (the only referee) had called it, then waved his arms and let the play continue.

A 1-0 lead and down a man, they outscored Cohoes 2-0.

面上 Voorheesville begann acting like a championship team: they shut up and played holding a slim 2-0 lead and down a man, they outscored Cohoes 5-2 over the 35 minutes remaining.

One play annoyed VC and goalie Erin Sullivan no end. Each time Sullivan hit the ground to cover a loose ball, he was met with a base-ball slide, a loose goal or two above ball level. Five minutes into the second half he got it right.

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Birds show spunk in season opener

New followers of Voorheesville football expected the underman-
aged Blackbirds to be knocked off Al-
bany's hard-foisted 130 loss to the Cadets, but they held their own.

Chuck Farley's first varsity edi-
tion, facing a Class B school with one of the most respected football
programs in the area, put up a
valiant performance against the favored Cadets. The score was 0-13, with 21:41 on the clock when Academy's talented young quar-
terback Matt Houston uncorked a 45-yard scoring pitch to Karl
Sacco.

"We played them tough defen-
sively," Farley said. "I was pleased with the kids. They hung right in there all the way.

This Saturday is the home
 opener, always a happy recrea-
tional and social occasion for vil-
lagers. Tamares comes for a
1-30 faceoff on Buckingham Field. Farley had an agent charting the game, and he was
edged by Averill Park, 13-6, but as of Monday hadn't had a chance to study them.

Regardless of what the charts
tell him, Farley knows that he must
inject more punch in the defense, and that is the theme of this week's
preparations. The Blackbirds have
three scoring opportunities at
Academy, but were thwarted by two fumbles and a dropped pass on the last play of the game.

"We moved the ball well in
spots, but we weren't consistent," Farley said.

Two of those turnovers were
hearthbreakers. In the first half Greg Roman threw a pretty strike
to John Burns, a fugitive halfback from Florida getting a taste of
football in the north. Burns broke a couple of tackles and was just
short of the goal when he took a
hailball on the helmet and it popped loose one stride from six points.

The other was a dropped pass
that shut off a promising drive midway in the second quarter. The
Cadets responded with a counter-
drive that sent Houston over the
5 for the touchdown.

Burns will be a big help in the
weeks to come. He showed no effects of a bruise that kept him
out of practice for three days when he peeled off a 40-yard runback of an
Academy punt in the second period.

Another bright spot was Greg Roun's throwing. Officially he was 7-for-14 for 41 yards, but with at least five dropped passes, he might have logged 11 in the completion
column. On the ground the Black-
birds had 78 yards, distributed among Tom Cianciotto, Scott
Riner, and Tramps Talavera. Not
great, but understandable against
the Cadets' rugged defense.

Talavera, the fullback, was
tracked with a 5-yard thrust into the line, sprawled his ankle in the first
half and saw what seemed to be his last game.

It was the kind of loss to
which the Blackbirds are accustomed. But as of Monday hadn't had a
planning session. 

"That's a tough loss," said Far-
ley. "We are thinnest in backups in
the line."

Chad Hotelling, an indestruc-
table two-way tackle starting his fourth game, said he was feeling the
usual damage to a promising drive.

This Saturday and Sunday will be a
big week with three victories, includ-
ing a non-conference game at Sar
Lost Oct. 7, the attack up the middle was
sufficient to subdue Schalmont, 5-1, in the league opener for both
teams. Joergenson and Brad Rockmore each scored twice while
Mark Mangan scored a hat trick, mov-
ing subing at center forward, to
shut down the offensive to knock the ball home. Tammy Zautner and Burgh's Kerri Schaff, Meghan
and Kissel, one of the team's power
movement together down the field,

For the second straight time, the Blackbirds defeated the Knights in overtime on a goal by
Lynne Conley, the game-winner.

While most of the game was
played in the middle third of the
time, the 'Birds did have a few
breakaway opportunities. But the
differences arrived in overtime play.

As the Knights tired, the Black-
birds wore down the Valley in its
final 54 seconds remaining, Lynne Conley finding her way between Davis's legs. From there, Pierrre was right there
to put the ball in the back of the
net.

The Blackbirds outshot their
opponents, 24-10, while Zautner
had nine saves.

Two days later, the girls had a
much easier time in blasting Wa-
tervliet, 7-1. Lynn Meade com-
pleted a hat trick, and added two
assists. Nicole Reynolds and Laura
Pierrre each added a goal, while
Kerri Schaff, Meghan Smith, and
Tami Stewart, Sophomore Mir-
rina Conley, Kristin Gibbs, Wendy
Reynolds, and Alison Vinson, and
Freyer in the second half. The girls
did not get you a fresh start.

The seniors are Stacey Accone,
Jason Meade, Marissa Vigne, Marc
Almon, Becky Follos, Jill Freyer, Diana
Kissel, Tammy Loomey, Beth Miller,
Cheryl Mann, Colleen Holy, No-
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outscored the Knights, 4-1.

Defensive coordinator Mike
Grey, who coached the Latihan
field hockey team to a state
championship last season, is
a natural in the field hockey
arena. Junior and assistant
coach Michelle Schaff said she
felt girls' soccer will be

For the second straight time
the Blackbirds traveled to
Ithaca on Saturday, and faced
the
Ithaca High School. The
girls' soccer team looks to be a
solid contender in its league this
year, with a replacement for
the
Blackbirds' goalkeeper who
graduated last year.

\The Blackbirds show promise
on hockey field

By Erin E. Sullivan

The Voorheesville Varsity Girls' Field Hockey team looks to be a strong competitor this season, and

The Blackbirds showed their promise in the season opener against Albany

Wins kick off season for girls soccer team

By Matt Hladun

Compared to last year's open-
ing week when they lost their first
two games, the Voorheesville girls' soccer team this season can
celebrate. They came out of the
week with three victories, includ-
ing a hard-fought 1-0 win over
league rival Lansingburgh.

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BC competes in invitational

By Jason Wilkie

The conditions last Saturday on the 3.1-mile Johnstown Cross Country Invitational course seemed identical to the first time I had run it four years before—dirt trails turned muddy and slippery by Friday’s rain, and the turf all along the race like the hedges torn up by runner’s spikes.

But Bethlehem’s first experience on the course this year came in a 1.5-mile freshmen race, where seventh-grader Kristy Ray completed her first, finishing 22nd. Dan Kerenblum finished 25th in the boys freshmen race, and seemingly improved in his second year.

In the girls varsity, eighth grade standout Nicole Mizener took 12th and a medal. Longtime track and field runner Miezner was one of the runners, a situation that may alter her in high school football action last Friday.

One of the most positive events of the day was second-year Eagles runner Meghan Fastuca’s finish. The sophomore improved one minute and 50 seconds over her time of the previous year to finish 20th, despite generally worse conditions. Senior Kathy Leonard, also running the course for her second time, came in fourth for the girls varsity squad, claiming 30th place.

The girls did not compete as a team, being unable to fill out the full team roster of five required runners, a situation that may alter for the better in time for their dual meet Tuesday.

The men’s varsity squad fared well as a team, but had their share of individual medals. Third year harrier and newly elected team captain Ken Watson led the team, finishing 18th, followed by Watson in 25th place. Both runners cited a last start as damaging to their races.

Mike DeCoco, a sophomore in his fourth year on the team, and senior Jason Willcox finished 24th and 37th respectively. Ryan Lillis, a freshman competing for his second year on the varsity level, was the crucial fifth finisher for the team, placing 36th. Steve Wolfe, in his first year, was close behind in 40th. Marilyn Gordon, the team’s seventh man, relied on his explosive kick to carry himself across the line as the 41st finisher.

The boys varsity team topped Glens Falls for sixth place out of the ten teams in their race. The team was disappointed, but not defeated by their showing. One strike against Bethlehem was the absence of their fastest runner, Barry Hard. Hard did not enter the race because of a possible foot injury.

Coach John Nydas is optimistic, but also realistic, he says, about the team’s ability. The team is dangerously small and any injuries are potentially all the more costly. Yet BC may very well be on its way to another Section II victory in the next couple of years, he believes. Nydas, one of the most respected coaches in the Suburban Council, now approaching his third decade as BC’s coach, has waited for this 24-year-old, having just missed Sectional victories in both 85 and 87.

Eagles drop opener

By Michael Kagan

If there is a way to lose impressively, then the Bethlehem Central football team discovered it last Friday in its 70-7 loss to Shaker.

The Blue Bison, after recovering Eagle quarterback Adam Perry’s fumble at the BC 36 with just 4:18 remaining in the fourth quarter, scored the winning touchdown down with 1:05 left on a nine-yard pass deep in the end zone.

The game closely mirrored the season opening game played between these two teams last year at BC, when a long pass from Scott Hodges late in the game set up the only score.

Neither team mustered much offense last week. The Bison’s defense was almost equally effective, holding Shaker to 148 yards (69 rushing, 79 in the air) and forcing three turnovers, all fumbles.

BC was penalized only twice for just 20 yards, quite an accomplishment for such an inexperienced team. Only two of Bethlehem’s starters, Gilchrist and Rob Perry, had played at the varsity level before. Perry played defense, so the two are rarely on the field at the same time. Another major problem for the Eagles is the loss of Chris Black, who would have been the starting quarterback, out for the season with a broken arm.

This Saturday at 1:30, BC will play CHA at Beecher Stadium.
Scotia outshoots Bethlehem, 5-4

By Michael Ragan

The Bethlehem Central Soccer team had a lot of offense against Thursday in Scotia. They also had Mike Peters, their regular goalie, playing for the first time this season after missing two games with a sprained wrist. They did not, however, come away with a win, as Scotia beat them 5-4, in the Eagles' first league game. They lost both of their season opening non-league games, against Schenectady and Fort Ann.

BC got off to a fast start as David VanGelder kicked a beautiful shot into the net just 3:50 into the game. Twenty seconds later, Ross Hanan bounced a shot off the goal post and in to make it 2-0 and ignite a lively BC bench. It looked like the Eagles were going to have a very good day.

But Charles Kawasa gave Scotia a gift, being caned for a hand ban in the corner. He scored the game's third tie score. Then, with 7:30 left, Scotia scored the final goal of the game to win on another shot from deep in the corner.

Ravena edges Voorheesville, 4-3

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville girl's tennis team looks to have only one weakness this season. Unfortunately, that lone flaw cost the team their first Colonial Council match against Ravena. However, the Blackbirds rebuffed by winning a match by default last week in the week against an undermanned Cohoes team, that had only three available players.

At Ravena, the 'Birds started strong with the Langford Coning giving Voorheesville a quick 20-goal lead. Cortney Langford, probably the best player in the council, easily defeated Tanya Shufelt, with Shufelt winning only one game off Langford, 61-60. Little sister Darcey picked up where Cortney left off, defeating Sue Friday, 62-62. The Indians cut the Blackbird lead to 2-1 when Nancy Timmis lost a heart-breaking three-set match, 46-62. The Indians tied the score at 2-2 after Tina Nestles defeated Sandra Huang of Voorheesville in the first, but rallied and took the third set in a tie-breaker, 68-64. Huang fought back to win the second set in convincing fashion, 65-63, but then lost the third, 6-1. In the fifth singles match, the Blackbirds gave the Indians a little taste of their own medicine when Andrea Langford won, 8-4, while Darcey easily defeated Tanya Shufelt, with Laura Genovesi and Jamie Seh, who won the doubles, to give Voorheesville a score of 6-4, 6-4, in a very close match, sending the Ladybirds down to defeat.

In the three singles matches played against Cohoes, Cortney Langford won, 84, while Darcey was defeated, 83, and Nancy Timmis won, 83. All three matches were Pro-Eights due to the lack of Cohoes players.

Coming up this week, the Lady Blackbirds are away at Ravena on Friday, followed by a home match against Watervliet on Monday, an away match against Watervliet on Tuesday and a home match against Cohoes next Wednesday.

Tennis

Birds 3-2 edge in the match

Next came the Blackbird question mark, the two doubles' teams. In the first match, Coach Kurkjian sent out the team of Kristine Ke­sell and Nicole Ryan. After losing the first set, 6-4, they dominated the second set, and lost to the state victory. Then they were crushed, 6-1, tying the match at 3-3.

The match was then left up to the VC second doubles team of Laura Genovesi and Jamie, who were down in the second set, 6-4, 6-4, in a very close

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Chris Mowrey, Auxiliary President Barbara Whitney, and Maureen Maloney.

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its 1990 Job Fair on Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Participating employers can reserve a table for the entire day, at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium. For more information, call 439-0512.

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The week the Town Planning Board will continue a series of presentations to solicit public comment on a draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town of New Scotland. All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting in their area.

Unkownville Area, Wednesday, September 19th, 7:30 p.m., Unkownville Reformed Church.

Feura Bush Area, Wednesday, September 20th, 7:30 p.m., Feura Bush Reformed Church.

Claverack Area, Wednesday, October 3rd, 7:30 p.m., Claverack Reformed Church.

New Scotland Area, Wednesday, October 10th, 7:30 p.m., New Scotland Town Hall.

Copies of the draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan are on display at the New Scotland Town Hall, the Voorheesville School District Public Library and the Bethlehem Public Library. Summary brochures will be distributed at each public meeting or may be picked up at the Town Hall.

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New tower proposed for Helderberg

By Debi Boucher

The Helderberg mountaintop will be home to yet another transmitting tower if Bradford Realty’s proposal is approved by the planning board.

William Caldwell, of Capital Digitronics and Bradford Realty, appeared before the New Scotland board last week for preliminary discussions on a proposed 150-foot tower on two acres of land off Pinecastle Road, a number of other towers now stand. The tower would be constructed by New York Telephone’s NYNEX Mobile Communications for cellular phone equipment transmission.

One of the existing towers is currently used by NYNEX. Caldwell said the company would reduce the height of that 180-foot tower by 40 feet once it constructs the new tower, which would take over some of the existing tower’s functions. The two other towers on Caldwell’s parcel are 160 and 180 feet high, respectively.

There are about 25 towers on the mountaintop, according to Caldwell, who said most of the TV stations own the land their towers stand on, while radio stations find it more economical to lease.

Besides TV stations, including 6, 10, 17, 20 and 43, most of the area’s FM radio stations transmit from the Helderberg site, according to Caldwell. He said the towers serve the entire Capital District, reaching as far north as Lake George, west to the Amsterdam area, south to the Catskills and east to the Berkshire Mountains.

The first Helderberg tower, he said, dates back to the 1940s, and was constructed by Caldwell referred to as the Old Wagon Road, which existed on old maps but was overgrown before Chief Geer built it in 1882. The access way is part of the Albany Bible Society’s land, but it had no height restrictions, to its use.

Planning Board Chairman Robert Hampston said it is the board’s policy not to discuss preliminary information until more data is available. The lot is too small, but Hampston said they would have factors “more troublesome” than that to consider.

Chief among his concerns is “the proliferation of the towers,” which he said the town’s proposed master plan — currently in draft form and being presented to residents through a series of public meetings — aimed to limit.

Hampston asked Caldwell for a rendering of the proposed tower, and for “a clear description of what the tower entitles in terms of waves.” He commented that while there are no guidelines set for emissions of such towers, there has been growing evidence presented concerning the electromagnetic fields created by them. The master plan draft states that while the structures are important, “it is also felt that clustering these structures is causing existing structures of the same nature limits potential health related complications and visual blight often associated with hazardous placement of these towers.”

Town senior service opens new meal program

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem Senior Services kicked off a new meal program for senior citizens in the town’s new auditorium this week.

Dubbed Monday Meals, the program falls within the town’s participation in the wider Albany Meals on Wheels program. According to Director Don Osterman, Meals on Wheels is a for-profit corporation providing meals for homebound elderly and non-elderly handicapped individuals in the area.

In addition to providing inexpensive, balanced meals, Monday Meals is designed to create a social forum for senior citizens. Joyce Becker, town senior services program coordinator, said she is excited about the combination.

“It really is going to be a great program,” she said, noting it will encourage social contacts among people who sometimes have little opportunity to socialize.

“It also allows many towns, people who are elderly to meet friends who they haven’t seen in years,” she said.

Osterman, agreed, saying the gatherings are more than a way to expand the nutritional health mission of Meals on Wheels. “It is not only for the end of serving a meal, but it’s also to congregate seniors so they’re able to socialize and take advantage of other services at a social setting.”

To that end, a variety of speakers and performers will be featured during the 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. meals — sometimes the emphasis will be strictly on entertainment, other times it will be on providing senior citizens with information on available services or some other topic of interest. Following the entertainment, cards and table games are encouraged, Becker said.

The meals are free, but a donation of $2.50 is suggested.

Becker said she anticipates between 30 and 50 participants regularly. A maximum of 50 has been set for each meal.

“It’s a lot of work for us. But if just one person makes a social contact who would not have other, who have done so, it’s worth it,” she said.

Monday Meals lunches will carry one-third the nutritional value of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for adults over age 60 as established by the National Research Council and National Academy of Sciences. For example, the Sept. 17 lunch was to be homestyle stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and apple pie.

Meals will be available one week prior to the meals. Bethlehem Central school buses will be used to transport seniors to town hall. Pick-ups at designated stops near participants homes may be arranged before each Monday.

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He has demonstrated a variety of martial arts skills for Chinese Association of New York, and Japanese film companies. Master Jiang has taught his art at Skidmore College and this Fall will begin instruction at SUNY Albany AND Hudson Valley Taekwondo!

Also featured: Students and Instructors of Hudson Valley Taekwondo!
Sitting pretty on recycled furniture

By Susan Graves

A Delmar artist would like to see kids sitting just as pretty as their parents.

Joyce Sarachan has created a look just for children by transforming old furniture into functional and individually-designed works of art. She buys the pieces at garage sales and through newspaper ads. Many of the pieces are old school desks and chairs, perfect for tiny arms and legs.

She said she got the idea to begin a business from something she has always done for her own children. She started Recycling Color from her home about a year ago.

Sarachan believes there is a void in what’s available in children’s furniture. “I wanted fun stuff that attracts kids,” she said. “I’m interested in using my imagination.”

To achieve that end, she applies layers and layers of non-toxic colorful paint to furniture. Each piece is also decorated with an original design.

She begins by sending the tiny chairs, tables, rocking and toy chests making sure they are structurally sound. Then each wooden piece is sanded and painted with an oil primer “so anything will stick to it,” she said.

After that, it’s a matter of applying several layers of latex paint before painting on the design. “I try to do a one-of-a-kind piece” for every article of furniture, she said.

Once the design is painted on, she applies four coats of an acrylic finish. “It’s a non-toxic, durable finish,” which withstands just about any kind of punishment a child can dish out.

Sarachan will be displaying and selling her work at Main Square’s fall festival from noon to 5 p.m. on Sept. 30. “I’d like to test the area hot to see if people are interested,” she said. “I hope people like it.”

Some of her work is for sale at Finger Paints in Delmar. When she brought in the first table and chair she had on display, she sold it.

An old school chair becomes a new work of art at the hands of Joyce Sarachan of Delmar.

Elaine McLain

Do-it-yourself: Late nights spent on a ladder

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Improvements that change the look of your home can be relatively inexpensive — and fun — if you do it yourself. The key to a “do-it-yourself” project is knowing your own limitations. If you’ve never held a pipe wrench in your hands, don’t try to install a new sink. Likewise, electricity can be dangerous if handled improperly. Bring in an expert for those projects, so the job is done right.

And be sure to protect yourself by getting references when dealing with a contractor.

But changing the look of a room can be as simple as painting and hanging new curtains, projects most people can handle on their own.

The first step is to have a plan. I recently helped to complete a kitchen remodeling for my mother, and the family decided to work on the kitchen first.

My mother, Susan Sarachan, chose the color scheme. “Just tell me what color you want” was the extent of my involvement. Since the color was a pink base, it’s obvious Sarachan, who owns everything ever made in color, had a great influence on the choice. At this point, a palette was chosen for the new floor as well and a color was chosen for the new counter top.

Items of note on choosing colors and floor patterns: bright colors make a room seem larger and smaller tile patterns have the same effect.

When selecting paint, buy a well-known brand, and if you want to be able to wash the walls, go with a semigloss paint. My feeling is it’s worth buying quality paint to get a better and more durable finish.

I painted the kitchen before the new floor and counter top were put in. Again, these installations were beyond me, so we hired a general contractor to handle it.

Since the old floor and counter were being removed, I did not have to worry about spilling paint. This was a good thing because I’m not about any kind of punishment a child can dish out.

Everything was taken out of the kitchen and the walls, ceiling and cabinets were cleaned before the painting began and painted with non-toxic, durable finish.

So glad in cold clothes with paint brush in hand, I began applying ceiling white, coral canyon and sugar blush to the room.

At this point: Be prepared for the area to be disrupted until the project is finished. All the kitchen dishes, glasses and cookware were spent two weeks in the dining room, much to the chagrin of my grandmother. She was also displeased that on some nights the paint project meant no cooking in the kitchen. Despite the loss of grandma’s and mom’s home cooking, we all survived.

Since I was working nights and weekends, around my own work schedule, I had to do the project in disjointed steps.

One late night was spent painting the ceiling. With four people working, we interfered with each other. There are more efficient ways to do a project.

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Now is the time to come in from the cold

By Mike Larabee

With unstable fuel prices rising steadily and hints of 1970s-style shortages on the horizon, now is the time to make sure your energy costs don't leave you out in the cold this winter.

The easiest way to save money on home heating or energy use is by ordering a free home energy audit. Since the approval of the state's Home Insulation and Energy Conservation Act in 1977 during the height of the energy conservation movement, utilities have been obligated to provide customers with home energy evaluations and suggest ways to cut costs.

The survey program, dubbed 'EASY TRACK', is available to anyone who owns or rents a one to four-family home built before 1980. Under the program, the utility sends an auditor to your home to conduct an energy-use analysis, then makes recommendations on how you can improve efficiency and save.

According to Craig Jones, program director for the state Department of Public Service, audits routinely send an auditor to your home to conduct an energy-use analysis, then makes recommendations on how you can improve efficiency and save.

The auditor makes recommendations on whether additional insulation, new windows or doors, and overall heating system improvements would be cost-effective, and provides estimates on expenses and pay-back periods as well. During the survey, quick, low-cost energy saving improvements — like low-flow showerheads or water heater wraps — are installed.

Jones said that since 1979, more than one million audits have been conducted across the state. He said the efficient use of energy is in the interest of utilities as well as customers because it frees them from the need to construct expensive new power plants.

"Basically over the long run it's good for the customer and it's good for the company," said Jones.

George Sichko, a Niagara Mohawk consumer relations supervisor, agreed.

"First, we do it, and don't laugh, because we're energy conservation minded," said Sichko. "And second, because we're mandated by the State of New York."

Sichko pointed to ceiling insulation as the most cost-effective money-saver available to customers. "That's the big one," he said.

To make an appointment for an energy audit, call Niagara Mohawk at 471-3354, or the Department of Public Service at 1-800-852-FREE.

Here are some of Niagara Mohawk's and the New York Public Interest Research Group's low-cost or no-cost tips for saving energy during the winter:

- Install proper caulking weather-stripping. "Caulk is an inexpensive, play-dough material which you can install with little effort. Available at local hardware stores, it comes coiled in a box. Press it into cracks between the window sash and frame. Since it dries out, check it once or twice during the winter to make sure that it's still light. Remove it in the spring."

- Caulk gaps and cracks around a house. As much as 80 percent of air leaks gets into areas other than windows and doors. Check, inside and outside:
  1. (where the wooden sill of the house meets the foundation),
  2. (where dryer vents and fan covers pass through the wall),
  3. (where plumbing pipes and telephone wires enter the house),
  4. (where any two different outside materials meet),
  5. (where the fireplace chimney meets the sid ing).

- Electric outlets. Drafty outlets can account for up to 20 percent of the air leakage in your house. You can use foam draft gaskets, available free with an energy audit, to keep heat from escaping through plugs and outlets.

- Clean and repair windows. Replace broken and cracked panes. And it also a good idea to clean your windows during the fall, when the outside temperature is lower. Broken sashes can block as much as 40 percent of the solar energy coming through the glass, which could contribute to as much as three to four percent of your heating of your heating bill.

- Install door sweeps under inside doors adjacent to the ga...
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- Ventilation. Attic and crawl space vents should be kept open all year to prevent moisture problems.
- Add humidity. Humidity usually makes you feel more comfortable at the same temperature. Use a room or furnace humidifier or keep shallow pans of water on radiator tops or near hot air vents.
- Fireplaces. The best way to conserve heat with fireplaces is not to use them. They draw warm air from adjacent rooms and send it up the chimney. If you don't want to block off your fireplace permanently, keep the damper tightly closed when not in use. Use thermoglass doors to uncover the face of the fireplace to reduce heat loss.

The heating system
- Furnace filters. Check the filters on your forced-air furnace every month. Replace as necessary.
- Clean burners. Your heating system should be cleaned and inspected at least once a year. In addition, if you have an oil-fired system, ask your heating contractor about the possibility of reducing the nozzle size of your oil burner.
- Radiators. "Bleed" air trapped in your radiators regularly to improve heat flow from the radiator. To do this, use the knob at the top of the radiator or a key (available at hardware stores) to open the valve. Keep it open until water spurts out. It will be hot and should be caught in a pan or bucket.

Also, you can use aluminum foil to reflect heat from the walls behind radiators back into the room. During the heating season, remove radiator covers that interfere with heating efficiency.

It depends on how efficient the house is to begin with... It's not unheard of to save 20 to 25 percent," said Craig Jones, of state Department of Public Service.

- Unblocking heat. Check all the places where heat enters the room. Make sure drapes and furniture do not interfere with the flow of heat. Don't put boxes, books, or anything else in places that might block the heat flow on radiators.
- Hot water heating.
- Hot water. Some water heating systems are set at 150 degrees or higher. This doesn't make the hot water come to your sink any faster. And when it does, it's too hot and you have to dilute it with cold water. If you don't have an automatic dish washer, you can set your tank thermostat between 110 and 130.
- Drain a few gallons from your tank every month. This removes the sludge on the bottom that reduces heating efficiency.
- Flow restrictors. Install them in shower heads and lavatory faucets. Also, repair leaking faucets, especially hot water faucets.

- The thermostat. An obvious one. Set your thermostat at 68 degrees Fahrenheit and leave it alone during the day. At night, lower it to 50 degrees. Also, make sure the thermostat isn't located in an area affected by drafts.
- Buy fluorescent. Fluorescent lamps produce about four times as much light per watt as do incandescent bulbs. A 40-watt fluorescent tube gives more light than a 150-watt bulb. The tubes cost more than bulbs ($2 and up), but they last a lot longer.

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Little things can save energy costs

By Robert Webster Jr.

With the cold New York winter months just around the corner, now is the time to begin preparing your home for that inevitable cold snap.

"It's often the little, inexpensive things that you can do to save energy and money that slip by in the homemaker's planning," said Med Either, vice-president of Moffat-Hollis/Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate in Latham.

Minor steps taken around the home can save upwards of 20 percent on heating and other costs, he said. He noted the following ways to save money in the home:

• Recheck all washers in hot faucets. That minor drip can cause gallons of expensive heated water to be lost per year.
• Turn down the thermostats when you are not home. The thermostat setting is more a matter of habit than of comfort," Either said. "A 10 percent savings in costs can be obtained with relatively minor adjustments."
• Take showers instead of baths. Showers use less water, saving you money when it comes time to pay the heating bill. Also, the installation of a low-flow shower head can help as well.
• Caulk around windows and doors and weatherstrip where necessary. Lost heat through the cracks in windows can add up to big bucks.
• Open curtains and drapes to allow sunlight into often-used rooms, using nature's heat to warm your house. Also, insulated curtains help trap heat once it comes into your home.
• Fireplaces and wood stoves are not only beautiful in the home, but functional as well. Use wood burning to supplement heating. Purchase of a device that funnels the heat into the room instead of up the chimney can be helpful.
• "All it takes to conserve energy in the home is a little thought and effort," said Either.

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Gas furnaces require proper care

By Dev Tobin

Fall is the time to prepare for the upcoming heating season, and proper maintenance and servicing of your heating system will help insure a trouble-free winter. The current dramatic increase in the price of fuel is not the only reason to keep the heating plant in your home in proper shape, according to Tom Drake, general manager of D.A. Bennett in Delmar.

"People with gas appliances should realize that if their unit is not operating properly, it can spread deadly carbon monoxide gas throughout their home," Drake warned. "We routinely find dangerous situations. At least once a week in Delmar, we service a system that is emitting toxic byproducts into the house."

Drake noted that 55 percent of the service work that D.A. Bennett is with gas furnaces. "We do a 14-point check that includes all motorized parts and safety controls and tunes up the unit to run at maximum efficiency," he explained. "We'll service contracts on gas equipment just like on other equipment."

Drake finds there is a general misconception regarding gas heating equipment.

"A lot of people think that since they have gas, and nothing goes wrong, they don't need to have it serviced," he said. "A gas furnace is a mechanical piece of equipment that burns fuel and needs regular maintenance. Niagara Mohawk recommends that people get their gas furnaces serviced annually, and that they install carbon monoxide monitors that can warn of any leaks."

According to Drake, D.A. Bennett should be the service for humidifiers, water heaters and electronic air cleaners. "Especially in winter, people are concerned about indoor air quality, and the electronic air cleaners on their forced-air heating systems need to be serviced," he added.

Oil furnaces require more extensive servicing than gas, according to Melvin Cain, service manager for Main-Care Heating Service of Albany.

"An oil burner should be cleaned and tuned up once a year. In our service, we replace the nozzle and filter, vacuum clean the unit and the chimney, do a smoke test and an efficiency test, then bring the unit up to maximum efficiency," Cain explained.

Cain recommended that homeowners, in addition to having the proper service performed, put their system before the cold weather comes. "Every year, we get hundreds of calls on the first real cold day. People should turn on their system now to see that it’s running. They should check the gauges and make sure there’s water in the system," Cain said.

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Bedroom comforts the trend of the '90s

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It is only fitting that you make the most of your bedroom, whether it's a major overhaul or adding a few small touches. Now is the perfect time to rethink your bedroom, since a change of seasons is lurking right around the corner.

The watchword for beautiful bedrooms of the '90s is comfort. Although the only limit to sprucing up your bedroom is your imagination, three distinct looks remain popular for their classic lines, colors and materials. Whether you live in a tiny apartment in an urban center of a sprawling estate in the suburbs, there's a beautiful bedroom style waiting for you.

The romantic bedroom is a luxurious blending of rich textures and soft colors accented by the placement of our favorite possessions. To make your bedroom a place for pampering, here are some suggestions:

Trade in your ordinary bed for a canopy bed, resplendent in ruffled bed curtains and lacy netting that lend an air of intimate privacy.

Choose soft shades in relaxing patterns and prints for your wallpaper, fabric coverings and bed linens. A generous collection of fluffy pillows both decorates the bed by day and serves as a welcome cushioning for your back.

Scatter rugs made of natural fibers will keep floors warm in cooler weather and provide a dash of color to a plain floor. Let the fragrance of potpourri of scented candles waft through the air, and replace regular light bulbs with softer ones in shades of pink or peach to soothe weary eyes and set the tone for romance.

A dressing table is the epitome of the romantic bedroom. Swathe yours in ruffles and bows, with a mirrored tray holding silver-topped perfume bottles and an elegant comb and brush set. Miniature frames with photographs of loved ones or small potted plants are the finishing touches.

Another option for the bedroom is the rustic look to make your bedroom a retreat from the madding crowd. Nostalgia is the essence of country style, never going out of fashion because of its back-to-basics simplicity. Strive for the blend of earthy colors and textures, and set the tone for romance.

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2-Operating, 2-Stationary | 6' 7½" x 3' 4½" | 625.90 | 436.13
2-Operating, 3-Stationary | 7' 7½" x 3' 4½" | 777.60 | 544.32
Single Stationary | 1' 5" x 3' 4½" | 152.70 | 106.89
Single Operating | 1' 5" x 3' 4½" | 177.60 | 124.32
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2-Operating, 3-Stationary | 7' 7½" x 3' 4½" | 867.50 | 609.04
Single Stationary | 1' 8½" x 3' 3½" | 120.80 | 91.56
Single Operating | 1' 8½" x 3' 3½" | 153.50 | 107.45
Double Operating | 2' 4½" x 3' 3½" | 316.90 | 222.81
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2-Operating, 2-Stationary | 6' 7½" x 3' 3½" | 627.20 | 425.04
2-Operating, 3-Stationary | 8' 3½" x 3' 3½" | 763.70 | 527.09
Single Stationary | 1' 8½" x 4' | 156.00 | 109.20
Single Operating | 1' 8½" x 4' | 182.20 | 127.54
Double Operating | 3' 4½" x 4' | 375.60 | 262.92
2-Operating, 1-Stationary | 4' 1½" x 4' | 542.90 | 383.05
2-Operating, 2-Stationary | 6' 7½" x 4' | 714.90 | 500.43
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4' 0" x 4' 4½" | 524.00 | 341.57
4' 1" x 4' 4½" | 542.00 | 352.50
4' 2" x 4' 4½" | 560.00 | 363.43
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Organization the key to a successful move

The key to easy moving is the same for most everything else in life—organization. Break the process down into small chores you can handle one at a time.

Bookstress how to guides that can help, and moving companies and real estate agencies offer these suggestions:

- If you decide to hire a professional mover, start by contacting several reputable companies. Ask about rates, available services and extra charges for special handling. Get estimates based on the approximate weight of your belongings and the distance to be traveled.
- Insure about insurance coverage protecting your belongings against damages and losses. Find out how claims are processed. Check references to determine the company’s record for customer satisfaction.
- Moving companies will not handle the shipping of pets; you may want to consider sending them by air. House plants do not do well by air. House plants do not do well during normal business hours.
- Get rid of excess items—things you no longer want or need. Consider having a garage sale, and make arrangements with a local charity to collect items left over.
- If you are going to do the packing yourself, keep these basic principles in mind:
  1. Use the right size box for the contents.
  2. Use sturdy boxes with lids and be reasonable about weights.
  3. Use plenty of cushioning to absorb shock.
  4. Wrap delicate items individually in plain paper.
  5. Never use printed newspaper—it could damage your belongings.

Pack firmly, without overstuffing the box.

- Plan to have the packing completed the day before moving day.
- Clearly mark boxes for proper room identification and contents.

Environmentally safe cleaners available

Effective home cleaning can be accomplished without using chemicals harmful to the environment. Among the natural products which clean just as effectively and less expensively than brand name cleaners there are several reputable companies. Ask your local moving company for a list.

- White vinegar is good for cleaning windows as well as for washing wares and pesticides from fruit and vegetables.
- Baking soda makes an excellent treatment for leather shoes and boots.
- Cream of tartar is a natural and repellent—better than chemical laden pesticides that are harmful to pets.
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The new lighting devices on the market use electricity much more efficiently and produce from three to ten times more light than incandescent bulbs. For a given amount of energy, they also last from 10 to 30 times longer.

A word of caution: high intensity discharge lamps cannot be slashed on and off like ordinary lights, and take several minutes to reach full brightness. Second, although the new models are much better than the older ones, high pressure sodium lights still have a yellowish glow, and mercury vapor lamps appear somewhat blue. Finally, although mercury vapor lights are still for sale, they are not as efficient as either metal halide or high-pressure sodium lights, especially toward the end of their lifetimes.

Here are some useful tips:
- Evaluate your present lighting environment. Can you see comfortably to do what you need to do in each area of your home? (Halls and furnace rooms need less light than kitchens and reading areas.) For tasks like reading, side-lighting is best for most people, whereas bright area lighting free of glare is better in the kitchen. Good lighting does not necessarily mean bright lighting; the key is to have adequate lighting on the task without interference.
- Decide which areas may need more light — or less. Sometimes getting more light is as easy as painting walls a lighter color, laying in more natural light by adjusting blinds or even adding sky lights.
- Whenever possible, substitute fluorescent fixtures for incandescent bulbs. Be sure to pick the right replacement fixture for each location. As a rule of thumb, you can replace an incandescent with a fluorescent rated at 25 to 30 percent of the incandescent’s wattage and have the same light levels.

In areas where it may be important, such as kitchens, reading rooms, and around bathroom mirrors, pay attention to the color temperatures of the new fixtures. (Warmer colors are in the 3,700-4,000 degree color temperature range; cooler in the 6,000 and higher range.)

- Think of replacing inefficient lighting with efficient lighting as an investment that will pay very well over the lifetime of the new fixture. How fast the investment pays off depends on how much you used the old light. Thus, in replacing inefficient lights, it is wise to begin with those you use the most.

Incandescent bulbs waste energy

Edison's wonderful invention has the advantages of simplicity and low initial cost. However, all but a small portion of the electricity that makes incandescent bulbs glow goes to producing heat, not light. Therefore they waste electricity — and money.

Over periods of ten years, the average homeowner will pay 10 times more for the electricity for incandescent light bulbs than they will for the electricity for the energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs. Compact fluorescent bulbs use 50% less electricity and produce from three to ten times more light than incandescent bulbs.

To summarize:
- Incandescent bulbs use 10 times more electricity.
- Compact fluorescent bulbs use 50% less electricity.
- Compact fluorescent bulbs produce from three to ten times more light.

For more information about compact fluorescent bulbs contact your utility company or the local office of the New York Office of Energy Services, 447 New York Street, Albany, New York 12210.
Preventing burglary can be inexpensive

**Home secure home**

If you’re often alone at night, or your house is somewhat isolated or if you travel frequently or have some very special possessions or heirlooms, chances are you worry about home security.

You can have your house wired by professional security company, who will then monitor your home. This is an expensive way to obtain peace of mind, however; reporting systems, however, will often charge monthly fees.

There are many things you can do to protect your home on a smaller, less expensive scale.

It’s reported that burglary is one of the most frequently committed crimes, but is preventable. Keep your home less vulnerable to criminals. Secure them off, keep them out or conceal your valuables. Many of ingenious warning devices are activated by sound, motion or heat.

Loud noises and bright lights are helpful deterrents to crime; the last thing a criminal wants to be is the center of attention.

One clever key-chain device works like a garage door opener. It’s great for who returns home from work after dark. You push a button and it turns on a light inside your house. And it works up to 50 feet away.

A similar device is a “sound switch” that turns on a light in your home when it detects a sound. You can set the lights-on interval pad; you punch in your code when activated for 10 minutes.

Several sound alarms are designed to hang on doorknobs; they make a loud noise if the door is opened. Wedge-shaped doorstop alarms are similar, as are sliding door barriers that emit an 85-decibel warning.

Driveaway Alert System is a motion sensor that lets you know if anyone is approaching your house. It detects the heat and motion of approaching visitors up to 40 feet away and sends a signal to a receiver inside the house, which activates a four-second buzzer. You can plug the receiver into any household outlet.

Another device looks like a radio, but analyzes noises in your home and detects those that sound like forced entry (breaking glass and splintering wood). It monitors up to 5,500 square feet and alerts you for 10 minutes.

Alarm screens look like high-quality fiberglass window screens, but once you plug them in, they activate an alarm when tampered from the outside.

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Some banks offer specials on home improvement loans

By Don Haskins

Home improvements add not only new comforts and facilities to residential properties. They add value, and for the most part, represent a good investment.

Since relatively few homeowners have the financial resources to undertake substantial home improvement projects, they turn to banks for help. A survey of some of those banks shows the home improvement loan business over the past summer has been brisk. It is peaking again this month, traditionally the time for last minute, pre-winter projects like siding, a new roof or storm windows. Now is a particularly good time to take out a home improvement loan. Some banks are offering a lower rate, or lower cost “specials” that could save hundreds, depending on individual loan circumstances.

In most banks, home improvement loans are part of the consumer loan division. Generally, those contacted agreed that home improvement loans constitute from 3% to 45% of their entire consumer loan operations.

Dina Trahan, assistant loan officer at Cohoes Savings Bank, said most of the major loans are for in-ground pools, decking and remodeling such as painting kitchens or new family rooms. “There has been a strong market for pool funds” since April, she said. She estimated home improvement projects are involved in 20 to 40 percent of Cohoes Savings consumer loans, most of them sought from April to the end of this month. Cohoes Savings offers home improvement loans of $2,000 to $35,000. While they are classified as “home equity” loans for home improvements, “We don’t make home improvement loans as such,” she said.

The loans from Home & City are mostly for major projects such as pools, house additions, decks and major repairs such as a new roof, according to Calicchia. She said 41 percent of that bank’s consumer loans are classified as “home equity” loans.

The Cohoes bank offers four terms, up to three years at 10.5 percent; four to five years, 10.9 percent; six to 10 years, 11.9 percent, and 11 to 15 years, 12.25 percent. “We’ve had a busy season over the last year,” said Trahan. “It’s usually so in early spring, then it picks up again beginning in September for winter work.”

At Home & City Savings Bank, Christy Calicchia, marketing officer, said they deal only in home equity loans for home improvements. “We don’t make home improvement loans as such,” she said.

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home equity, although such funds are also used for purposes other than home improvement, such as tuition.

The Home & City interest charges for the time-being are pegged at the prime rate level, currently 10 percent, according to Caloctx. The bank has what she terms a "very popular" program right now called "Prime Only for 1990" for home equity loans. After the year ends, the rate becomes prime plus 1.5 percent.

Key Bank's Christine Turgeon, public relations associate, said a lot of customers are now using their home equity loans or home equity lines of credit because of the lower interest rates compared to personal or other types of loans.

This bank has a "special" through Oct. 31 under which it charges no closing costs, and pays the New York State mortgage tax on loans of up to $400,000.

"A lot of people are using this," said Turgeon, for home improvements as well as other purposes because the financing rates are better.

Home improvement loans at Key Bank can be repaid over 10 to 15 years. With a line of credit, homeowner borrowers can use checks on the accounts to pay bills, and are responsible for interest only on the amount of the credit line used. Another option for such financing, according to Turgeon, is for payments of interest charges only for the first 10 years, adding principal payments in later years when earning power is likely to be greater. The bank takes second liens on home equity loans, because they are otherwise unsecured.

Other types of loans are also available for home improvement use, and at Key Bank, loan funds are not limited to home improvement use. Customers "don't always tell us" what the funds are for, said Turgeon, although predominant uses they know about have been for pools, additions, new roofs and gutters.

Key Bank rates for a regular home improvement loan up to $30,000 for 12 to 60 months is 12.5 percent and currently the same for variable. For $5,000 or more, 61 to 120 months, the fixed rate is 13.5 percent and variable, 12.5. The home equity loan program, with a minimum of $7,500, for 12 to 120 months, is 12.25 percent. For 121 to 180 months, it is 12.75 percent. The home equity credit line, also with a $7,500 minimum, is 11.75 percent for adjustable, with a cap of 15.9, and for a three-year fixed rate, 12.5 percent. There is a three percent per year cap for adjustable rates, Turgeon said.

Among the banks offering home improvement loans "specials" is Marine Midland. Gary Lansing, district sales manager, said that as of Sept. 17, Marine Midland is offering a credit line pegged at the prime rate at date of closing, currently 10 percent, effective through the end of June, 1991.

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Trendy tubs combat stress

By Debi Boucher

There’s nothing like a long soak in a hot bath to calm frazzled nerves. Taking the concept one step further are those who have found installing whirlpools, hot tubs or steam baths in their own homes is a sure way to combat stress.

“They’re creating a tranquil space,” said Richard Thompson of Capitol District Supply Co., whose clientele are “a combination of new home builders and remodelers.

“We try to do here is educate the consumer,” he explained. He noted that spa equipment is not an everyday purchase for most of his customers, who aren’t sure what to expect of such products.

Contractor and builder, instructed by their customers to provide spa equipment, may also feel at a loss.

“We usually have them send the customer here directly,” Thompson said, so the homeowners can pick out exactly what they want. In addition to its work in other areas of home improvement, such as kitchen remodeling, plumbing and heating, Capitol District Supply Co. sells steam units and whirlpools. Steam units are perhaps the easiest to accommodate, since the unit itself can be installed in a basement, letting the steam head extend up to 40 feet to be used in a bathroom in another part of the house.

Thompson said steam units are more popular than saunas, which provided by heat rather than moist heat, mainly because steam units are less expensive and more practical. While a sauna requires construction of an entire enclosed area, steam units can be used in existing bathrooms.

The principal benefit of steam, Thompson said, is its ability to “cleanse” the body through the skin.

He cautioned that steam units should not be used every day and that people “should be aware of their physical limitations,” as the high temperatures of steam and whirlpools can affect conditions such as high blood pressure.

The company sells whirlpools by American Hydro Systems, ranging in size from standard bathtub size (about 5 feet by 31 inches) to six by five and a half feet. The pools are at least 20 inches deep for deep immersion and feature footrests, lumbar supports and eight jets.

Bath oils or salts can be used with no clogging the jets, which Thompson said is a problem with other models. He said customers often sit in the showroom tubs to get a feel for them, and that “nine out of 10 times that’s what sells it.”

The whirlpools, unlike hot tubs, are designed to replace conventional bathtubs; the water is drained after each usage and thus requires no chemical treatment.

Prices range from $1,200 to $4,500 for a standard whirlpool. Thompson said Steam units cost about $600 to $1,000.

Another option is to purchase an acrylic hot tub, enclosed in cedar or redwood, that can be installed indoors or outdoors. Hot tubs, as opposed to whirlpools, are not designed to replace conventional bathtubs.

“1t’s becoming more common to put them outside on a deck,” said Chris Poleo, sales manager at Seven Seas Spas in Latham. “The plumbing and heating is all self-contained,” he said, adding that hot tubs are easy to own and maintain. The company manufactures hot tubs for sale to retailers. Models range from two to 10 or 12-person sizes. Prices range from $2,500 to $7,000, with the most common being in the $4,000 to $4,500 range.

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Polito said as consumers become more aware of hot tubs—especially the fact that they can be used outdoors—they are becoming more popular. "It's still a growing industry, especially here on the east coast," he said. The Coral hot tub, available from Seven Seas Spas in Latham, is a compact, fully portable spa that goes anywhere and always fits.

But Randy Nash, president of the Long Island-based AJ. Spa Distributors, said the home spa industry is "very slow," which he attributes to the general economic climate in the country.

"They are a luxury item," he pointed out, and many people are finding it necessary to cut back on luxuries. While the company still deals with retailers in the Capital District to some extent, it closed its Albany location ten months ago, Nash said.

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One system that rarely gets any attention from the homeowner—until it's too late—is the septic tank system. Household biocides, detergents, disinfectants and grease are difficult to break down inside a septic tank. Over time, they may accumulate and clog the drainage fields or the line leading from the house to the tank. Homeowners should take these precautions:

- Do not put grease, coffee grinds or egg shells down the kitchen drain.
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Gardens need special tending before winter

By Susan Graves

Just because most of those tomatoes and cucumbers have been harvested and eaten or canned, doesn't mean your backyard garden chores are over.

In fact, it's about the right time to begin to think about putting the garden to bed for another year.

Various forms of mulching can actually address your next year's garden's needs along with mandatory recycling, which is or will be in effect in many Capital District towns.

According to Bob Hayner, a technical service representative for Garden Way in Troy, just about everything we think of as garbage (with the exception of bones) can go back into the soil.

"The first thing we want to do is pick all the crops and mulch it back into the garden, he said. "It (the soil) can digest all the plants, including tomato and pepper plants along with corn cobs, he said."

- But not all food waste can be absorbed, he said. "Bones don't decompose. We must hope we get a dog to take care of those," he said. Otherwise, "A good size steak bone is just going to stay there."

Sann canoe, a chipper/shredder will do just as well and the broken down bones can be tosted into the garden along with the rest of the mulch. Hayner said he expects that sales of those machines will take off given recycling requirements. "We expect a big boom in chipper/shredders."

The gardener's fall work is done he said, "When you see nothing there."

At that point, he advises letting Mother Nature do the work. "Nature's fertilizer, which is snow, will do the work in the winter," he said.

Albany County Cooperative Extension Agent Margaret Kelly has a word of caution to prevent recurring problems next year.

"It's important to remove any plant with disease," she said. This year, for example, many plants suffered from blight because of the amount of rain and humidity. As a result, those tomato plants whose leaves turned yellow early in the season should not be tillled into the soil or put into a compost heap that will go back in the garden in the spring.

Kelly also advises gardeners not to use insect-infested plants as mulch.

But, she said, any healthy organic matter that can be added to next year's compost heap is helpful. She said keeping a compost heap and periodically turning it is better than tilling this year's waste into the soil. Tilling directly into the soil depletes the nitrogen that the gardener's fall work is done.

Closing down a garden is hard work necessary to prepare the garden for next year.

Energy conservation in the kitchen

After home and water heating, the kitchen is the biggest user of energy in your home. The following tips will help save money in the kitchen:

- Don't open and close the refrigerator door too frequently.
- Keep the refrigerator between 35 and 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the freezer at zero degrees.
- Don't let frost build up in the freezer.
- Make sure seals on refrigerator and freezer doors fit tightly.
- Condenser coils behind and underneath the refrigerator should be kept clean.
- Avoid opening the oven for 10 minutes maximum.
- Pre-heat your oven for 10 minutes maximum.
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is available for new plants in the spring. "Otherwise we're just tiptoeing by matter that breaks down other materials," she said.

According to Kelly, fall is a good time to reflect on this year's successes and failures. "Jot down bigger home sale gains always a good idea, she said. "Minor improvements net plant so many zucchini plants." is the idea of beginning a new move more quickly. Things to faucet once and for all. and piping shine. Buyers have been and under sinks. Fix that dripping not heard. Make all the fixtures pealing, soften the appearance with struggle with doors, drawers and fortless. They shouldn't have to closures on cabinets can be added. Coloring new hand towels door hinges and window locks let seat closed on open-house days. Cabinets. Drawer glides

a new compost heap. She uses the compost gathered over the winter as much on the garden plot. In addition, "I also put chicken manure on the garden. It's a good way to fertilize because it gets watered into the soil over the winter," she said.

Clary's garden officially goes to fall is an excellent time to cut back and thin perennials, according to Cheryl Clary, shown here in her Sellkirk garden.

Minor improvements net bigger home sale gains

A little money spent on minor improvements could increase your selling price and make the house move more quickly. Things to invest in include paint, caulk, flower beds and scrappers.

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Since book lovers tend to organize their collections by topic or author, use your camera to photograph how you’ve arranged each shelf. Then, be sure to get a shot of the entire bookcase to be sure which shelf is which.

The same technique will work for a bedroom or other large shelf that’s filled with decorative objects. First, photograph each shelf individually, then the entire collection, so you will know, for example, that Great Aunt Minnie’s antique pitcher goes on the third—or the fourth—shelf.

While snapping photos to make household chores easier, take some extra shots for insurance purposes if you haven’t already done so. Most insurance companies require proof of ownership for items not specifically listed in a floater policy.

Few of us truly enjoy household cleaning chores. But photography can help make at least some of the task a faster and smoother.

House tightening may lead to problems

Too much of a good thing, insulation to stop cold air from getting into your house, can lead to problems, according to the state Department of Public Service.

Storm doors, storm windows, weatherstripping and caulking will increase the concentrations of any pollutants in the house. Such pollutants include:

• Combustion products, such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide from tobacco smoking or from appliances that involve combustion.

• Particulates from cooking, cleaning, smoking, aerosol sprays and common dust.

• Radon from soil under the home, groundwater or building materials.

• Pathogens and allergens such as bacteria and animal dander.

While the department encourages weatherization measures, it recommends that:

• All combustion appliances are operating efficiently and are properly vented.

• Care be exercised in the use of products that give off vapors, such as glue, paints, varnishes and other materials containing volatile organic substances.

• Smoking tobacco be limited in your home.

Thermal windows save money

Windows are the most distinctive features of your house, letting in light, providing ventilation, and letting you see what’s going on outside.

Windows also waste energy because glass is a poor insulator and air leaks in around the edges of the window frame.

High quality replacement windows, often using tri-glassed glass, can be a major, though not inexpensive, home improvement. Most modern windows are carefully engineered to avoid leaking air even under severe weather conditions, and will pay for themselves in energy savings in about 10 years.

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Flea market finds are easy to refurbish

Autumn days are ideal for outdoor shopping at flea markets and for refinishing the furniture gems often found there. By investing a little time and elbow grease, it’s possible to transform nearly any piece of furniture into a showpiece for your home.

Chairs and tables with flat surfaces are the easiest to refresh, while those with ornate carving or design may be more of a challenge. Don’t shy away from wood that has been painted. Many coats of paint are not necessarily damaging, and often serve to protect the wood underneath.

Four to six hours of work should bring your treasure back to life. Check your local hardware stores for recommendations on paint and varnish strippers. Your dealer can suggest the best type of varnish or stain for your project. Apply the stain with a brush and finish with fine sandpaper. Ask your dealer to help you bring the wood back to life from years of neglect.

When the wood is bare, remember to wear protective clothing, goggles, and work in a well-ventilated area. When the wood has dried, sand thoroughly with a fine sandpaper. Ask your dealer to suggest the best type of varnish or stain for your project. Apply the stain with a brush and finish with fine sandpaper.

Finally, sit back and enjoy the satisfaction of both saving money and rescuing a fine piece of furniture from years of neglect.
Stratton remembered

By Don Haskins

Samuel S. Stratton, the popular former 23rd District congressman who retired in 1988 because of failing health, died Thursday night, Sept. 13, after suffering a heart attack. A former Schenectady resident, Stratton was widely known and respected throughout the Capital District and upstate New York.

Stratton, 73, was stricken at a Patomac, Md., nursing home and died at a hospital in Gaithersburg, Md.

He was buried Saturday, Sept. 18, with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Va., after a service at the Fort Meyer Post Chapel.

Stratton served 15 consecutive terms in Congress, and was reelected repeatedly over a 30-year period despite numerous political efforts to deprive him of office by gerrymandering his district.

He became a power in Congress on the House Armed Services Committee, gaining a reputation both as a defender and supporter of the nation's military establishment. He also became widely known as a strong advocate of organized labor, an outgrowth of his connection with union leadership and the American Federation of Labor. He also became widely known as a strong advocate of organized labor, an outgrowth of his connection with union leadership and the American Federation of Labor.

Stratton's status as a legendary political white knight began in the early 1950s when, as Schenectady mayor, he led a police raid on a local gambling party as part of his campaign to weed out criminal activity in the city. The local political leadership made him an offer he couldn't refuse—go to Congress—and he became the rare victorious Democratic candidate for state or national office in Republican upstate New York.

Only two serious political challenges were left for Stratton during his years in Congress. The first occurred when Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and other Republicans in 1962 created the improbable and famous "submarine district" in which Stratton had to compete. It extended across nearly the entire middle of the state, encompassing the heavily Republican Mohawk valley and Finger Lakes region. But the obvious machinations backfired on the Republicans and Stratton defeated his GOP opponent, Janet Gordon, with 54 percent of the vote.

The second instance involved another redistricting when political leaders in the area pitted Stratton against Republican fellow Congressmen Daniel E. Button, who was completing a first term after upsetting the Albany Democratic organization. Stratton defeated Button, former Times Union editor and now assistant to the editor and editorial page editor of The Spotlight Newspapers, with 66 percent of the vote.

In March, 1989, the New York Air National Guard base at the Schenectady County Airport in Glenville was dedicated in Stratton's honor. The Stratton Air National Guard Base is the headquarters of the 106th Tactical Airlift Group, part of which has been activated for Operation Desert Shield. According to Lt Richard Shearer, Stratton was "credited with bringing the National Guard into the mainstream of the nation's defense efforts."

Stratton's political success was based on his conviction that close personal contact with constituents was necessary for effective leadership. The man who succeeded him as 23rd District congressman, Rep. Michael McNulty of Green Island, noted his "closeeness to the community.

His son-in-law and former chief of staff, Richard C. Mott, commented that Stratton was a "strong believer from day one in getting out to all the people."

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Bouton alumna lands internship

Rebecca A. Ten Eyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ten Eyck of Altamont, is an intern in the communications office at St. Lawrence University, in Canton, this semester.

Responsibilities for Ten Eyck, an English writing major, will include writing for the quarterly alumna magazine, admissions materials, press releases and faculty profiles.

Ten Eyck, a senior, is also a member of the Chi Omega sorority at St. Lawrence. She is a 1987 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School.

Cykoski — McMahon

Mr. and Mrs. David Cykoski of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lynne, to married life with Francis McMahon, son of Mary and William McMahon of Troy.

Cykoski is a graduate of Academy of the Holy Names and Syracuse University. She is currently the assistant publicity director of the Capitol Repertory Theatre.

BC students named merit semifinalists

Four Bethlehem Central High School students were semifinalists in the 1991 National Merit Scholarship Program. Brian A. Gaufield, Lauren Jeanne Davidson, Eric H. Sine, and Benjamin W. Vigoda were named among the 15,000 who have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,000 Merit Scholarships, worth approximately $25 million, to be awarded next spring.

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Church to hold homecoming Sunday

To kick off the fall season and a new church year, Glenmont Community Church, Reformed will celebrate a homecoming day and coffee hour this Sunday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m.

This will be a day for reunion, greeting old friends, meeting new ones, reminiscing and also thinking ahead to get things started for the fall-winter season.

Members and friends can make it a day to remember.

• Bring a friend or neighbor who perhaps does not have a church.

• Call and invite former members who may wish to return for the day.

Adult education classes offered

Registration is now underway for fall classes in 1991. New Horizons, which launched in the fall of 1989, is offering four courses; today, there are 22 selections.

The 10-week fall class session begins on Monday, Sept. 24, and most classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. at 314 South Manning Boulevard, Albany.

There are self-development classes, courses in the practical or creative arts, computer instruction, foreign language, and seasonal specials.

Among the full schedules are: Computers for Computer Phobics, FreshStart Quit Smoking, Digging for Buried Treasure, Positively Pastel...and more.

For New Horizons registration information, or to register for a course, call the Training and Development Department, 449-4019.

Community Corner

Church sponsors series on aging

Join your neighbors and friends at the Delmar Presbyterian Church for a series of lectures on dealing with aging. The Wednesday night series will begin Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and run through Nov. 14.

Topics will include the spirituality of aging, the emotional effects of aging, housing options for seniors today, depression and dementia, financial security, dealing with physical disabilities, and resources for seniors in the town of Bethlehem.

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Thanks, Dan and Karen.
Rosh Hashanah, how sweet it is for kids

By Debi Boucher

Rosh Hashanah is the kind of holiday that everyone can enjoy regardless of religious affiliation.

Two teachers at the Jewish Community Center non-sectarian nursery school in Albany said during Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, all the children are exposed to the spirit of the holiday. For adults, the New Year is a time for reflection, but the children and their teachers talk about sharing or doing something nice for someone such as calling a grandparent or not being mean to brothers and sisters.

Teacher Jane Stein of Delmar said, "Our philosophy is to make them feel good about themselves." The teachers ask the children to complete thoughts such as "If I could do one good thing for someone, I would..." During the period after Rosh Hashanah and before Yom Kippur, adults offer repentance, fast and go to temple. This year Rosh Hashanah is celebrated Sept. 19 through Sept. 21.

Some of the customs related to the holiday underscore what it's like to do just that. One tradition the children learn is dipping apples in honey, which Stein explained signifies the hope that everyone will have a "sweet" year.

"So we have that for snacks, and we make apple and honey sandwiches," she said. The teachers also told the children to send something home that can be put on the table or displayed in a window.

But she and colleague Jane Kronenberg said there's no limit to the way the children learn to understand and celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

This year, they'll make cards to celebrate 5761, the year now beginning according to the Jewish calendar. The children will use all kinds of materials to make the cards, including cleaned-out styrofoam meat trays, rice, noodles, and almost any type of material, the teachers said.

"Teachers are the original ecologists. We re-use everything," Stein said.

"We try to do different things," in conjunction with the holiday, Kronenberg added. One year, the children made "Apple Man" New Year's cards.

Another year, they made mobiles of the shofar, which is the ram's horn. The mobiles have used for thousands of years to call people together at temple.

The play is "really moving," according to the Jewish Community Center director, Stein.

"You give them time to look at everything within yourself," Kronenberg said. "You take stock of things. It's a form of cleansing your whole mind and body."

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During this holiday, the farmers always left something in the fields for those who had nothing of their own. Today the children at the JCC carry on the spirit of that tradition by participating in a canned-food drive. The teachers explained the children take part this year because "Sukkot is very seriously and many will bring in a can of food or a few pennies each day.

Young Delmar actors juggle busy schedule

By Debi Boucher

Nobody ever said show business was easy. For two Delmar youngsters pursuing careers on the stage, it's particularly challenging, as they balance grueling rehearsal and performance schedules with schoolwork.

Since Labor Day, Rebekah Connolly and Christian Line have been rehearsing seven days a week along with the rest of the cast in "Hearts of Fire," the musical that opened last night in Schenectady's Proctor's Theatre. The company began rehearsals in June.

"It's really hard to concentrate in school," conceded Rebekah, a perky 12-year-old with huge eyes and seemingly boundless energy. Her commitment to the play, written about the historical Indian massacre at Schenectady in the late 1600s, means "going to bed at midnight and getting up at 6:30 for school." After a full day at Bethlehem Central Middle School, where she's in seventh grade, Rebekah spends about an hour doing her homework, then tries to take a nap, if she has time, before having dinner and dashing off to rehearsal.

"My mom must be so proud of me, I haven't watched TV in such a long time," she said.

"And I haven't played my Nintendo game," chimed in Chris, a sixth grader at Dunn Stuart School. With deep red hair and the confident demeanor of someone much older, Chris talks about the world of theater like an old pro. "It's not hard and it's not easy," he says philosophically.

"It takes a lot of concentration," offers Rebekah. "If we were doing the most difficult part is "clicking," or coordinating the placement of the actors on the stage. The two also cited "tech" rehearsal — the point at which the actors run through their parts with all his technical elements like sound, lighting and props — as hard work. Since they had been rehearsing at the YMCA in Schenectady, stepping onto the actual stage was also a little daunting. The show features a complex set, with different levels and moving pieces, so it's critical for the actors to know it well, and to have each movement memorized.

There are about 14 other youngsters in the cast, ranging in age from two and a half to 14. "All the kids have fun roles," said Rebekah. While some play major parts, they help illustrate the family relationships the play highlights, "You really
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Shaker show unites collectors

By Robert Webster Jr.

Dolls, dolls, dolls. For some, they are a distant memory of times past when tea parties and playing "house" and "school" were daily activities. For many, however, a love of dolls and the memories they carry with them haven't left them even with the advent of adulthood. For many, however, collecting dolls has become more popular with adults than children.

It is in the spirit of dolls and their owners that the Shaker Doll Club of Albany will be hosting its 14th Annual Doll Show and Sale on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Polish Community Center, on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany.

Over 35 dealers from around the east coast and as far away as Florida will be on hand at over 100 tables, offering a large variety of antique, collectible and original artist dolls and doll-related items.

The show lives up to its claim of "something for everyone," with numerous displays for the advanced and beginning collector alike, including bisque, wood, china, cloth, composition and hard plastic dolls.

The Shaker Doll Club, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, is a nonprofit organization that is part of the nationally-based United Federation of Doll Clubs. The club, which derives its name from the historical background of the Albany area, provides more than a means of displaying the dolls and connecting with other collectors. The club also raises money for the Ronald McDonald House after her daughter had "outgrown" them.

Beiermeister said that, "It takes a little work to get into the shaker. It doesn't work out."

"Paper dolls are also considered to be valuable by collectors...although there are more people who prefer rag dolls that were made at home and the like," she said.

The doll show and sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a donation of $2.50 is requested at the door. Admission for children 12 and under will be $1.50.

Lunch will be offered at the show and free parking will be available. Door prizes will be given away.

For information, call 566-0512.

These antique dolls, from the collection of Pamela Farr Smith, will be available for sale at the 14th Doll Show & Sale of the Shaker Doll Club this Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Polish Community Center on Washington Avenue Extension.

Alumni group plans dinner

The Voorheesville Alumni Association is hosting a dinner dance on Oct. 6 at the Western Turnpike Golf Club, in Guilderland, at 6 p.m. Tickets to the event, open to anyone interested in attending, are $25. Dinners will have a choice of prime rib or cornish game hen. Reservations must be made by Sept. 24. For information, call 765-8351 or 765-4771.

ACTORS

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latest performance was in the "For Kids Sale Follies 1995" which aired on Channel 13. In addition, she regularly sings the national anthem for the Capitals soccer team.

Chris' debut was last fall in "Knock About Joy," after he began taking classes with the Empire State Institute of Performing Arts (ESIPA), now known as the New York State Theater Institute. "I stayed for one session, and kept on coming back," he said. He appeared in the "Imagination Celebration," and in the "For Kids Sale Follies," where he first became acquainted with Rebekah, "liberated, arm-asciada," which Chris describes as "a very strange play," marked his first paying performance.

Chris doesn't foresee a future on the stage—but won't rule it out. "I'm going to be a doctor or a lawyer when I grow up," he said firmly, then added, "If I make it big-time, then I may consider it."

Rebekah, on the other hand, has her sights set on a theatrical career, but plans to "do something with animals" if that doesn't work out.

"Hearts of Fire" is playing at Proctor's tonight, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday there are matinees at 5 p.m. as well as evening performances at 7.

Chris will enjoy only a short breather before starting October rehearsals for "Nonga" with the New York Theater Institute. The play, based on the children's tale "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," will open on Thanksgiving.

As for Rebekah, "I'm going to take a long break."

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