Blackbirds soar over state

By Chris Bonham

Victory signs sprang up throughout Voorheesville late Sunday afternoon proclaiming "The year of the Birds."

The undefeated Voorheesville girls basketball team (27-0) ranked first in the state in Class C, defeated Section IX's Red Hook Lady Raiders (20-5), 47-38, in their first state championship game at Hudson Valley Community College Saturday.

"It's outstanding!" said Voorheesville school Superintendent Alan McCartney.

McCartney said it was obvious to him the team put its heart and soul into this game. "They're a fantastic group of ladies.

"It's not just winning, but how they carry themselves. Win or lose they represent us very well."

It was difficult for Voorheesville athletic director Dick Lench to put his feelings into words.

"This tremendous accomplishment is the result of all they did," he said. "They worked all year long for this."

The last two seasons the Lady Birds were ranked first in the state semifinals, only to lose to Burke Catholic last year and Marcus Whitman two years ago.

In the first quarter the Birds scored 13 points, as the Raiders scored 8 points. Going into the locker room at halftime, Voorheesville was up 26-19.

But in the third quarter, the Raiders fired back scoring 13 points and held the Birds to only 8 points for the quarter, taking their first lead of the game in the third quarter, 32-31.

"The third quarter was a scary quarter," said coach Jack Adams. "Red Hook came back, but my kids kept their heads in there and they all contributed."

The challenge came in the fourth quarter. The Birds held the Raiders to only 6 points while they scored 13 points.

Jane Meade was named the tournaments Most Valuable Player and led the Birds scoring with 22 points. Regan Burns was named the Class C Player of the Game.

Jubilant coach Jack Adams hugs teammates Jane Meade, left, and Regan Burns after the Voorheesville girls won the state Class C championship.

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By Peter Hanson

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**Performance set at church**

Palm of the Hand Stories Company will present "The Wind, Sun & the Child & Other Stories" on Friday, March 27, at 7:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

First United Methodist Church's Friendship Club will sponsor the entertaining storytelling evening with mask work, puppetry, mime and live sound effects performed by Nikkie Tiloee's Palm of the Hand Stories Company. Join Nikkie and R. D. Tiloee in exploring the joys of story sharing from various cultures, including adaptations of Aesop's and other traditional folk tales as well as new adventures.

Nikkie's career has spanned dance, mime, puppet theater, storytelling and teaching. Her performances have been seen across Canada, in Mexico, Japan and throughout the United States—even on the White House lawn as the "Snuggle" teddy bear. Her puppetry work can be seen on TV in PBS "Shari Lewis' "Charlie Horse: Music: Pizza" series. She is currently artist in residence at White Plains College in Chester, N.H.

This program is designed with adults as the primary audience. Seeing this professional puppeteer in action will give not only enjoyment, but an appreciation for all puppetry work.

There will be time for fellowship and songs with Ralph Mead at 6 p.m., followed by a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. The program will start about 7:45 p.m.

For information and reservations for the potluck supper, call Ethel Widdowfield at 439-9591. If you need transportation, call Connie Tiloee at 439-7571.

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**Police arrest five on DWI charges**

Bethlehem Police recently arrested five people on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Glenn Leroy French, 54, of 1732 Quail Road in Raleigh, N.C., was arrested on charges of DWI Saturday, March 21, at 2:32 a.m.

Officer Thomas Heffeman observed French driving west on Delaware Avenue near Mason Road in Elsmere. Heffeman said French failed to signal a lane change and crossed the double yellow line. French failed field sobriety tests and is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

James A. Travers, 49, of 587 Blodgett Hill Road in Ravena, was arrested on charges of DWI Tuesday, March 17, at 1:28 p.m.

A Feura Bush resident called to report a car that had run off the road and struck a tree in his yard. When Officer Christopher Hughes arrived at the home, Hughes found Travers' car on his side near the tree, which had been knocked down by the crash.

The Onesquethaw Fire Co. was called because gasoline was leaking from Travers' car.

Hughes administered field sobriety tests, which Travers failed.

The gas leak was cleaned up. Travers' car was towed away and broken glass was cleaned off the road. The broken tree was also removed.

Travers is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

Carmena "Josie" Hagadone, 21, of lot 8-D in Meilak's Trailer Park in Selkirk, was arrested on charges of DWI Tuesday, March 17, at 8:56 p.m.

Officer Robert Berben observed Hagadone driving north on Route 9W in Glenmont with her high beams on. Berben stopped Hagadone in the parking lot of Stewart's on Route 9W in Glenmont. Berben administered several field sobriety tests and Hagadone failed all of them except reciting the alphabet.

Hagadone is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

William Charles Van Vorst Jr., 31, of 53 Melrose Ave. in Albany, was arrested on charges of DWI Monday, March 16, at 1:17 a.m.

Officer Christopher Hughes observed Van Vorst driving east on Delaware Avenue near Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. Hughes said Van Vorst was speeding and swerved into the wrong lane.

Hughes activated his emergency lights near the Stewart's Shop on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, and Van Vorst did not pull over. Hughes activated his siren. Van Vorst turned on his left-hand turn signal and turned right, swerving into the wrong lane before stopping near the Friendly's Restaurant on Delaware Avenue.

Van Vorst told Hughes he has a conditional license because of a previous DWAI conviction in Albany. Van Vorst failed field sobriety tests. He is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

Denise Lynn Jadick, 29, of Lake Katrine Apartments in Lake Katrine, Ulster County, was arrested on charges of DWI Sunday, March 15, at 2:24 a.m.

Heffeman observed Jadick driving 47 mph in a 35 mph zone while driving southwest on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands. Heffeman said Jadick crossed the double yellow line twice before he stopped her in the 1500 block of New Scotland Road. Heffeman administered field sobriety tests, which Jadick failed.

Jadick is scheduled to appear in town court Tuesday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

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Board OKs budget increase for instructional staffing
Boosts also given to guidance, library departments

By Lisa K. Kelly

The Bethlehem Central school board tentatively approved additional instructional and guidance staffing for the high school at its recent meeting. It also approved an additional half-time desk for the middle school library and additional library time to create full-time service at Clifton Park and Elsmere elementary schools.

Community members spoke in favor of several items on the agenda. Steve Schron of Slingerlands said he supported additional staffing for the high school Lab School because it is a "jewel within the school." He said the board has been a revision of the layout of the agenda at its March 17 meeting.

"I think it has a significant impact on a number of young people's lives," he said. Schron's daughter graduated from the Lab School and is now a student at Northeastern University in Boston. "I believe the Lab School really prepared her for that learning environment," he said.

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By Peter Hanson

The Shanahan Fun Park, a recreation facility that was proposed in 1996, was back on the Bethlehem planning board's agenda at its March 17 meeting.

The 19-acre park, in which developers hope to include a driving range, would cost $20 million and is expected to be completed by 2010. The park's developer, who is proposing the project, is Sro排序。ometrics, a company that specializes in developing large-scale parks.

"This has saved us a lot of money, and it will be ready to go when we need it," said Arico, who is the developer. "We have been working on this project for more than two years, and we are confident that it will be completed on time.

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New Scotland Republican committee has new leader

By Lisa K. Kelly

It's official. The New Scotland Republican Committee has named Jay Bloomfield its new chairman.

The committee first selected Bloomfield in January, but it wasn't clear if the selection would cause a conflict of interest for Bloomfield because of his position with the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The official word came March 9 and Bloomfield said he's "honored the committee selected him."

"I appreciate the committee's trust in my abilities, and I am happy to take on the responsibility," he added.

Jay has really got a tremendous mind politically," said outgoing chair Judi Von Ronne. "He's a true Republican. He's fiscally conservative, and he's not a die-hard political fighter — he's looking at the best interests of the town."

"I worked with Judi and learned a lot from her and the other people on the committee," Bloomfield said.

Von Ronne, who served as chairwoman for six years, has been trying to vacate the position for months because she wants to dedicate more time to her family and her job as clerical assistant in the special education department at Bethlehem High School.

"This was the result of me pleading with them a year and a half ago," she said. "Special education is really taking off, and I'm running out of time."

"And," she added with a laugh, "I want to go fishing."

Bloomfield, 49, a Slingerlands resident, is chief of the Lakes Services section of DEC. He travels around the state talking to municipal officials about problems they may be having with their lakes.

Looking back on her tenure, Von Ronne said she's proud of having moved the committee in a less political direction, with leaders who place town concerns over partisan interests.

She said she's tried to present candidates who are "not using the positions as political stepping stones, but putting the people first."

Bloomfield said he will continue to search for strong candidates for town office, but does not envision another "50 Republican town board again."

He said town demographics, one third Republican, one third Democratic and one third unaffiliated, makes a one party board unlikely.

"I'm interested in people who can show that they can convey what the voters want in terms of good government," Bloomfield said. "I want to assist people in running campaigns and getting their message across."

New Scotland is an interesting town, Bloomfield said, because it has a balance of rural elements and suburban elements which the residents want to maintain.

"We've always strived for an open committee, and I'm sure Jay will keep that going," Von Ronne said. "We don't do back-door politics."

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By Lisa K. Kelly

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Board seals up paving for Clarksville parking

By Katherine McCarthy

It's March, and it must be time for the Bethlehem school board to approve funds to improve the parking lot and drainage situation at Clarksville Elementary School.

At last Wednesday's meeting, the board approved $79,600 for additional drainage and paving for the play area adjacent to the school, which in the winter months becomes icy and inaccessible to the children. The board allocated $35,800 to pave and light the stone parking lot at the school, and $80,000 to replace a fuel oil tank on school grounds.

During a budget session in March of 1997, the board had approved nearly $100,000 to alleviate drainage and expand the parking lot. That work was never completed, a fact that superintendent Les Loomis attributes to the special relationship between an energy performance contract and Phase III of bond issue approved by district voters in May 1995.

"Last year, the Board voted to include the Clarksville project as part of Phase III," Loomis said.

"Clarksville had always been slated to be part of Phase III.

The board had intended to fund Clarksville's projects with money freed up by an energy performance contract it submitted to the state Education Department last August. The district submitted its plans to SED by Aug. 1, but when the state budget was passed on Aug. 20, the EPC rules changed.

"Everyone assumed we would be grandfathered," Loomis said. Instead, a protracted discussion began between the two houses of state government and the governor's office. The district is still waiting for matters to be sorted out to obtain approval for the EPC.

"To be conservative, we had wanted to wait to bid Phase III until we had resolved questions with the EPC," Loomis said. When it recently became clear that approval would come in a matter of weeks, the board urged no more delay in beginning the work at Clarksville.

In fact, a schedule has been outlined for the work to be done. The board is expected to receive a report on the progress at the May 19 meeting.

The board also approved additional funding for guidance counselors at the middle and high schools at its recent budget work session.

BC board OKs more guidance staff

By Lisa K. Kelly

The Bethlehem Central school board approved additional funding for guidance counselors at the middle and high schools at its recent budget work session.

The board listened to comments from parents regarding the lack of guidance staff district-wide.

"I am appalled to hear how stretched the guidance and clerical staff are," said Jeff Zoeg, president of the middle school PTA. "I think it is clear that there is a need for additional guidance staff.

The current student/guidance counselor ratio at the high school is 283:1. The ratio at the middle school is higher, 382:1.

The district proposed additional guidance staff for the middle and high schools and the elementary schools.

The board approved a full-time guidance counselor for the high school. It also approved a part-time guidance counselor for the middle school to assist with the transition from eighth to ninth grade. The board also received tentative approval for part-time clerical help.

With the new guidance counselors in place next year at the high school, the ratio will drop to approximately 250:1. The ratio will also drop slightly at the middle school due to an expected decrease in student population.

Student population at the middle school this year is 1,148, said Principal Stephen Lobban. The district predicts there will be 1,120 students next year, creating a ratio of 376:1.

Parents for Excellence president Peter Shawhan said he is pleased with the board's decisions and realizes that all needs cannot be met at once. The additional funding will allow counselors to concentrate on other services students need, he added.

According to a recent letter to The Spotlight, the Bethlehem Central's Presidents Council said "student ratios at all five elementary schools, the Early Learning Center and the middle and high schools...exceed the recommendations of the New York State Counselor's Association as well as the American School of Counseling Association."

Zoeg said the recommended ratio of 250:1 for the middle school and 225:1 for the high school are at the high end of the spectrum and the presidents council hopes to see the district lower those ratios in the future.

At the same time, Zoeg said he appreciates the board for taking the first positive steps and hopes "the board approves the full-time middle school clerical help at its next meeting."

"I was pleased that the board recognized the importance of this issue," Shawhan added.

Currently there are two counselor level counselors for five schools and the Early Learning Center. Elementary school counselors handle more than 1,000 students.

The board is waiting until tonight, March 28, to decide on a proposed 4 FTE guidance position ($18,360), which is a priority two.

Before making a decision, the board wants to know how the 4 FTE guidance counselor will be assigned.

Board president Happy Scherer said the board wants to know how the additional time will be used before voting.

"Where are people going to be assigned?" asked Pamela Williams, board member.

"As a board have always shifted away from assigning staff," said board member Richard Svenson. "But I do want to make sure it's done right."

The board will also revisit an additional half-time clerical position for the middle school guidance office.

V'ville firemen plan Las Vegas Night

Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Las Vegas Night on Saturday, March 28, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the firehouse on Allan Road.

A variety of games of chance will be played and refreshments will be available.

The fire station is free and open to the public.

Artist Studio sets open house

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BOU is a group dedicated to getting things done, and Bethlehem youth either directly or indirectly are the recipients of the group’s efforts.

Although some of the money will go into a fund dedicated to the creation of a community center, most of the money will be directed to educational programs that benefit youth. All of the money, however, stays right here in Bethlehem.

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**Fiscal prudence pays**

The Legislature and the governor are unlikely to agree on a budget by the April 1 deadline, for the umpteenth year in a row.

Unlike past years, when the state had spent more than it took in, this time the focus of disagreement is more pleasant from the politicians’ viewpoint — how to spend a $1 billion-plus surplus in the most re-election-friendly way.

The normal partisan divisions, with Democrats wanting more spending and Republicans pushing for tax cuts, are less clear this year, as all three players, Republican Gov. George Pataki and Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and Democratic Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, have proposed budget packages that are a mixture of tax cuts and spending hikes.

State leaders should be careful about new spending initiatives, no matter how appealing to voters. The flush state coffers are largely a result of the boom on Wall Street, which is not a permanent condition.

The problem is that new state spending initiatives often become considered entitlements — politically popular with certain constituencies and difficult to reduce or eliminate should the economy slow down and state revenue from sales and income taxes decline.

The tax cuts should be as broad-based as possible, rather than targeted to benefit some particular business, influential campaigns contributor or politically potent constituency such as senior citizens or rich people.

Finally, we wish the idea of paying down the state’s national-record debt were foremost in the state budgeters’ minds.

But alas, the concept of cutting taxes for the children and grandchildren of today’s voters (by reducing the amount of debt) was reduced to the level of a political football (30 years in the future) has never been very popular, at the state or national level.

Speaking of which, Washington politicians are also falling over themselves to spend money from a budget “surplus,” that, given unfunded liabilities in Social Security, Medicare and federal pensions, doesn’t even exist.

Perhaps we are tilting at windmills, asking politicians not to act like politicians in an election year, but we believe that conservative fiscal management of budget surpluses can be as politically popular as spending money borrowed from our grandchildren has proven to be.
In the town of Colonie, there are only a handful of feeding programs that receive help from the Food Bank. While the number of those in need in Colonie is not as great as in other areas of the Capital District, we are seeing an increased need from families for an extra bag or two of groceries each month to get by and help make ends meet.

Many churches and civic organizations in Delmar and Colonie are actively involved in emergency programs in Albany County. The Airport Rotary helps raise money for area pantries, The Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar actively supports the programs of Equinox, Interfaith Partnership of the Homeless is the pet project of another Delmar church. Members help cook meals, collect used clothing, etc. Jim Cameron of the Delmar Rotary helps oversee FOCUS churches breakfast program during the winter months.

Of course, good research like "Hunger: The Faces & Facts" always yields more questions than answers. We do know that the private sector cannot shoulder the responsibility of abolishing hunger alone. Fighting hunger needs to be a local, state and federal priority.

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Sticky labels not appealing

Editor, The Spotlight:

We keep wondering why local supermarkets continue the practice of adding sticky gummy labels to some of the produce. Aren't there less nauseating ways of advertising their products. Maybe unsuspecting consumers can expect to see larger and more widespread deployment of similar tactics on other openly exposed poultry, meats, fish, cheese, breads and the like.

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Letter

The point to be made is that while the district and the school board pride themselves on the academic achievements of its students, and pledge to provide programs and funds to ensure that they continue to excel at all levels, the same commitment seems to be less apparent for student athletes when it comes to the facilities they must use.

Bethlehem needs to replace the track and weight room with up-to-date, state-of-the-art facilities. What other school facility benefits more students and journalists and JV athletes from the track, cross country, football, lacrosse, soccer and field hockey teams utilize the track complex. This spring, track and field alone has more than 130 participating athletes.

Additionally, the community uses the track and would benefit from a new and safer track. Bethlehem Track & Field Club has more than 150 boys and girls taking part in its program. Community runners, senior citizen walkers and others would also profit from a new facility and possibly make it into a popular community resource.

You only need visit other suburban schools to comprehend how woefully inadequate our weight room and track facilities have become.

I hope the district and school board hear the voices of students, parents and community members and take action. In comparison to other suburban schools, in this category, we fall well below the standard. For the students sake, let's not be satisfied.

Ray Parafinczuk Delmar

Fax us

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Former student had great experience

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a former student of Clarksville Elementary School and a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, I was outraged to hear about the petition of Cedar Ridge residents. I attended Clarksville from kindergarten through fifth grade, and I wouldn’t trade a day of those years for anything else in the world. The teachers and staff are some of the most admirable people I’ve ever met. They taught me more than how to read and write. Their kindness and generosity stayed with me through middle and high school.

The parents who signed that petition should be ashamed of themselves. They are supposed to be the grownups and they’re acting more like children. They’re already teaching their children that it is what is on the outside that counts. Clarksville may not be the prettiest or biggest of the elementary schools but, in my mind, on the inside it’s superior to all the rest.

I don’t feel that I’ve missed out on anything by attending Clarksville. I think it prepared me as well as any other school for the middle and high schools. That school and it’s community had a huge impact on my life, and I will cherish the knowledge and memories I left Clarksville with forever.

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Clarksville parents support their school

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing in response to The Spotlight article about the parents of Cedar Ridge, who “want out of Clarksville.” As parents of a third-grader, attending Clarksville Elementary School, and a sixth-grader who attended the same school, please allow me to speak on behalf of our children.

Granted, the school is six miles from our home, as it is for residents of Cedar Ridge, but it is only a 10 minute drive. We enjoy seeing the mountains on our way to and from the school. We also like the fact that the school’s population includes a mix of rural and suburban children. This is likely to be one of the most diversified elementary schools in the district. It is also the least populated school.

Even if our children had attended the school that is a mile away, we believe they would be bused to it. It is our understanding that all elementary school students have the option to be bused to their schools, no matter how near or far they live from the school.

The Clarksville school building is old. So what? Don’t judge a book by its cover. We have spent many hours at the school, during the past six years as volunteers, and the condition of the building has never been a problem for us. (The parking lot, however, has been a major source of discontent — but that is to be fixed in the near future.) The enthusiasm of the faculty, the principal and the support of the staff has impressed us. We tend to overlook the physical plant and instead, prefer to concentrate on what takes place within the building.

The children seem satisfied with the equipment on the playground. Perhaps we should look at the playground thorough their eyes. Some new playground equipment was recently purchased by the PTA, as recommended by parents, noon hour aides and the physical education teacher. The problem is that because of poor drainage, the playground cannot be used during several months of the year. (This issue will also be resolved soon).

We think that the education our children receive is comparable to that of other children in the district, and we are proud to say that we are affiliated with Clarksville Elementary School. We invite our neighbors in Cedar Ridge to join in an effort to make the Clarksville experience even better for all students.

Jane and Garry Sanders
Delmar

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BOU auction brought smiles to many faces
Editor, The Spotlight:
The number of smiles at the BOU Auction were not countable. The officers and board were grinning since more than 320 people attended raising more than $84,000.
Equally happy were the successful bidders who were browsing the bargains and fun of friendly competition. And even those who only had dessert and Java Jazz (graciously donated by Tom Rowland) were elated by the ambiance of visiting with so many members of the school, town and business community all in one place.
The auction coordinators were jubilant because all their hard work paid off. Applause to Ed and Judy Langanish, Mickey and Barbara Kavanagh, Jane Lyman, Jane Sanders, Peter Xeller, Betsy Tobin, Barbara McBridge, Denise Minnear, Ann Purchase, Joni Goldberg, Pat Kane, Ellen Courtney, Debbie Kopp, Phyllis Hathaway, Bob Salamone, Carole and John Dorfman, and last but not least, thanks to the totally amusing and incomparable auctioneers Dave Murphy and Joe Schaefer.

Cedar Ridge petition upsets former student
Editor, The Spotlight:
I'm a frequent reader of The Spotlight, I have never been upset after reading an article until I read the March 18 edition. I'm writing about the petition Cedar Ridge residents prepared.
Ten years ago I was a student at Clarksville Elementary, and I lived about 4 and a half miles away from the school. I loved everything about Clarksville Elementary. The teachers and staff were extraordinary.
I am concerned about what Cedar Ridge residents said. First, the distance Cedar Ridge residents have to travel is only two miles more than I had to travel. Even though Cedar Ridge residents are closer to Slingerlands Elementary, the children will get the same, if not a better education, at Clarksville Elementary. It's not like Clarksville is in Guam.
Second, I would like to comment on Donna Clark's main concern — that there are apparent physical inequities in the building. Shouldn't the main concern be the children's education and well being? Not the appearance of the school and playground or drainage problems.
It's not like Clarksville Elementary is falling apart. I drive past the school once in a while to go to a friend's house. There's nothing to complain about.
It also says in the article that funds were recently approved to repair the problems Clark cites as her main concerns.

Julie Duesler-Cardone
Delmar

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Thank you everyone — individual donors and businesses, solicitors, bakers, decorators, Linda Drew, our wonderful piano player, students who came to work and the bow and high bidders.
Thank you profusely to The Spotlight for such excellent coverage, the the schools for sharing their signs and the staff who hung them, the attentive custodial crew at the high school and all school administrators, faculty and staff who donated time, energy and talent.
The 12th annual auction was truly a gathering of the whole community. It's that kind of working together that makes Delmar a special place to live.
The BOU board and members have a strong mandate to continue prevention programs and education. And that certainly makes us smile because together we do make a difference.

Phyllis Hillinger
BOU president

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Reader takes issue with paper's policy
Editor, The Spotlight:
For the first time I have ever seen it, on March 18, The Spotlight chose to include family information reporting a police action regarding a DWI arrest. What business is it of The Spotlight or its readers, if the driver is the adult daughter of our local high school principal? Is this important information?
If it had been the daughter of The Spotlight editor or a staff person or my daughter, would that information have appeared? Lots of other arrests of adults and teenagers are noted this and every other week without the juicy little tidbits.
To me, this action or change in policy is beyond inappropriate. It is gross editorial misconduct — and just plain mean.

Joseph J. Hart
Delmar
Editor's note: The Spotlight's policy is to note relationships to the accused in police news if the person is a public figure. Given the position in the community of the high school principal, we consider it news. We have noted similar relationships in the Colonie Spotlight recently involving children of two politicians.
Letters
back by a University at Albany professor that we do more education research than anyone else in the world and we ignore more, as well.

So what does the research say about education and the honor roll? Very little. The Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) is the preeminent research database in the field of education, and it contains hundreds of thousands of documents from leading journals, conferences and research studies produced over the last 30 years. Using the ERIC database search capability provided over the Internet, the keywords "honor roll" are found in only 17 citations. "Honor roll" and "motivation" reduces the number of citations to three. These articles claim not to reveal any information about the relationship between students' motivation to learn and the honor roll.

Now, the use of the term "motivation" produces nearly 10,000 citations. Student motivation has to do with students' desire to participate in the learning process. Students can be intrinsically or extrinsically motivated to learn.

I will briefly quote from one of these articles (see ED370200). "A student who is intrinsically motivated undertakes an activity for its own sake, for the enjoyment it provides, the learning it permits or the feelings of accomplishment it evokes. An extrinsically motivated student performs in order to obtain some reward or avoid some punishment external to the activity itself, such as grades, stickers or teacher approval." Are there advantages to intrinsic motivation? A body of evidence suggests that there are. "When intrinsically motivated, students tend to use strategies that demand more effort and that enable them to process information more deeply [they] tend to prefer tasks that are moderately challenging, whereas extrinsically oriented students gravitate toward tasks that are low in degree of difficulty. Extrinsically motivated students are inclined to put forth the minimal amount of effort necessary to get the maximal reward."

So how do we motivate our students? The motivation to learn "is a competence acquired in the course of general development, it is stimulated most directly through modeling, communication of expectations and direct instruction or socialization by significant others -- especially parents and teachers." I would suggest that any positive effect of the honor roll as a motivation to learning does not appear to be supported by the literature.

Impartial evidence would indicate that we, as a school system and a community, are doing a very fine job educating our children. The recent Report Card comparison published in the Sunday Times Union was appropriated as a Lake Wobegon community, "where all the children are above average."

We have at our middle school wonderful demonstrations that they are implementing many, if not all, the key components recommended by the National Middle School Association, "This We Believe: Developmentally Responsive Middle Level Schools."

Namely, educators committed to young adolescents, a shared vision, high expectations for all, an adult advocate for every student, family and community partnerships, a positive school climate, curriculum that is challenging, integrative, exploratory, varied teaching and learning approaches, assessment and evaluation, flexible organizational structures, programs and policies that foster health, wellness, and safety, and the last component, comprehensive guidance and support services.

Can we do better and should we be moving more to improve the education of our middle school students? Of course! The application of the continuous improvement organizational model dictates that we must. But, to make a rule "exclusive" honor roll a focal point of this effort would be an action without scientific merit.

I applaud the work of the site improvement team committee in its effort to respond to concerns over the honor roll and, in particular, its intention to survey middle school students as to what truly motivates them in their learning.

And I would expect that its decision process will include a thorough investigation of the research on learning motivation. Perhaps the honor roll will be modified, retained, or completely abandoned. But, whatever the decision, I hope that it is based on the best education research and practices, and not on the politics infused into the issue.

Can I suggest that the bumper sticker we often see used by other school districts as a "motivational tool" is changed from "We are the proud parents of an honor roll student," to read, "We are the proud parents of a student at Bethlehem Middle School."

Ted Smith
Delmar

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Taxpayer questions water use rates

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the March 18 issue of The Spotlight, an article was printed regarding the water bills issued to the taxpayers of the Northeast Water District in the town of New Scotland. I question where the water usage allowances, that resident would be responsible for paying for proportionate water usage.

A petition was circulated to the residents of the water district before any work was started. The petition outlined the components of the water district, which residents were basing their decision on, one way or another. The components of the petition are ultimately needed by the state comptroller to accept or reject any form of bond indebtedness. The comptroller needs to know how many people will be involved to prevent any exorbitant debt upon a taxpayer.

Within the written details of the petition, used by the Office of the State Comptroller, was an annual usage of 80,000 gallons. Using this 80,000 gallons of water per year was an appropriate baseline, before any additional water usage debt is incurred by any taxpayer. Municipalities surrounding the town of New Scotland have 80,000 gallons of water usage per year as their baseline. The semi-annual billing for the operation and maintenance of the system, would be based on the expense of the taxpayers in the town board, this would mean lower maintenance costs. This is a logical evolution of an developing water district.

If this matter is not resolved in a prompt manner, there will be residents in the Northeast Water District who will disconnect and go back to their private wells. Those people remaining on the Northeast Water District would be paying dearly to maintain their water. Mismanagement by the town board could cause the water district to go defunct.

Shawn Jackson
Voorheesville

Letters

Wrestlers say thanks you to BCHS volunteer coach

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Bethlehem wrestling team, I would like to thank Anthony Genovese for his time and effort as a volunteer wrestling coach.

He is a 1994 BCHS graduate and former wrestler. He is not only a coach, but also a full-time student at SUNY and the head cashier at CVS, and also in the Marine Reserve. Anthony often sacrificed his free time and needed paychecks in order to help his wrestlers. His hard work, friendship, influence and guidance helped the team record its most successful season ever.

Whenever I hear members of our society complain about the lack of role models and heroes in America, I wish they would look at hard-working citizens such as Anthony rather that professional athletes or politicians.

Thank you, coach G.

David Sherrin
Delmar

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Bethlehem OKs $74K Selkirk park proposal

By Peter Hanson

The Bethlehem town board recently approved the use of $74,000 in capital reserve funds to develop four acres of Selkirk land into a public park.

The project is subject to a 30-day public referendum, which began when a legal notice was published in newspapers on Feb. 18. Unless town residents object to the expenditure before the end of the referendum, it will become official.

If the referendum is turned down by the public, the money will remain in a capital reserve account for future use by the Parks & Recreation department.

The land, which is adjacent to the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school campus on Thatcher Street, was donated to the town by the Houk family. Wetlands comprise about half of the parcel, but the western side of the site, which abuts the school's athletic fields, can be developed for recreational use.

The town's planning department is currently preparing conceptual drawings of the proposed facility, Austin said, and the drawings should be done by the close of the public referendum.

Austin said he envisions a youth-sized baseball or softball field, a playground and a small picnic area on the site. He expects parking to be constructed on the school grounds, that the parking lot will be built on the north side of the Elm Avenue Park. That project came in under budget, which led to the surplus.

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Park & Recreation Department Administrator David Austin told the board he would try to keep costs on the project low by using town personnel instead of private contractors.

Although more than half of the parcel is not going to be developed, Austin said the approximate cost of the parcel that are going to be developed will be sufficient for a small facility than residents can use from April to October.

("There doesn't appear to be enough room to build winter facilities," Austin said.

Pending the results of the referendum, Austin said construction of the roadway and parking lot may begin this month or in early April, with development of recreational facilities continuing through the spring and summer.

The playground will probably be the last item built on the site, Austin said, with construction occurring as late as August.
**Movie night to unite students, grandparents**

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**Turkey dinner time**

Congregational Christian Church of Ravena on the corner of Main Street and Mountain Road will serve its annual turkey dinner on Saturday, April 14, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Take-outs will also be available. Complete dinners cost $8 for adults and $4 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 eat for free.

For reservations call 463-1080.

**School plans book fair**

Becker School will hold its spring book fair starting on Monday, March 30.

This is a great opportunity to buy books for the library. RCS board sets public forum

The RCS board of education will hold a public forum Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m., at the middle school.

The forum gives the public an opportunity to bring comments, criticism and concerns to the board's attention.

**Girl Scouts to donate calendars**

Girl Scouts will donate calendars to Child’s Nursing Home Meals on Wheels of Ravena, Louis Apartment in Ravena and Bethlehem Meals on Wheels.

Girl Scouts will also be leaving plastic grocery bags on door-knobs in Selkirk, Ravena, South Bethlehem, Magnolia Circle and Doverskill Village.

Community members are asked to fill the bags with nonperishable groceries (such as pasta, canned goods or cereals). Girl Scouts will return on Saturday, April 4, to pick up grocery bags and bring them to local food pantries.

**Progress club slates forum**

Delmar Progress Club will host a legislative forum today, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. at Albany Public Library on Washington Avenue.

The forum begins at 11:30 a.m. and is scheduled for Monday, April 5, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

**WHO**

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**Scouts ready for food drive**

RCS Girl Scouts will conduct a food drive to help fill local food pantries. Girl Scouts will be leaving plastic grocery bags on door-knobs in Selkirk, Ravena, South Bethlehem, Magnolia Circle and Doverskill Village.

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**Sports group sets meeting**

RCS Sports Association will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at RCS Senior High School. Community members are invited to attend.

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**Scouts seeking donations for residents in need**

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Donations will be accepted on Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall at 440 Delaware Ave.

Girl Scouts will sort the items and deliver them to area charities.

In addition to men's, women's and children's clothes, the Scouts are also seeking donations of Girl Scout uniforms and camping equipment to recycle for girls who might lack such supplies.

Several charities will benefit from the drive, including area shelters and the Bottomless Closet, which provides clothing for needy women seeking to reenter the workplace.

Sara Allen, Jessica Blackwell and Kate Ward are organizing the drive as a Silver Award project. They said they hope residents will clean unused items out of their closets to help neighbors in need.

"The Scouts also said they hope residents will contribute toiletry items for use in area shelters and said once people make contributions, "Let us take care of the rest."

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**Ninth-grade honor roll**


And Jessica Ricard, Avi Rosnowsky, Katie Roseman, Rebecca Rowntree, Jessica Reinhartid, Brian Rhodes, Madeleine Robillard, Nicole Roseman, Chelsea Ryan, Sara Salamone, Samuel Sargent, Adam Schoen, Todd Segal, David Shapiro, Rachael Shatsoff, Emily Silver, Eric Silverman, Julia Silverstein, Lucas Singleton, Daniel Stacey, Stacey Spagnolo, Carley St. Lucia, Elizabeth Stembach, Erik Stegman, Kara Strubel, Erica Stopp, Daniel Tellier, Elizabeth Toulloc, Clare Valentine, Timothy Veltrain, Jessica Venezia, Matthew Viner, Robert Walgren, Kathryn Walsh, Jennifer Warner, Erin Werner, Alexander Weber, Paul Wolfsberg, Chad Wyudla and Jeremiah Young.

**Tenth-grade honor roll**


And Katie Gold, Jenna Grant, Sloan Grzen, Sameet Gupta, John Hanley, Andrew Heer, Kimberly Hite, Rebecca Hoghe, Stephanie Holler, Matthew Indelicato, Timothy Kadish, Michelle Kagawa, David Kieval, Alissa King, Jennifer King, Kristy LaGrange, Edward Laird, Morris Levy, Emily Maher, Ian Marcy, Rebecca Maskin, Meredith McCarthy, Brittany McCarragh, Brian Mcalei, Bridget Murray, Lauren Murray, Benjamin Norris, Benjamin O'Dell, Elen Oldendorf and Amy Otake.

And Whitney Patterson, David Philips, Linda Fieochin, Andrea Prudente, Russell Prysa, Moira Pulzner Kennedy, Brian Ramirez, Patricia Sandison, Robert Scherer, Gordon Schmidli, Robert Shaye, Sara Sheid, Lisa Signorelli, Molly Spennon, Emily Sreet, Kathryn Svenon, Sarah Szczczy, Any Turner, Claire Vancik, Samuel Voile, Elle Wade, Laura Waer, Erik Wasserblatt, Victoria Winkeller, David Woodford and Sarah Zimmer.

**Eleventh-grade honor roll**


And Kevin Moehringer, Sarah Monen, Michael Moorey, Kathleen Noonan, William Noonan, Rebecca O'Connor, Robert Paguinl, Lauren Peterson, Melissa Pinchback, Brian Pinga, Sarah Pozer, Athol Peteler, Paul Rappoccio, Meredith Rauch, Danielle Ricard, Kate Riegel, Emily Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Karen Rossi, 0. Schipano, Lisa Schipano, John Schrotter, Jeremy Schelten, Christopher Shear, Ethan Scher and Christopher Sherrin.


**Twelfth-grade honor roll**

Elizabeth Andersen, Jeremy Arens, Roxana Barnett, Caryn Barnett, Jessica Berlow, Andi Bezold, Larissa Bluett, Lauren Carney, Ciera Catelli, liyi Corrigan, Daniel DiPalo, Rachael Fein, Jason Ferrentino, Dorothy Fischetti, Travis Follette, Elizabeth Fox-Solomon, Rebecca Frank, Mary Gecewicz, Susannah Gordon-Messer, Alexis Grant,}

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Karen Benton, Virginia Blabey, Andrea Blaisdell, Madison Brookshire, Keith Campbell, Stacey Coffey, Nicole Conway, Karly Decker, Laura Dicker, Beth Dupuis, Aaron Gajewska, Mary Goedeke, Erica Hallock, Elizabeth Hart, Matthew Hau, Emily Hitter, Scott Hopkins, Sara Hughes, Lauren Johnson, Timothy Kavanagh, Meaghan Kohler, Sarah MacDowell and Andrew MacMillan.

And Elizabeth Marvin, Ashley Mettner, Wesley Miaw, Kathleen Moon, Diana Pakarian, Ryan Peterson, Charise Pfeiffer, Marielle Postava-Davigon, Jennifer Prior, Emily Prodence, Shane Reilly, Kristen Reinertson, Emma Samuelson-Jones, Joshua Schaffer, Rebecca Searle-Schrader, David Share, David Sherrin, Scott Strickler, Kerry VanRiper, Serguei Vassilvitskiy, Amy Venter, Mark Venter, Diana Woodworth and John Zox.

Twelfth-grade merit roll

Rachel Arcus, Heather Barclay, James Barker, Mary-Elizabeth Baselie, Sean Battle, James Bell, Shannon Bennett, Nicholas Berry, Anne Bishko, Sean Boyle, Edward Bradley, Gregory Bradt, Pamela Brannock, Janelle Bubeck, Peter Buerg, Gavin Burt, Timothy Bush, Breton Byron, Joseph Caccia, Brian Chesman, Bradley Colacino, Rachel Cole, Matthew Cook, Gregory Cooper, Emily Cristeone, Henry Greener, Brock Davies, Gaetano Degennaro, Michael Delacou and Sean Demarest.


And Megan McDermott, Eric McDonald, Kerry McGlynn, Courtney McGrath, Ignacio Mcguiness, Katherine McKe, Michelle McManus, Heather McGlynn, Christopher Messina, Timothy Mosher, Colleen Murray and Melinda Murray.

And Robert Nagel, Brian Nussbaum, Yasash Novolo, Brian Olmstead, Gary Osterhou, Kathleen Pelletter, Melissa Platte, Justin Finchback, Kelly Ray, Matthew Reuter, Scott Rhodes, Lauren Rice, Meredith Rice, Scott Richman, Erin Riegel, Kevin Russell, Susan Saganendorf and Leah Sajdak.

And Amit Sanghi, Rachel Schoolman, Renata Sellitti, Tariq Shehko, Kelly Signorelli, Aaron Smith, Katie Smith, Michael S. Smith, Kane Snyder, Erica St. Lucia, Wendy Stark-Stone, Mark Sware, Joshua Szebenyi, Maggie Tettelbach, Sarah Teumit, Amy Tierney, Robert Tiocher, Shannon Tougher, Joshua Tulloch, Benjamin Vancik, Kirsten Vazci, Brett Vincent, Erin Virgil, Peter Wagner, Stephen Wallant, Elizabeth Walsh, David Winters and Daniel Xeiler.
Hats off to Lady Birds for championship season

Congratulations to the Voorheesville Lady Blackbirds, who beat the Red Hook Lady Raiders to capture the Class C girls varsity state basketball championship. It’s been a great season for a super group of high achieving young women!

Junior high drama club to present play

Voorheesville Junior High Drama Club will present its second annual production, Sandbag, Stage Left, or One Dead Dolly, a courtroom travesty in two acts on Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Tickets will be sold at the door and cost $3 for adults and $2 for senior citizens and students.

Girl Scouts to dish up spaghetti supper

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will dish up a spaghetti and meatball supper on Saturday, March 28, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew’s parish center on Mountainview Road.

Dinner costs $6 for adults and $3 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 eat for free.

Celebrate spring at Indian Ladder Farms

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road has baby lambs and bunnies this weekend, March 27, 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

There will also be pony rides, weather permitting, on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at a cost of $2 per child.

Bunnies will be for sale, and Jan Van Etten will offer free classes on how to take care of your Easter bunny on Sunday, March 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Easter egg dying workshops are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Children should bring a smock. There will be a small fee to cover supplies and reservations are required.

For information and to reserve a place in the workshop, call 765-2966.

Kiwanis to host chicken barbecue

The Kiwanis chicken barbecue is Saturday, March 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of SuperValu on Maple Avenue.

The menu features Brooks chicken, baked potatoes, cole slaw and rolls. Only takeout meals will be available.

The cost is $7 for adults and $6 for children. Chicken halves are $5.50. Rib dinners cost $8. An order of ribs is $7.

No reservation is needed. All proceeds go to support community services and youth activities.

Firefighters to host Las Vegas night

Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will host a Las Vegas night on Saturday, March 28, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

The evening features games of chance. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Kiwanis plan ecumenical service

New Scotland Kiwanis will hold its annual ecumenical service on Route 85.

There will be a small fee to cover supplies and reservations are required.

For information and to reserve a place in the workshop, call 765-2966.

Workshop to teach craft

New Scotland Kiwanis will hold its annual ecumenical service on Route 85.

There will be a small fee to cover supplies and reservations are required.

For information and to reserve a place in the workshop, call 765-2966.

St. Matthew’s to host Lenten lecture series

As special lecture series entitled “Echoing God’s Word” is scheduled on Thursdays during Lent at St. Matthew’s parish center on Mountainview Road.

Talks run from 7 to 9 p.m.

The fourth program, “Forgiveness, Seventy Seven,” is on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

Sessions include prayer, meditation, group discussion and a light refreshment.

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Town of Bethlehem Watermain Flushing Program

Area #1 — 3/30-4/3 Slingerlands, North Bethlehem

Town of New Scotland

Area #2 — 4/6-4/17 Delmar, Elsmere

Area #3 — 4/20-4/24 Glenmont, Selkirk

Some discolored water may be seen during this flushing program, which could result in staining of laundry. Run water until it clears.
Discussion group delves into literary labyrinths

In October 1978, the book discussion group’s first members tackled Herman Hesse’s Steppenwolf.

Since then, this venerable library institution has examined a generation of contemporary American fiction, with a smattering of 20th century works in translation.

Farley attests to the amenability of the group—"They discuss, they don’t argue," he says. Alternative interpretations are regarded as valid, as long as they are supported by the text.

"One of the most interesting things I’ve noticed is that a person’s respect for a book grows as a result of discussion with others. Because a group member is compelled to study something he or she normally wouldn’t read, appreciation is broadened."

For his part, Farley sees the group as "a monthly conversation with interesting minds." His stewardship keeps him in touch with representative patrons, which in turn enhances his job at the reference desk.

Farley gleaned book recommendations from members, library staff and other book groups. Generally, selections are new paperback editions of hardcovers which have received good reviews within the past year. All choices are subject to majority approval by the group.

The book discussion group meets in the adult lounge at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, from September to May. Adults of all ages are invited and copies of the book of the month are available at the reference desk.

At its April 21 meeting participants will discuss Don DeLillo’s White Noise and choose books for next season. Consider sitting in. At what other meeting can you help set such a fascinating agenda?

Louise Grieb

Delmar orchestra seeks musicians

Delmar Community Orchestra is seeking string, French horns and tuba players to perform show tunes, pops and classics.

There are no auditions. Rehearsals are held at Bethlehem town hall auditorium on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call Dick Connolly at 482-1100.

Ocean program slated for celebration

Tonight, March 25, at 7 p.m. David Billigent of Cornell Cooperative Extension will present a program with slides and discussion entitled "Our Ocean Planet."

Adults and older children will enjoy the fascinating world of whales, sharks and dolphins, the largest and most intelligent sea creatures.

Diligent, an environmental issues agent, will talk about such current issues as global influences and endangered species.

Kids and adults can meet the wonderful dogs of Albany Obedience Club’s canine company on Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m. Wolfe, MacKenzie, Bingo and others will show off for the crowd. Remember that these well-behaved dogs will expect the same good behavior from young people attending the program.

Watercolor painting workshops with Kristin Woodward will be held for April are filling up fast.

Sign up for one three-hour workshop at the beginner, intermediate or advanced level, with an opportunity to attend additional programs if there is space.

Programs are free, and participants provide their own materials.

The library is seeking volunteers to help with the annual Book and Bake Sale in May. Call 765-2791 to volunteer.

And don’t forget, we’re still looking for recipes for the centennial cookbook.

Barbara Vink
The Bethlehem Eagles Pee Wee hockey team came home with an upset by taking first place in their season-ending tournament at Rutland March 6 through 8.

The Eagles crushed Woodstock, 12-2 and outscored Rutland, 7-2. But the team lost a physically bruising and hard fought battle to Yale, 4-2. The team vowed to come back and beat Yale, 4-1.

Goaltending duties for the tournament were shared by Jordan Murray and Conor O'Shea. Joe Hughes (game 1), Jeff Kattrein (game 2), Shaun Mullen (game 3), and Murray (game 4) were named Most Valuable Players.

The following people earned bowling honors at Del Lanes during the week of Monday, March 14:

Senior Citizen Men: Bob Lynch, 277; Harold Singer, 579 in three games; Bob Koegel, 961.

Senior Citizen Women: Eleanor Monk, 201 and 557 in three games.

Men: Howie Stoker, 300; George Phillips Jr., 731 in three games; Tony Colacino, 216 in three games; Bob Koegel, 961.

Women: Beth Matthews, 235 and 856 in three games; Bonnie Robbins, 599 in three games.

Adult/Junior Men: Phil Hausman, 234 and 652 in three games; Chuck Veeder, 246 and 641 in three games; Steve Vnuk, 246 and 587 in three games.

Adult/Junior Women: Beth Matthews, 203 and 906 in four games; Mary Brady, 198 and 517 in three games.

Junior Classic: Matt Costigan, 261 and 906 in four games; Courtney Radick, 216 and 809 in three games.

Majors: John Tisko, 191 and 561 in three games; Denis Doran, 214 and 594 in three games.

Juniors: Jeff Young, 204 and 570 in three games; Katie Duncan, 204 and 489 in three games.

Preps: Zach Hasselbarth, 163 and 452 in three games; Robyn Filkins, 121 and 337 in three games.
BCHS student's future shines bright

Bethlehem girls lacrosse player Amy Venter has a bright future.

Venter was recently accepted to the University of Notre Dame. If she decides to go there she will play lacrosse for division one.

Venter is a Suburban Council All-Star in lacrosse and field hockey. She is also a leading scorer on the New York State Empire State Lacrosse team. Venter is a semifinalist for the Foot Action Scholarship and applied for the scholarships which are based on outstanding academic performance.

Venter has worked extremely hard academically and athletically to provide herself these tremendous opportunities, said Battaglino. “Venter is always the first one on and off the field and strives to improve on every facet of her game.”

Venter began playing lacrosse on the junior varsity team in ninth grade. She started on the varsity team her sophomore year and earned the Coaches’ Trophy and Most Valuable Player Awards.

Battaglino said Venter’s family has been supportive throughout her career. “They are special people, and she is a special young lady,” he added.

More than 14,000 students have applied for the scholarships which are based on outstanding academic performance.

Lacrosse coach John Battaglino said Venter has also been contacted by other schools including the universities of Harvard and Princeton.

He added that she will make her decision later this spring. “Amy has worked extremely hard academically and athletically to provide herself these tremendous opportunities,” said Battaglino.

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3 Dolphins will compete in New Jersey

Three members of the Delmar Dolfins Swim Club were selected to compete with the Adirondack Zone Team in southern New Jersey April 1 through April 3.

Selected were Rick Grant and Courtney Arduini, both 13-year-old, and 13-year-old Teresa Rosetti.

Grant will represent Adirondack swimming in the 50 and 100-yard butterfly. Arduini will swim the 50 and 100-yard butterfly and backstroke. She will also swim the 100- and 200-yard individual medley.

Rosetti will swim the 200-yard individual medley. She set a new meet record at Adirondack’s Junior Olympic competition.

Selection to the team is based on time standards set forth by United States Swimming, the governing body for amateur swimming.

The two fastest swimmers for each event and age group are invited to participate.

10th annual Delmar Dash set for April 5

The 10th annual Delmar Dash will be held on Sunday, April 5, at 9 a.m.

Runners should register the day of the race at Elmere Elementary School on Delaware Avenue.

Applications are available at most local businesses. For information, call Hank Steadman at 439-9487.

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June 29 - July 3
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Session #2
July 6 - July 10
Baseball & Softball

Session #3
July 13 - July 17
Baseball & Softball

Session #4
July 27 - July 31
Baseball & Softball
ends August 1 is meant to prevent spawning season. Fuller said. "We're doing what we have to, and this is part of it," she continued. "The DEC has denied the request for an emergency permit. They have made their decision, and I will abide by that."

Although the town's application was not formally labeled an emergency application, that distinction is significant. Emergency dredgings can be approved as quickly as 48 hours after they are submitted and can be performed almost immediately after approval. That was the case with last year's water system-related dredging, which happened in March and was paid for with a $75,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency grant.

This year, the town would have paid for the dredging at an estimated $45,000. The difference in costs reflect first-time dredging expenses paid last year.

Because this year's application was not submitted on an emergency basis, a public notice period of at least 15 days would have been required as a condition of DEC approval.

"Given the need for a 15-day public notice period between the date of DEC approval and the date dredging could occur, the town gave itself little breathing room by filing the application in the second week of March," Fuller said.

Fuller said the last-minute nature of the application doesn't mean the town takes the need for dredging lightly. "This is real," she said. "We need to do the dredging. We need to do everything we can to get the six million gallons per day (GPD) we were promised."

The system currently pumps about 1.75 million GPD, and the four million GPD shortage prompted the town to file a negligence suit against the plant's signer, Fraser Associates, last month.

Attorney Robert J. Alessi, who represents the town in the suit, said last week the dredging application would prove the town's need for the water system and therefore protect its "litigation position."

Also, the engineering firm O'Brien & Gere recommended dredging so the effect of dredging on the water system can be studied.

"The dredging is one chapter of the testing that needs to be done to determine what the problem (with the system) is," Fuller said.

Delmar library hosts Saturday story times

Bethlehem Public Library's youth services department continues its series of Saturday morning story times to accommodate children of working parents.

Each session of Saturday Storybreak explores a theme through great children's literature, media, and hands-on projects.

The next session is on Saturday, March 28, at 1:00 p.m. at the library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Saturday Storybreak is for children ages 3 to 6. Parents must attend with their children.

For information, call 439-9514.

Firefighters serve fish fry dinners

New Salem Volunteer Fire Department on Route 85A will serve fish fry dinners Fridays until April 30, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinners include fish, french fries, homemade cole slaw and a beverage. The cost is $6 for adults, $5.50 for seniors and $3 for children under 12.

New England clam chowder and desserts are $1.25 each. Takeouts can be ordered ahead by calling 765-2231.

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District would start to advertise bids April 10. The board will make decisions on the lowest bid May 8. Construction is scheduled to begin June 26 and the district hopes construction will be complete by July 31.

O'Shea added construction should start earlier because the school would lose the use of affected areas and there are also safety concerns.

"It doesn't seem advantageous to disturb school," he said.

Board member Dennis Stevens agreed with O'Shea and added the board would be looking at interim elevations and drainage options in the meantime so students will be able to use the play area.

Board member Richard Svenson said the board wants to make the playground usable all year round.

"But there is still more to look at the management of water," he added.

Loomis said the board's action was not related to the recent submission of a mission of a petition signed by residents of the Cedar Ridge subdivision in Slingerlands.

Loomis said the board indicated it wanted to put this issue on its agenda, and wanted to vote on it separately from other phase three projects.

"We're not ready to go on with phase three," said board member Stuart Lymann. "It's (the money) tied up in the bond issue."

Loomis said the delay in funding phase three projects is the result of the state Legislature's rule change for the energy performance contract. Monies for phase three have not been released by the state yet, he added.

Clarks'llive PTA president Cara Kennedy told the board "We appreciate the extra attention you are giving to this issue."

The board will revisit operation and maintenance recommendations including reconstruction of Clarks'llive's front parking lot ($36,500) and replacement of the rear play area ($8,500) during its meeting tonight, March 25, at 7 p.m.

PPL celebrates 10th anniversary


The company is located at 262 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

It was founded on Dec. 30, 1987 by Henry Steadman of PPL and has grown from four employees to a current staff of 32.

Pamela Clark Robbins of Slingerlands, Joseph Cocozza of Selkirk and Deborah Dennis of Albany are also principals in the company.

Funeral home plants memorial trees

Meyert Funeral Home of Delmar, through its affiliation with the National Funeral Directors Association, has been responsible for the planting of 750 trees on public lands in New York.

The trees serve as living memorials to the deceased.

This program is part of a large endeavor, in cooperation with New York State's efforts in New York, to restore the landscape and environment with living trees.

Memorial trees are planted in the spring and fall.

For information, call 1-800-533-7594.
Miriam Olshansky

Miriam Elitzer Olshansky, 83, of Bethlehem Terrace Apartments in Slingerlands died Wednesday, March 18, at her home.

Born in Tannersville, she was a longtime resident of Albany before moving to Slingerlands.

Mrs. Olshansky was associated with Hoagland’s, her family’s business, for 64 years. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany.

She was the widow of Jacob Olshansky.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Olshansky of New York City; a son, Howard Olshansky; two brothers, Hillel Elitzer of East Greenbush and Alvin Elitzer of Slingerlands; and a sister, Florence Cohn of Slingerlands.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Workmen’s Circle Cemetery in Green Island.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Robert S. Day Sr.

Robert S. Day Sr., 64, of Selkirk died Sunday, March 22, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, he attended Ravena High School.

Mr. Day was a truck driver. He belonged to the Nesconset Racing Association.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Morrison Day; two daughters, Lisa Day and Denise Dragon, both of Selkirk; a son, Robert S. Day Jr. of Selkirk; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. today, March 26, at St. Patrick’s Church in Ravena.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Marjorie Van Deusen

Marjorie L. Vrooman Van Deusen, 85, of Delmar died Tuesday, March 17, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Sharon Springs, she was a homemaker.

Many years ago, Mrs. Van Deusen played the organ at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Albany.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Clayton G. Van Deusen; a son, Paul Van Deusen of Delmar; and three grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery in Glemmont.

Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, 141 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

Susan Dineen

Susan McInerney Dineen, 86, of the Bronx, died Sunday, March 22, at her home in Delmar.

Born in Lisdoonvarna, County Clare, Ireland, she was a longtime resident of the Bronx.

Mrs. Dineen was a waitress at various Schrafft’s restaurants in New York City.

She also worked at several Riese Brothers’ restaurants in Manhattan, retiring in 1988.

She was a communicant of St. Philip Neri Church.

She was the widow of Michael J. Dineen.

Survivors include two sons, Timothy P. Dineen of Manhasset, Nassau County, and Denis F. Dineen of Voorheesville; a daughter, Mary C. Breen of Bayside, Queens; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Calling hours are today, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at John J. Fox & Sons Funeral Home at 203 E. 201 Street in the Bronx.

Services will be on Thursday, March 26, at 1 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, 3025 Grand Concourse. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, Westchester County.

Contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Hospice, 141 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

Myrtle E. Pape

Myrtle E. Weaver Pape, 81, of Ravena, a native of South Bethlehem, died Sunday, March 15, at University Community Hospice in Tampa, Fla.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

She was the widow of Anthony W. Pape.

Survivors include four sons, Victor P. Pape of Selkirk, Thomas W. Pape of London, Ohio, William A. Pape of Tampa and Richard D. Pape of Delmar; a sister, Teri Burns of Ravena; and six grandchildren.

James Smarro

James Smarro, 85, of Selkirk died Friday, March 20.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Bourget Smarro; a daughter, Linda O’Toole of Selkirk; a brother, Joseph Smarro; three sisters, Marie Palmero, Rose DeNovo and Terry Nucci; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Ravena Fire & Hose Co., PO Box 205, Ravena 12143.

Blackbirds

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Saratico nursery, provide a variety of conservation species for beautify the landscape while running up and down the basketball court with blackbird signs the citizens of Voorheesville turned out, making up most of the 2,000 fans at the game to support the Birds.

"It was really nice to see three out of four sections filled with Voorheesville fans," McCartney said.

The Birds will play their last game of the season, Friday, March 27, at 6 p.m. against Bishop Kearney at Glen Falls Civic Center for the Federation Class C title.

Voorheesville Lady Blackbirds Jane Meade, Regan Burns and Jen Riede celebrate the team’s State Championship victory Saturday.

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Bay State Birds

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District clerk has nominating petitions

The state Department of Environmental Conservation is selling trees and shrubs through March 31.

The seedlings, which are produced at the department’s Saratoga nursery, provide a variety of conservation species for planting on private land throughout the state.

Conservation plantings improve wildlife habitat, curb soil erosion, provide windbreak and beautify the landscape while increasing forest area.

Trees and shrubs also purify the air we breathe by absorbing carbon dioxide for the atmosphere.

New York landowners are eligible to participate in the program. The minimum order for most tree and shrub species is 100 seedlings, which requires approximately one quarter acre of planting space.

A mixed packet of 25 wildlife shrub seedlings is available for backyard wildlife planting.

Landowners can get planting advice from their nearest DEC forestry office or private forestry consultant.

For information, call 587-1120.

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Michael Robinson and Jennifer Flynn
Flynn, Robinson to wed

Jennifer Flynn, daughter of Joseph and Kathleen Flynn of Delmar, and Michael Robinson, son of Patricia Robinson of West Palm Beach, Fla., and the late Isadore Robinson, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Oswego. She is director of club seat services for the Washington Wizards and Capitals of SUNY Oswego and Texas A&M University.

The future groom is a graduate of SUNY Oswego and Texas A&M University. He is a research meteorologist at NASA in Greenbelt, Md.

The couple plans an Oct. 17 wedding.

Celebrate TV Turnoff Week!!!
April 26 - May 2

Begin TV Turnoff Week by taking in some fresh air at the Community Walk on Sunday, April 26, at 1 p.m. This first time event is sponsored by Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety and Community Partnership. The walk will begin and end at town hall and is approximately two miles. There will be a special walk for families with young children.

The Bethlehem Public Library and Bethlehem Networks Project will team up to offer first through fifth-grade students and their parents lessons for origami (the Japanese art of paper folding). Create a lovely spring garden with a variety of flowers and animals Thursday, April 30, at 7 p.m. For information, call 439-9314.

Take advantage of the opportunity to have a great time and exercise at the free community swim Thursday, April 30, at Bethlehem Middle School.

The College of Saint Rose — Ethan Eldridge (bachelor of arts degree), Rebecca Vaillancourt (bachelor of science degree), Stephen Collen (master's degree in education), Kathryn Dorgan (master's degree in education), Jennifer Hedderman (master's degree in education), Christina Manning (master's degree in education), Wendy Sossner (master's degree in education) and Lora Yalunich (master's degree in education), all of Delmar.

Isadore Robinson (bachelor of arts degree) and Lee Schiller (master's degree in education), both of Glenmont.

Colleen McEvoy of Selkirk (master of business administration), Ellen Devane (bachelor of arts degree), Matthew Jeffers (bachelor of science degree), Janine Card (master's degree in education), Kerryllyn Curley (master's degree in education), Jennifer Nicholas (master's degree in education) and Diane Scalavol (master's degree in education), all of Schenectady.

Alison Vinson (bachelor of science), Thomas Gianastasio (master of science), Jennette Defazio (master's degree in education) and Ellis Popkoski (master's degree in education), all of Voorheesville.

Sarah Elizabeth Hays, daughter of Richard and Judy Hays of Durham, N.C., and William Davis Haase, son of William and Martha Haase of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a student at the North Carolina School for the Arts.

The future groom is a graduate of Albany Academy and Washington and Lee University. He is a student at the New Mexico School of the Healing Arts.

The couple plans a June wedding.

Times Remembered reprinted

Times Remembered and More Times Remembered: Chronicles of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, New York, by Allison Bennett, has been reprinted by Higginson Book Company, a publisher of American local history.

This book is a compilation of two volumes, published in 1984 and 1987, which have recently been unavailable. The collection of historical sketches was originally published in The Spotlight.

Allison Bennett, an accomplished newspaper writer, public speaker and active local historian, is well known for having written several other books on local history.

The new 232-page reprint is a facsimile edition, and is available either in paperback, for $24.95, or hardbound in high-quality buckram with the title stamped on the spine in gold, for $34.95. It is available by mail from Higginson Book Company, 148 Washington Street, Dept. P, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., with a $4.00 each for shipping.

For information, call 978-745-7170.

Special on WMHT CHANNEL 17

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Paul and Brendalee Medaglia Agans, Medaglia married

Brendalee M. Agans, daughter of Melvin and Arlene Agans, of Lansingburgh and formerly of Delmar, and Paul Medaglia, son of Paul and Barbara Medaglia of New York City, were married Sept. 26.

The best man was Brian Delmar, and Paul Medaglia, son of LaRotonda, Lansingburgh and formerly of New York City, Bayside, Queens.

A reception followed on the grounds of Flowerfield Estate in St. James, Suffolk County.

The matron of honor was Donna Esposito, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Susan Young and Carrie Higgs, Junior bridesmaids were Stephanie Esposito and Heather Glass.

The junior usher was Mitchell Glass Jr., and Dominic Esposito was the ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Hofstra University. He is an equity trader at Royal Hutton Securities in Manhattan.

The bridal party traveled to California and Hawaii, the couple resides in Bayside.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

BIRTHS

St. Peter’s Hospital

Triplets, girls, Mary Katherine Stephens and Emily Ann Stephens, and boy, John Peter Stephens, to Peter and Suzanne Stephens of Voorheesville, March 10.


Girl, Eryn Marie Bowman, to Steven and Kimberly Bowman of Delmar, March 13.

Boy, Breanna McKay Verschilling, to David and Colleen Verschilling of Glenmont, March 15.

Boy, Shalom Noel Christiansen, to Thomas and Kimberly Christiansen of Delmar, March 16.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Allegra Guidarelli Wu, to Ping Wu and Jacqueline Guidarelli-Wu of Slingerlands, Feb. 3.

Girl, Bailey Elizabeth Morse, to Timothy and Julie Morse of Slingerlands, Feb. 7.


Boy, Michael Ryan Jacques, to Christopher and Sandra Jacques of Schenectady, Feb. 21.


Out of town

Boy, Kevin Michael Farnand, to Stephen and Susan Farnand of Rochester, Feb. 27. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Robert Pike of Delmar and Joan Richardson of Delmar.

College of the Holy Cross — Jamie Craglia of Slingerlands.

Lehigh University — Sarah Hotaling of Delmar.

Syracuse University — Hally Gutman of Elizabethtown.

University at Albany — Kevin Rice of Delmar.

University at Buffalo — Matthew Melcher of Delmar.

University of Cincinnati — Suzanne Rice of Delmar.

University of Vermont — LeeGrady and David Levine, both of Delmar, Rita Demo of Slingerlands and Jessica Reed of Voorheesville.

McDermott, Buckley to wed

Erin P. McDermott, daughter of William and Patricia McDermott of Glenmont, and Paul A. Buckley, son of Joan Buckley of Baldwinwinde, Onondaga County, and the late John Buckley, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hofstra University and St. John Fisher College.

The exhibit will explore the diverse groups of people who settled in the Adirondacks.

From the earliest population of American Indians to recent Asian immigrants, the area has included a rich mix of people from a variety of backgrounds.

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Community Corner

Indian Ladder celebrates spring

Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road in Voorheesville will celebrate spring with baby lambs and bunnies on March 27, 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bunnies will be for sale, and there will be pony rides, egg dying workshops and rabbit care classes.

For information or to register, call 765-2956.
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Advance tickets for the RCS show are $8.50 for adults, and two free children’s tickets come with each advance adult ticket sale. At the door, admission costs $10.50 for adults and $6.50 for children. To order tickets, call 756-5200 and ask for the middle school.

**Australian dance show takes stage at Palace Theater in Albany**

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**Family Circus**

Yankee Doodle brings big-top entertainment to area schools

**By Peter Hanson**

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**Company brings Donizetti opera to Proctor’s for one performance**

Newev York City Opera’s National Company will bring Donizetti’s comic opera The Daughter of the Regiment, to Proctor’s Theater for one performance April 1.

“Any opera lover knows this becomes the season at New York City Opera. The Daughter of the Regiment, is, as you can imagine, in the highest regard,” Naughton said. “It’s a love story, and it’s the story of a woman who has a good heart, who wants to do the right thing.”

White written and sung in French, the company provides subtitles in English above the stage. This is a revival of the production that ran for two months at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York last year.

**Bus tours may get break if Disney Broadway plans jell**

New York City audience members were officially informed they could get tickets to the recently announced New Amsterdam theater opening on 42nd street, and has Beauty and the Beast playing to sold-out audiences at the Palace (Theater on Broadway, New York’s largest box office) and the Minskoff. From the former it is estimated that the company will build another theater near The Lion King venue to bring in a third production.
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An absentee ballot and application will be mailed to each qualified voter who requested a ballot and signed letter providing the voter meets the criteria.

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b) because his/her occupation, occupation or business will require him/her to be outside of the county or his/her residence on that day;

c) where such duties, occupation or business are of such a nature as to require such absence, a brief description of such duties, occupation or business shall be set forth in the affidavit.

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d) absentee ballot voting residence because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action or a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense for other than a felony.

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cism about the parking lot plan. Marie Capone, of Delaware Avenue in Delmar, said, "Your project is good."
Yet the Moores found new issues to question during the meeting. Hathaway itemized the costs of the project as follows: $120,000 for site development; $18,000 for lighting; $6,000 for fencing; and $10,000 for landscaping.
These amounts add up to $270,000, which is more than the budget increase library officials want. "We pointed out to you a month and a half ago that this project was grossly underestimated," Anne Moore said. "The cost has already increased by $20,000."
Rad Anderson, of Stratton Place in Delmar asked library officials if they would scrap the project if it grew too expensive. Hathaway said it is "unlikely" costs will grow beyond control.
V'ville volunteers to serve breakfast
Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service will serve its annual fund-raising breakfast on Sunday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to noon at American Legion Post 1493 on Voorheesville Avenue.
Arbor Day group offers free booklet
The National Arbor Day Foundation has published a Conservation Trees booklet which is available free of charge.
The Conservation Trees booklet uses colorful photos, illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for conservation trees.
The guide provides information on how to use shade trees and windbreaks to save energy in your home, how to attract songbirds to your yard, how to save trees during construction, and the right way to plant and prune trees.
For information, send your name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, Neb. 68410.
Helderberg maple tour set for April 5
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County is sponsoring a free tour of Helderberg-area maple producers on Sunday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Maps will be available the day of the tour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Knox firehouse on Route 156. Helderberg Kiwanis Club will serve a pancake dinner until 5 p.m. at the firehouse.
The tour is free. For information, call 765-3500.
Public relations group to offer scholarships
Multicultural affairs scholarships are available from the Public Relations Society of America, Capital Region.
The scholarships are designed to assist and recognize college students for outstanding academic achievement and commitment to public relations.
The scholarship is open to communications students who are of African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, Alaskan Native or Pacific Islander ancestry.
The deadline for submissions is April 17, and the final selection will be determined by June 25.
For information about eligibility requirements, call 212-460-1478.
Library provides career services
Free career and education advisement is available for adults at Bethlehem Public Library's career resource center at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.
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