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Bethlehem Pesticide Watch holds informational meeting

By Katherine McCarthy

Bethlehem Pesticide Watch, a group started about six months ago, held an informational public meeting at Bethlehem Public Library on Monday night. Some 30 people attended, including two town board members, three highway department staff, Larry Gill, safety inspector for the Bethlehem Central School District, and state Sen. Neil Breelin, D-Delmar. David Blumkin of Bethlehem Pesticide Watch said that the purpose of the meeting was twofold. "We want to supply information regarding the potential hazards of pesticide use and the alternatives to pesticides," he said in opening remarks. "We also want to provide informational support for BPW's project with the town and school district to phase out, or sunset, chemical use on town and school property." BPW is using models legislation passed in San Francisco and Resolutions 46 and 78 recently passed unanimously by the Albany County Legislature to supplement Integrated Pest Management (IPM), an alternative to chemicals, on county-owned property and buildings. By Sept. 1, Albany County will eliminate the use of Toxicity 1 chemicals, and by the year 2000, all chemical pesticide use will be eliminated following an investigation of pesticide use and its alternatives. BPW presented three speakers at the meeting. They were: James Moore, of the New York State Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NYCAP); Judith Enck, senior environmental protection officer; and Mary McEneny, of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 2 Office, who spoke about the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). On behalf of BPW, George DeRosa, 16, initiated a question from the audience with BPW's help and, in turn, provided the answers to the participants.

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Board votes against incentives

By Lisa K. Kelly

The board of education announced at its June 3 meeting that early retirement incentives won't be offered to Bethlehem Central School District teachers this year.

The incentive mandated by this year's state aid formula is intended to promote teacher retirements, offering an additional month for every year of service, not to exceed 36 months. If a district elects to offer the incentive, the cap amount is added to the teacher's pension.

Steven O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business, said the number of teachers eligible for the incentive, the potential cost and the potential savings would make it impossible for the district to realize any savings.

"The number of employees eligible for the incentive is the potential cost and the potential savings would make it impossible for the district to realize any savings. The incentive mandated this year there are 95 eligible teachers. O'Shea said state legislation dictates that participating districts must be able to save 50 percent of the retiree's annual salary for two years in order for the district to offer the incentive.

O'Shea doesn't feel incentives should be offered every year because they lose their effect. Over all, school board members agreed with O'Shea.

Board member Stuart Lyman said he's concerned that offering the incentive, the district would lose key people that couldn't be readily replaced.

Even though she agreed with O'Shea's point of view, board member Pamela Williams expressed concern that the state offered the incentive now because it's an election year. She suggested the state meet with the 75 teachers who were eligible for retirement took the incentive.

In other business, Superintendent Les Loomis announced that three Bethlehem Central High School students won Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships of $1,500 each.

Lauri Dicker, Sarah MacDowell and Emma Samelson-Jones, along with 650 other New York students, won scholarships. The prizes are part of the 1965 Higher Education Act to promote student excellence and achievement.

Loomis said there were eight winners in Albany County and Bethlehem was the district with the highest number of winners.

The honor really goes to the students," he said. "But, from year to year Bethlehem does very well and the award is part of recognition of student achievement in the district."

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, at 8 p.m. at district offices at 50 Adams Place in Delmar.

Town clerk wins records award

By Peter Hanson

For many town residents, Kathleen Newkirk is the first person they see upon arriving at town hall. Whether she's issuing a parking permit, selling lawn waste bags or answering a question about town government, Newkirk offers one-stop shopping for residents with quick inquiry service.

But her job consists of more than helping walk-ins and transcribing notes from town board meetings. As the administrator of the town's records management system, Newkirk monitors records that should be kept for town history.

Newkirk's efforts to streamline the way town records are kept just won her an award from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). At its annual conference in Mobile, Ala., in May, Newkirk was recognized with the 1998 IIMC Records Management Award for division covering municipalities with populations ranging from 10,000 to 100,000.

"It was with great honor, pride and pleasure that I accepted the award," Newkirk said. "Prior to my taking office in 1992, no formal program had been established for the preservation, handling, storage and destruction of town records."

Newkirk said she obtained grants from the state Education Department and other groups that used to help her plan for a comprehensive records management system. In all, she has received six grants totaling over $12,000, she said.

Working with town department heads, board members and other town employees, Newkirk developed a plan that allows easy access to important records.

"I have great pride in this program and feel it has been beneficial to the town of Bethlehem and its citizens," Newkirk said.

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller praised Newkirk for her diligence. "As a town, we should be grateful to our record managers."

Fuller said, explaining that the benefit of Newkirk's work will be evident in years to come.

Fuller said she especially appreciated "the archival section of (Newkirk's) records program, which preserves old records of births, deaths and other events."

"She has some tough hurdles to overcome with this program, but she stuck with it," Fuller said. "I thank her for her momentum."

CMI moves to town board

By Peter Hanson

Although they are still months away from leaving their current building, they have built a 94-unit senior housing facility in Delmar, CMI executives cleared a major hurdle by advancing to the town board.

In separate actions last week, the town's zoning board of appeals finalized its approval of CMI's plan to construct 47 parking spaces, and the planning board finalized its preliminary recommendation that the town approve the zoning of the Delaware Avenue parcel where CMI wants to locate its facility.

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller said CMI will be on the agenda of the town board's meeting tonight (June 10), at which time a public hearing will be scheduled for the July 8 board meeting. During the public hearing, residents will be able to ask questions and make comments about the $10 million project.

During the planning board meeting, members James Blenden and Marcia Nelson read statements expressing their concern about CMI's plan. They were the only dissenting planning board members.

"My concern is spot zoning," Blenden said, explaining that changing a Delaware Avenue parcel from residential to planned commercial opens a Pandora's Box from which rampant development could spring.

"The project will not be a great benefit to our senior community," he added, "because it serves too few people."

"I'm very happy for him professionally and personally," Lobban said. "But at the same time, I will miss him very much."

Lobban described Palmer as an irreplaceable asset who understands effective teaching and is comfortable with students both in and out of the classroom.

Palmer said the Cobleskill and Richmondville school districts merged four years ago.

The new district completed construction of a high school this year, and its two middle schools will move into one building at the old high school.

"It's a very exciting opportunity to start fresh with a new building and bring both middle schools (together) under one roof," Palmer said.

Lobban said he's looking forward to developing curriculum and applying his recent experience with renovations at Bethlehem Middle School.

"The Cobleskill-Richmondville Middle school building was built in the same era as Bethlehem's," Palmer said, "so there will probably be some changes made."

Cobleskill-Richmondville is a smaller district, with about 450 students in the combined middle school building compared to 1,160 at Bethlehem Middle School.

Palmer said he doesn't plan to move from his home in Gunderland.

"It's about a 45-minute commute," he said. "I'm planning on listening to a lot of music, I haven't had the chance to listen to in awhile."
ZBA to consider Kenwood building expansion plan

By Peter Hanson

A small office building in the heart of residential Delmar has outgrown its current dimensions. Last week, a 2-year-old resident of 500 Kenwood Ave., Associates, asked the Bethlehem zoning board of appeals to increase the building size by about 20 percent.

"Currently, we occupy the full building," Manning said. "We need more space." Manning said the building, which houses two businesses and 32 workers, is becoming cramped.

Manning's proposed expansion would be built at the joint between the two buildings that were combined in 1995 to form the current structure. It would force a relocation of the building's entrance and a reconfiguration of its parking lot.

The new space would measure about 3,500 square feet. Manning said, and would be built upon acquisition of financing following an approval by the board. Manning said such requests would give him three years in which to complete the project.

Board chairman Michael Hodom, who led the June 3 public hearing at which Manning spoke, asked why Manning wanted to build a two-floor expansion instead of a one-floor addition supplemented by a full basement.

Manning said he prefers to offer tenants natural lighting, stating that architects and other professionals prefer working by a mixture of sunlight and artificial light over totally artificial light.

Board member Richard Lewis asked if Manning could use the renovation as an opportunity to move the building's handicapped-access ramp, which is currently near the path of traffic moving to the lot's Kenwood Avenue ingress to its parking lot.

"I think that's a reasonable suggestion," Manning said. "We could make it a continuous ramp." The new ramp would run parallel with the lot's driveway and exit farther away from Kenwood Avenue.

Board members questioned Manning about how he might address the need for additional parking if it is created when a new tenant rents space in the expansion.

Building inspector John Flanagan pointed out that the green area on the 500 Kenwood Ave. parcel is "landlocked" and therefore unlikely to be developed. He said that space could be used for additional parking if necessary.

Jim Halvorsen of Glenmont, who owns a lot abutting 500 Kenwood Ave., asked Manning several questions and reviewed architectural drawings before speaking in favor of the project.

Halvorsen was the only town resident who spoke at the hearing.

The office building at 500 Kenwood Ave. currently houses offices for two branches of Creighton-Manning, an engineering and consulting concern. Manning said he isn't sure if his company will absorb the new space, if he is permitted to build it, or if an outside firm will rent the space.

The zoning board will vote on Manning's proposal at a future meeting.

By Katherine McCarthy

Summertime, and the reading is easy... well, that's the tune this year's Book Buddies might be singing. For the second year in a row, children in kindergarten through second-grade will meet three times a week, for three weeks, to read and write with volunteers in a positive, enjoyable environment.

Book Buddies is the brainchild of county Legislator David Young, R-Delmar, whose most recent newsletter was devoted entirely to literacy issues. The program was launched last summer with 20 volunteers and 24 children. "So far," Young said, "more than half of our volunteers are returning. Everyone who can is coming back." Volunteers need to be at least 14 years old, and Young last summer there was "a good mix of high school and college students, some full-time mothers and some retirees." Volunteers and children will begin working together in half-hour sessions on July 15.

"This is a chance for kids to get some one-on-one reading skills development," Young said. "Grades K through two are such formative years, and Book Buddies gives the kids a little extra confidence and some attention. If we help build a child's self-esteem around reading, he or she is likely to read more.

Book Buddies meets at Bethlehem Public Library and Hamasag Elementary School. Beverly Provost, head of youth services at the library, has been involved with the program since the beginning. "It's a wonderful rewarding program," Provost said. "I was right there, watching the sessions, and it's very heartwarming, the children responded well, and a nice plus is how much the volunteers really care."  

Barley said, adding that she'd like to see children involved in this summer's program. "I hope that any child that would like to read one-on-one with somebody will enroll in the program," she said. "Our goal is to provide that extra confidence in the summertime."  

Barley hadn't expected how enthusiastic volunteers would be about the program. "They went away saying that they loved doing it," she said.

Bartley, Provost and Futra work together to select books in the program. "Among us, we know a lot about children's literature and libraries," Bartley said. "We try to expose the children to as many pieces as we can, and match them to an appropriate reading level. We also try to gently urge them to push themselves a little further." Book Buddies, Ltd., also has a sponsor this year, MR Contracting of Latham, allowing the program to start acquiring its own collection. Book Buddies has hired a full-time administrator, Paul Mance, who runs an alternative education program in the Albany city schools. "I have a 2-year-old daughter," Mance said, and "I'm in the library all the time."  

Mance is currently processing volunteer applications. He will create schedules and be on site when the program starts this summer. "This is a good team," Mance said. "Everybody seems excited about this program... if the kids have a positive experience now, they'll carry it with them their whole lives.

I'm excited about moving forward and refining the program," Young said. "Becoming a not-for-profit is our first step in formalizing the program. "Young has always been interested in literacy and children's literature. "I had a children's book in development in the 80's, Young said. "It was called 'The Magic Tail of Timothy Mouse.' The economic downturn of the late 80's put that project on hold, and Young is now channeling his energies into Book Buddies.

In the future, Young said, he'd like to create and package Book Buddies and be able to take it to other school districts. "I'd like to be able to say, 'here's our program,' and have them replicate it.

"New York state has a 20 percent illiteracy rate," Young said. "This is our way of trying to avoid illiteracy. To enroll a child or volunteer, contact the Bethlehem school district at 439-3102 or Provost at 439-5914.

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Organic ‘sharing’ catching on

By Lisa K. Kelly

Community Shared Agriculture is catching hold in the Bethlehem area.

This type of agriculture involves organically grown crops, which are purchased by shareholders. Delmar resident Lucy Pulitzer said she has purchased produce from a local farmer for several years, and prefers organic produce to supermarket produce.

Pulitzer said shoppers don’t know how long supermarket produce has been sitting in a warehouse or on a truck, and the longer it sits, the fewer nutrients it has.

“I think the food (organic) is healthier because it’s picked and delivered closer to its actual ripeness,” Pulitzer said. “I also like knowing the farmer and seeing how the produce is farmed.”

Slingerlands resident Michael Shuttioni likes getting his produce delivered to him the day it’s picked, because “a lot of vitamins in vegetables have a short shelf life.”

Jeff Klein, owner of Basic Farm in Westerlo, said “Organic farmers are a lot fussier about how we take care of the soil. You don’t let it erode, there is always something living in it.”

Klein said he is a certified organic farmer which means that he doesn’t use artificial fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. He added that his farm is inspected and certified by the Northeast Organic Farming Association.

Avoiding herbicides and pesticides is another reason Pulitzer prefers buying produce from Klein.

Klein said he uses a jalapeño pepper spray to ward off pests. “It makes the plants too hot for insects to eat.”

Shuttioni said organic farm produce complements his own garden produce. This is his third year with Basic Farms.

“Klein grows a lot of things I would have never thought to buy or grow,” Shuttioni said. “Last year he grew six kinds of squash, two of which I’d never had before.”

Klein’s is the only farm in the Capital District that delivers to the Bethlehem area. He can be reached at 797-5232.

There are several community shared agriculture programs in the Capital District where you can pick up produce including: The Alleged Farm, 692-9065; Avalon Farm Organics, 462-3032; Bittersweet Organics, 295-7201; CSA of the Hudson Mohawk, 664-2510; Hawthorne Valley Farm, 672-4405; Homestead Farms CSA, 272-7069; Klimek Hill Organic Gardines, 392-3122; Roxbury Farm, 853-3809; Ruckhucks Farm, 503-4613; Schiek Hollow Farm, 638-4124; and Threshold Farm, 672-5509.

Cost varies from farm to farm, but Klein said everyone tries to keep prices in a similar range.

The following dispositions were reported in Bethlehem town court recently.

Philip J. Castellanos, 17, of 14 Westmead Court in Delmar, who was arrested on Driving While Intoxicated charges Feb. 27, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired (DWAI) May 19. He was fined $300 plus a $25 surcharge, and his license was suspended for 90 days.

Raymond T. Dalton, 30, of 48 Flat Rock Road in Feura Bush, who was arrested on DWI charges May 15, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI June 2. He was fined $300 plus a $25 surcharge, and his license was suspended for 90 days.

Christopher Allen Farr, 18, of 27 Maxwell Road in Latham, who was arrested on DWI charges Feb. 7, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI May 19. He was fined $300 plus a $25 surcharge, and his license was suspended for 90 days.

Patrick Dwight Hauck, 35, of 37 Sky Ridge Lane in Selkirk, who was arrested on DWI charges May 3, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI May 19. He was fined $300 plus a $25 surcharge, and his license was suspended for 90 days.

Barbara Ann Weidman, 34, of 105 Indian Hill Road in Feura Bush, who was arrested on DWI charges May 18, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of DWAI June 2. She was fined $300 plus a $25 surcharge, and her license was suspended for 90 days.

All of the defendants are also required to attend a drunken-driving class and victim impact panel.

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Reach out to victims

The town of Bethlehem police, fire volunteers and highway department personnel deserve our sincerest thanks for their work cleaning up after last week's storm. Niagara Mohawk also did an excellent job restoring power to many homes and businesses (including The Spotlight). Town fire, police and rescue workers did a magnificent job keeping order and keeping roads where there were fallen power lines safe so that most of us were merely inconvenienced by the storm. Even residents who suffered property damage were blessed not to have been injured.

Given what could have happened, we were fortunate only to have lost power for a few hours. In Mechanicville and other parts of Saratoga County, the storm was devastating, and many residents lost their homes and most of their possessions.

Now, the community including businesses and groups and individuals is rallying around its neighbors to help them pick up the pieces.

Local television stations, supermarkets, churches, banks, the Red Cross, the Stillwater Teachers Association, the Masons and many other groups are all pitching in to help their neighbors with money and person power.

Still, it will be a long time before things return to normal. Think of the tornado victims the next time you're in Price Chopper or Grand Union and give what you can.

For information about disaster relief, call the Red Cross at 433-0151.

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Understanding assisted living

By John Richter

The writer is senior policy analyst for community and adult services for the New York State Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

Your 76-year-old mother has been living on her own for the past three years. She gets by most days, but she doesn't seem to have the energy to do all the things she used to around the house. And because she's too tired to cook, she isn't eating well. Reluctantly, you wonder if it's time to start thinking about a nursing home. After visiting several homes in the area, you stumble across a residential complex unlike all the others. The entire structure makes it sound more like an extended resort vacation than an "old folks home."

The open air vestibules, cherry bamboo floors, comfortable windows, sun-drenched rooms feel like an upscale hotel rather than a facility for the elderly. And it's half the cost of the nursing homes you've seen. What is this place, and is it good to be true?

It's called assisted living, and it's one of the fastest growing industries of the decade, drawing in $15 billion a year in revenue nationwide. The demand for this kind of arrangement has skyrocketed, and the marketplace has responded accordingly. In 1995, assisted living became a hot commodity on Wall Street, and the sudden influx of capital has resulted in prolific growth ever since. It is projected to become a $50 billion a year industry by the year 2000.

More than 40,000 units have been developed across the nation, and New York has recently become a fertile ground for new projects.

But what is assisted living, and how is it different from the kind of care you or a loved one?

Put simply, assisted living is a model of residential care (usually apartment-like) for the elderly that meets everyday needs such as meal preparation, housekeeping and personal care assistance. It may even include health-related services such as nursing and medication supervision. From a lifestyle perspective, assisted living provides a lifestyle free from stress, loneliness, autonomy, choice, safety and security. But from a financial standpoint, assisted living can become an affordable and lucrative subject. Promises of higher quality of care, more freedom and easier living are the former resident capable of doing for herself or himself today, and what does this mean for the future? How might the picture change one or two years from now? Is supervision an issue due to dementia or other conditions? Are there major health concerns, mobility issues or needs for nursing, therapy or medical equipment? What kind of lifestyle is desired? What kind of lifestyle is still feasible?

These are hard questions that have to be answered honestly, often with the help of a doctor, before one's needs can be appropriately matched with assisted living or other models of care.

If this evaluation process suggests that assisted living is a good fit, there are some things you should look for when evaluating a potential living arrangement. Be sure clear answers to all your questions, and specifically ask if New York state has certified the facility, if it's one of the fastest growing insecticides by enacting a sunset ordinance. The Legislature and County Executive Michael Breslin deserve credit for their far-reaching action, that will likely save lives.

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Good Sam chief clarifies CMI plan

Your Opinion Matters

Nothing is a substitute for a personal visit. You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to know what to expect prior to signing on the dotted line. Assisted living may be just what you need to remain independent and in the community, but as a savvy consumer you must be willing to become your own advocate to make sure that it is your best choice.

Secondly, the residents of the facility would not be able to take advantage of the location and walk into town, because they simply would be too frail to walk that far. The representatives from CMI have already said this — they would transport their residents by van.

On the other hand, the location under discussion check charge would be a perfect spot for desperately needed low-to-middle income senior housing, designed on a smaller scale to fit nicely into the existing neighborhood. It would generate very little traffic, and the residents (younger and healthier) would be able to take full advantage of the location.

There is a tremendous need for this type of senior housing in town. How do I know? At Good Samaritan Senior Housing, we have 115 people on our waiting list — a three- to four-year wait. None of those waiting could afford CMI. Perhaps there is a solution after all that would make everybody happy.

Leon Borschman
Good Samaritan
Senior Housing
President

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Marine League to present award to Price Chopper

Editor, The Spotlight:
The Capt. William Dale O'Brien Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Albany will present an award to Price Chopper in Slingerlands on Friday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m.

For its proper display of the American Flag, Price Chopper will receive the Marine Corps League American Flag Display Award.

The award will be presented to store manager Rocco LoSavio by Steven Riedel, captain of the Albany detachment.

The award is presented annually to a business in Albany County that shows the proper respect for the flag and displays it according to etiquette regulations.

We as members of the league believe in the American flag and the freedom and democracy for which it stands. Steven Riedel

Slingerlands

Hamagrael students loved museum visit

Editor, The Spotlight:

Today (May 27) Ms. Schade's and Mrs. Szczecz's Hamagrael Elementary School classes received a visit from the Scotia-Glenville Museum.

Mrs. Krough, a member of the museum, presented a program called 'Days Gone By.' This program told us about butter churning, beating rugs, collecting eggs, iron stoves, the washboard, meat grinder, cherries pit, the egg beater and an old fashioned coffee grinder.

Some things we didn't know about were a spider, which is a cooking pan with a stand that looks like legs and a buzz saw, which are toys that you wind the string and a button spins and it you touch the button to a table, it makes a buzzing sound.

Trundling is a toy that uses a wooden hoop and stick. You hit the hoop with the stick and you try to keep the hoop rolling. There is also a toy called the dancing man. There is a man attached to a stick. There is also a platform attached to a stick, and when you hit the stick, the man will dance.

Our class had a terrific time. We loved the program. Thank you PTA.

Leslie Klein and Rob Smith

On behalf of Ms. Schade's and Mrs. Szczecz's classes

HILL says thank you for learning space

Editor, The Spotlight:
The 10 semesters of college-level classes for the learning environment of the Capital District provided to date by Bethlehem Humanities for Lifelong Learning would have failed from its beginning without the cooperation of those who provided meeting places.

Begun in 1993, under the parental roof of the Bethlehem Education Center on Adams Place, classes early became too large and too many for that location. Since then, learning has been accommodated by Bethlehem town hall on Mondays and Tuesdays and on Fridays for Books in the Morning; by the town park on Mondays; Bethlehem Public Library for HILL's interim lectures every December, January and February; and the community room for its yearly recital.

Thank you Judy Wooster and Les Loomis, Sheila Fuller, the Rev. Warren Winterhoff, David Austin and Nancy Pieri — without your help, no school bells would have sounded for about 2,000 adult learners.

Helen Adler

Delmar

Letters

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6-year-old teaches lesson on brotherly love

By Katherine McCarthy

If you don't believe a little can mean a lot, just talk to 6-year-old Kevin Cassidy of Slingerlands. This past winter, he collected $100 in pennies for the Center for the Disabled's telethon.

Kevin is matter-of-fact about why he solicited pennies from friends, neighbors and relatives. "I did it for Jude," he said, glancing at his 2-year-old brother, Jude Killar, happily playing with books and toys. "He has Down's syndrome." He pauses only a minute when asked what that means. "It means he laughs a lot," Cassidy said.

Jude receives services from the Center for the Disabled, and it was Kevin's idea to raise pennies for the telethon. "He had seen it on Nickelodeon," the boys' mother, Tracie Killar said. "He really wanted to do it. I didn't push it."

Kevin wrote a letter explaining that Jude's therapists come from the Center for the Disabled, and letting people know when he would collect the pennies. Kevin and his mother were surprised at how many they received. "We went to Price Chopper and put them in the coin machines to roll them," Killar said. When the project was finished, Kevin sent thank-you letters to the donors.

Kevin's big moment came when he presented the pennies on air during the telethon. "I got to get autographs from football players," Kevin said.

Kevin's interest in sports is one he shares with his brother, and the two kick balls to each other with great glee. Jude's face lights up when Kevin settles down to talk with him, and the brothers share a lot of hugs and kisses.

Because Jude's speech is delayed, he has learned modified sign language to avoid the frustration of not being able to communicate. "He learned to sign with Jude, and the two proudly show off a repertoire that includes "books, drink, eat,"" Killar said, adding that "Jude can talk and has already let go of some signs."

Learning signs is easier because Jude's cognitive skills are on target for a child his age. "So far, he scores low average," Killar said, "which makes him a slow learner. He'll probably be mainstreamed into school, and maybe have an aide. Without intervention, he wouldn't have made as much progress as he has."

Jude's parents feel that Kevin's participation has been a great incentive. "Both Tracie and her husband, Bob Killar, have advocated strongly for Jude. He's had speech therapy for a year, occupational therapy for a year and a half, physical therapy since he was four months old, and recently started special education. He sees his pediatrician every six months for an evaluation. All of Jude's services come from the center."

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Costigan said she was impressed with Kevin's collection. "The one thing I think is so tremendous," she said, "is that at 6, Kevin has so much love and feeling for his little brother. Those pennies will benefit not just his little brother, but other children at the center as well."

Killar said she was really proud of Kevin. "He gets overshadowed by Jude sometimes. A lot of people come to the house and ooh and aah over him. The pennies were an easy way for Kevin to get some attention."

Kevin, however, seems happy in his role of big brother. He and his mother are surprised at his ability to talk with him, and the brothers sometimes can be seen playing together.

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Bishop Ball retires after long religious career

By Kathryn Caggianelli

When he was in his early 20s, Bishop David Ball began to think seriously about becoming an Episcopal priest. He tried to resist the calling, and wrestled with it for a couple of years. But by the time he was a sophomore majoring in political science at Colgate University he knew he had to at least give it a try. Ball attended the General Theological Seminary and St. Augustine’s College in Canterbury, England, and never gave it a second thought after that.

On June 11, his 72nd birthday, the Menands native will reach the church’s mandatory retirement age and step down from his post as spiritual leader of Episcopalians in 19 upstate counties.

Sitting in a traditionally decorated conference room, part of his suite of offices at 68 South Swan St. in Albany, Ball recently recalled some of the highlights of his career.

"In July, I’ll begin my 43rd year on this very street. I’ve seen a lot of changes in the church and in the city of Albany during that time," he said.

Ball has been a priest about as long as former Mayor Erastus Corning II was in office.

"There was this rumor that we were close friends and politically connected. That wasn’t true. I respected him, and he respected me and that was all there was to it," Ball said.

Still, that bond was strong enough to summon him home from a graduation ceremony at Hamilton College on the day Corning died.

"I only been at the graduation for an hour when I got the call and returned to Albany right away," he said. Ball presided over the funeral services since Corning was a member of his parish.

Ball was ordained as a deacon and priest in 1953, serving as a priest at the Church of the Messiah in Glen Falls. Later he was curate at Bethesda Church in Saratoga Springs, then canon sacrist and canon precentor at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany. In 1965, he became dean of the cathedral, serving until his ordination as the seventh bishop of the Albany diocese in 1984.

Ball recalled participating in some city-wide changes.

"I was involved in building Dudley Park apartments and the Morning Star Church," he said.

One of the more controversial subjects he was involved in was the ordination of women as priests. When the Episcopal Church began this practice in the late 70s, he was not in favor of the move.

"When I was first consecrated as bishop, I was strongly opposed to ordaining women as priests. I made a big switch five or six years after praying about it, reading about it and giving it a lot of thought," Ball said.

There were no basic theological impediments against it, he said.

"The more traditional churches, like the Anglican, say no on that. It made some people happy and others unhappy. I’m ordaining a woman this Saturday as a deacon, and later she’ll become a priest," Ball said.

He remains conservative about sexuality issues, he said, adding that he does not support same-sex unions.

Ball is sure his politics and religious views have not been popular with everyone in the diocese, but that’s the nature of the business. "Nothing can prepare you for this job before you come to it. You have to do it by the seat of your pants," he said. "I’ve made some dumb decisions as well as some good ones. You learn by your mistakes. And I have been fortunate to have a wonderful group of people around me."

Ball’s successor, Bishop Daniel Herzog, will likely inherit some of the same staff that Ball credits much of his success to.

"We all love each other here and have a lot of fun. It makes a difference," he said.

The changes that have come to the diocese during the decade and a half that he has been at the helm have left him with an overall feeling optimistic about the church’s future, said Ball.

"I think we’re a happier, more open group. People trust each other more than they used to," he said.

"People tell me I’ve made a difference in their lives. If I’ve helped bring people closer to Christ — to know and love him more. If I’ve been an instrument for him that way then I am grateful," Ball said.

Herzog has already moved into the apartments that Ball used to call home, so he’s returned to the village he grew up in.

"I live in Menands. I was raised in a house a block away from St. Margaret’s Church," he said.

During his retirement, "I’ll be available to help Bishop Herzog any way I can. I won’t be working full time, and I’ll be moving back next door where I worked all of the years before I became bishop," said Ball.

He will be the guest of honor at a retirement dinner on Friday, June 12, featuring Gov. George Pataki and Libby Pataki as honorary chair. Mayor Gerald Jennings and Arthur Bates, a retired engineer and former state Urban Development Corp. and Dormitory Authority official, will co-chair the event.

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Rust offers to dig well

By Peter Hanson

The latest twist in the saga of Bethlehem's troubled groundwater infiltration system came last week. O'Brien & Gere, a consulting firm that designed the system, introduced the proposal.

Based on O'Brien & Gere's recommendation, the town board voted last month to try to test the water system again. They hope to determine whether enough water can be pumped from the Hudson River to produce six million gallons per day (gpd), which is supposed to be the water system's maximum output.

In his June 5 letter, Brust offered to have his company dig the test well. "The cost of the well installation ... will be shared between Rust and Frasier," he wrote. "We are prepared to begin the well construction on June 15.

Because the system has never produced more than two million gallon gpd, the town needs to know if it can produce six million gpd. Until then, it can't be sure the system is working properly.

Frustration with Rust caused the town to change its approach. When the system was first installed, Rust was held to a $2.8 million project. Rust then goodwill to the town, but subsequently the system failed. O'Brien & Gere, the engineering firm, took over the project.

The system has been plagued by numerous problems. O'Brien & Gere replaced the original designer, Rust, after it was found that Rust had not sufficiently tested the system. O'Brien & Gere designed the system, but the system still failed. Rust was not held to a $2.8 million project. Rust then goodwill to the town, but subsequently the system failed. O'Brien & Gere, the engineering firm, took over the project.

"It was a big mistake that the system failed," Robert Alessi, the lawyer representing the town, said. "It was a big mistake that the system failed."}

Church to host Strawberry Festival

New Baltimore Reformed Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 14, from 130 to 3:30 p.m. The festival will feature strawberry shortcake, ice cream sundae, iced tea and lemonade.

Country music will be performed by the Hilltown Ramblers.

Library to conduct writers workshop

RCS Community Library is hosting a Young Writers Workshop for students ages 9 and up who would like to write, illustrate and bind a book.

The Tuesday workshops run from July 7 through Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 15 participants. Sign ups are being held at the library.

Swim sign ups set June 22

Sign ups for the Ravena Swim Team will take place on Monday, June 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ravena Courthouse on 15 Mountain Road.

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Cubs collect food for pantries

Cub Scout Pack 67 held a food donation at Grand Union in Ravena on June 6. The food was collected and delivered to local food pantries.

Five Rivers offers wildflower walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a wildflower walk on Saturday, June 20, at 2 p.m.

The walk will focus on the many common wildflowers we have now all our lives, but were actually brought to this country from Europe, Asia or Africa centuries ago.

The program is free of charge. Participants should dress for the outdoors and wear comfortable shoes. For information, call 478-0291.

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services has an especially full calendar of summer events in the works.

Youth services is putting the final touches on activities that include the Summer Reading Club, Children's Writing Workshop, on-and-off story hours, the craft club and other highlights for children of all ages and their families.

Adult service programs generally take a summer break, with some notable exceptions. On Wednesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. part two of "Starting and Managing a Small Business" will be presented through the Libraries Mean Business grant — federal monies obtained from the state Library by the Upper Hudson Library System.

It is not necessary to have attended the first session to register for the second.

Evenings on the Green concerts begin on Wednesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. Old friends and new guests promise a fabulous series. Musician profiles will appear in this column in July.

On Friday, June 19, the library will be closed for staff development day. The book drop will be open all day, and no materials will be due. Because staff are required to attend the various presentations and demonstrations, there will be no telephone services. The library will reopen on Saturday, June 20, at 10 a.m.

Summer Sunday closing begins on Father's Day, June 21. The library will be closed on Sundays until Sept. 13, when annual Library Day activities inaugurate the fall season.

Independence Day falls on Saturday this year, so the library will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4.

Other than that, we're here with summer reading lists, vacation ideas, videos, music and fun. Come on in — the water's fine.

Louise Grieco
In Slingerlands

Bethlehem Public Library

Wanted: Plastic six-pack beverage rings for recycling into plastic six-pack rings. Boxes are now located at town hall near the town clerk's office, the highway garage and town park offices. Please bring your six-pack rings and place them in these boxes.

ITW has an active closed-loop recycling program for Hi-Cone rings, as well as technically known. ITW patented the design of the ring-style, multi-pack carrier in the early 1990s.

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These six-pack rings should not be mistaken for the six-pack carriers that are like a collar and more rigid than beverage rings.

During the summer, people tend to buy and consume more beverages. Which can create more litter. Remember to put litter where it belongs. Recycling bins and trash cans should be in everyone's home and are frequently located at favorite vacation spots.

When picnicking, pack your leftovers in the cooler or picnic basket. Bring along a separate bag for trash. Assign someone or get a volunteer to take charge of the trash. Get in the habit of taking it home with you. Keep our environment clean.

Save the six-pack rings for recycling. If you would like to collect them in a free program of your own, call 767-9618 for instructions.

Library offers writing workshop

The workshop is open to children entering grade three and up. It meets Fridays, July 10, to Aug. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Local authors will present particular aspects of writing at each session. Participants will write, illustrate and bind their own books, which will remain in the library for a year.

A reception on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. will close the program.

Registration is ongoing and personal only. Participants must firmly commit to four of the five sessions. Adult volunteers are needed. For information, call youth services at 439-9214.

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Delmar doctor is open for business, suggestions

By Katherine McCarthy

Dr. Gregory Strizich started out to be a doctor, but instead is today at 190 Delaware Ave. gives clues about different roads the Cutbank, Mont., native traveled before opening a solo practice in Delmar.

Of the four examining rooms, one and maybe two, will be Western rooms, Strizich said. One will be from that region adorning the walls. In the waiting room, which has a watercolor painting through patients’ use, and a copy of the New York Times, there’s a book of photographs depicting the history of Volkswagen, an automobile Strizich knows well.

The 45-year-old Strizich describes the day people became a doctor as a time of “hippie romanticizing.”

After attending a Christian Brothers high school with a strong science curriculum, he started on a pre-med track at St. Louis University. “I did well, but it was a grind and very competitive. It wasn’t as interesting as humanities,” Strizich said.

After graduating with a degree in English literature, Strizich followed a friend who had a Fulbright scholarship to Germany.

“In 1975, it was easy to go to Europe and hang out,” Strizich said. “My friend had a pretty structured program, but I hung out with an English professor teaching in Bochum near the Rhine in north-west Germany, who sort of fathered me. I lived in the dorm, took some classes, and met a whole different crowd of people.”

Strizich also developed an interest in photography, and returned to Chicago to work at a photography studio. He then moved to Delmar, where he set up a practice with other doctors.

“IHS is not a route to make big money,” Strizich said. “I was interested, though, in western, and wanted to go back.”

During his three years at Wind River, Strizich practiced a wide range of family medicine. “The size of the community dictates the kind of care you provide,” he said.

In 1995 the Striziches returned east, settling in Delmar. “In my 20s, I ran from people like me,” Strizich said. “I don’t now. I want to take care of a group of people similar to me and have the ability to connect with them. One of the reasons I left IHS is that it’s sometimes difficult to make the transcultural connection. Like Delmar, and I feel comfortable here. At this point, we’re raising kids and need a good school system, which we have.”

Heinen and Strizich have three children — Nell, 11, Max, 9, and Gil, 7.

In Delmar, Strizich returned to his specialty of internal medicine at CHP on Delaware Avenue. He was at CHP for four years.

Strizich is now affiliated with Prime Care Physicians, a group of independent doctors who joined together about a year and a half ago, and includes doctors with a number of specialties.

“There is a change to be in a group run not just by physicians,” Strizich said. “It’s run by physicians who are clinically involved. In larger organizations, a lot of doctors have been through management training, which draws them out of the trenches.”

Strizich also said he joined Prime Care Physicians because the group accepts a variety of insurance plans. “I want to spend my career here,” Strizich said. “I want to be a doctor, but my new office at Strizich is in and out on a regular basis.

“The challenges of being a good physician are enormous,” Strizich said, “intelligently and emotionally. There’s always more to know, and more to give. It’s sometimes overwhelming, but it never gets boring.”

The most important thing, Strizich said, is to like people. “Some doctors are so busy, they don’t relate well to people who aren’t on their level. I enjoy listening to people. I like patients to feel they can communicate with ease, and tell me what’s working, and what’s not. I’m planning a suggestion box — it’s important for people to feel they can mention things.”

“Dr. Strizich said, indicating his new facilities. “This is my career.”
Bouton announces third quarter honor students

Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School is announcing its third period high honor and honor rolls.

The high honor roll is comprised of students who have earned an average of 90 or better this marking period. Students who have earned an average of between 85 and 89 this marking period are on the honor roll.

Students on the high honor roll at the junior high are:

**Grade seven**
Village committee wants to snap your old photos

Voorheesville's centennial committee will sponsor a historic photo reproduction day on Saturday, June 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor board room at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Friends of the village are invited to bring in old photos of family members, places and events so they can be copied on the spot for a centennial publication.

The committee is looking for photos from the 1950s and earlier. The copying process will take about 15 minutes.

For information, call village hall at 765-2692 or the village historian Dennis Sullivan, at 765-2649.

Community invited to pot luck dinner & show

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville invites the community to a potluck dinner and show on Saturday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the church social hall on Maple Avenue.

Entertainment will be provided by the Pawlet Sunshine Singers from Pawlet Community Church in Vermont and the church’s own chancel choir.

There is no admission charge. Bring a dish of food to share and enjoy the performance.

PTA to honor retiring teachers

Elementary school teachers Andrea Gleason and Gail Michalak, and high school teachers Jene Hidain, Ken Kerker, Art Willis and Joan Herman are retiring at the end of this school year.

The PTA is planning a retirement party to honor them on Tuesday, June 16, at 8:15 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.

The PTA’s June meeting will precede the reception at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Meet at the Long Path crossing on Beaver Dam Road. For information, call the park office at 872-1237.

Kiwanis fall soccer registration June 16 & 17

New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold registration for its fall soccer program on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16 and 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Sign up for tennis league

The village of Voorheesville will sponsor a summer adult tennis league. Play starts June 23 and runs through Aug. 13.

Matches are played Tuesday and Thursday evenings on the courts behind village hall.

There is a $7 fee for village residents and a $10 fee for New Scotland residents.

To sign up, call village hall at 765-2692 or Anne Carson at 765-3314 ext. 313.

Village planners to meet

Voorheesville's planning board meets Wednesday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Voorheesville restricts sprinklers

The village of Voorheesville has restricted the use of outside sprinklers from June 15 to Sept. 15. Hand held hoses are not restricted at this time.

Even numbered homes can use sprinklers Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Odd numbered homes can use sprinklers Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sprinklers cannot be used Friday through Sunday.

A new exhibit features a diorama of the hamlet of New Scotland. For information, call Ann Eberle at 765-2071.

V'ville man wins Pound award

Congratulations to Bob Sheld of Voorheesville for winning the New Scotland Historical Association's Pound Award.

The award, named in recognition of his research, design and construction of a diorama showing Voorheesville circa 1920, is periodically given to an individual for a noteworthy contribution to the preservation of local history.

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The Spotlight
BC graduate receives early career honor

Grace E. Shen, a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, received the 1998 Early Career Award from Teachers College of Columbia University. The award is given to a recent graduate who has shown distinction in his or her field.

In addition, Shen was honored at the 13th annual Women's History Luncheon, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Nassau County. She was honored for her work with the Long Island Arts Council promoting programs in art education in public schools, conducting art workshops and writing grants.

Shen is the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Cynthia Shen of Delmar.

Daily drawings under way

The winners have begun to reap their rewards in the “Take a Chance on June” drawings. The month has only started, so it’s not too late to win some great prizes. Upcoming this week are a $50 savings bond from Fleet Bank and gift certificates from Smith’s Tavern, Hagmann Mobil, Advanced Auto, Jaycees, Rithbards, Classic Renovations, Roz Robinson and Progressive Fitness. You can also feast on ice cream, cookies and apples from Toll Gate, Elegant Touch and Indian Ladder Farms and read both our local weekly newspapers, The Altamont Enterprise and The Spotlight.

Do you have tickets? They are available at the library for $5 each of two for $5. Hurry! A black lab will greet you in the main reading room of the library this month to direct you to a treasure trove of dogs, dogs, dogs — practically bounding off the display case shelves.

Anne Lennox has loaned us a portion of her extensive collection of Labrador retriever “stuff” including her own “Tars” and “Feathers” and those lifelike animal figures with the wonderful eyes. We love it.

Original oils and limited edition prints by Schenectady artist Thomas Hockenbury are in the hall gallery this month. Hockenbury’s work is primarily landscapes of the Adirondack Mountains and New England, but he sure to look for a familiar scene from Indian Ladder Farms. Hockenbury is a retired architect who currently has paintings on display at the White House.

The library will host a meeting on Wednesday, June 24, to discuss program policies in public libraries. All local library programmers, policymakers and public relations people are welcome to attend. Call 765-2791 to make a reservation.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on Thursday, June 11, at 7 p.m. and Lifestories on Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sign up for the summer reading club will be June 24 to 26.

BCHS students win vocal awards

BCHS students Rebecca Minor and John Bragle are winners of the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society’s first annual high school vocal awards.

Minor and Bragle were selected from a field of 13 applicants after auditions at Emma Willard School in Troy.

Both students study with Joseph Farrell at BCHS and voice teacher Anne Turner of Albany.

Minor and Bragle have been invited to sing a selection at the society’s fall concert.
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Pictured: Tracy Muscatello and her brother, John Berry Muscatello.

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The Bethlehem girls varsity lacrosse team finished its season ranked ninth in the state after playing two games last week.


Grace Tsan scored four goals and had two assists, while Heather Axford had three goals.

Amy Venter and Lindsey Piekchalk each had two goals while Suzie Breaznell had three assists.

Lily Corrigan had one goal and one assist, while goalie Genna's runner-up on the Saratoga Blue Streaks. The Eagles were defeated, 10-6.

Ellen Lowery and Rigal each had two goals, and Axford and Piekchalk each scored one goal and Tsan and Corrigan each had an assist.

Battaglino said he thought the younger kids played well, including Melanie Thornton and Kate Noonan, a first year player. He said over the season, Cheeseman kept improving with each game.

"Saratoga is a very good team, and we would have had to play a perfect game to win," Battaglino said. "We never gave up, and I am very proud of the team."

"Despite the loss, this is a huge lift for the program," Battaglino added. "Next year, we hope to take the next step, and we are getting ready to prepare for next season."

Battaglino said he will conduct a clinic for girls in fourth grade and younger, from July 5 to early August.

The team tried its best, but it couldn't get the upper hand on the Saratoga team in the finals on Thursday, June 4 before a support crowd of more than 700 people.

Suzie Breaznell had three assists. and had two assists, and Heather Axford finished season 9th.

The Eagles will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School. For information, call Battaglino at 475-5097.

The team's next league game is Sunday, June 14, at 3 p.m. at home, against Latham.

In a non-league game, Bethlehem challenged the Delmar Blues.

Avra Rasowski pitched the entire game. Adam Rodriguez hit two triples and three RBIs while Dan O'Connell hit two singles and a home run. Chris Sherin hit two singles and two RBIs.

The team's next league game is Thursday, June 11, against the Andirondack AAU.

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The Bethlehem Mickey Mantle baseball team won 15-4, against Latham. The team's next league game is Monday, June 6.

Bethlehem pitcher, Matt Tulloch, pitched five innings and Josh Burnett out four batters. and Venter had two RBIs.

The team had three pitchers in their Thursday, June 4, league game against Schenectady.

Ryan Sweeney who pitched three innings is credited with the win. Venter and Parks each pitched two innings. Venter struck out four batters, and Parks struck out two.

Dan Cocoza hit two singles and had two runs, and Venter had a single and four RBIs. Bethlehem won 13-1.

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Bethlehem Hawks take top honors in soccer tournament

The Bethlehem Hawks under 10 soccer team won top honors in the under 12 category at the Bethlehem Beeline Soccer Tournament at Bethlehem Central High School on Saturday, June 6.

The under 10 team won four games, three with shutouts. The team also tied a fifth game in its first try in a bigger squad and larger field normally used by under 12 and older soccer players.

Coach Andy Giordano said he enrolled his Hawks to play up one age group and older soccer players. The Hawks are currently enrolled in a bigger squad and larger field will become the norm once the team moves up to the older age grouping next year.

The Hawks are currently undefeated in their regular season play and lead division one in the under 10 category.

In Saturday's tournament, the Hawks kicked off the day by defeating the New Scotland Hawks kicked off the day by defeating the New Scotland Hawks 3-0, on goals by Pat Sara, Michael Hickling and Andy Harder who played goalie in the four games; defense also included Ryan Menrath and Brian Rudolph.

Hickling scored again in the second game against the Shenendehowa Mad Dogs. Ryan Bongiovan also scored against Shenendehowa, leaving the final score at 2-0.

The Clifton Park Yellow Jackets tied the Hawks 2-2 in the third game.

Schneider and Max Petraglia scored for Bethlehem in that contest, with Kevin Cassidy and Ross Stanton bolstering the Hawks' offense.

In the fourth game, the Hawks defeated the under 12 Bethlehem Comets 4-0, on two goals by Willie Kerrigan.

The Hawks scored a 7-1 over Brunswick in the fourth and final game of the tournament. Petraglia scored twice in that game, with additional goals by Nicky Giordano and Matthew Shafer.

Hickling and Jeff Narode split the goalie responsibilities in that game.

The Bethlehem Bulldogs, an under 14 girls travel team and part of the Bethlehem Soccer Club, won second place in the under 16 girls division of the Bethlehem Beeline Soccer Tournament on Saturday, June 6.

Coached by Steve Mann and assistant coach Dick Svenson, they defeated teams from Albany, Brunswick and Cobleskill.

Kate Metevia scored two goals, Erin Steen scored a goal with a penalty kick, and Brianna Rabe scored with an assist by Metevia.

Team members are: Meghan Blake, Kristen Byrnes, Emily Cohen, Lisa Duckworth, Jenna Engelstein, Stephanie Holmes, Alex Leckerling, K.J. Mann, Liz Murphy, Amy O'Donnell, Beth Pesnel, Alex Pucci, Amy Reddy, Kaitlyn Rose, Abby Svenson and Megan Volo.
Assistant

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able to make things happen in the English department. She said she's excited about the new position because "This position will allow me to work with all the supervisors to bring about all changes."

Throughout her tenure in the district, Capobianco has always been involved with committees to improve the schools.

Capobianco said her favorite committee was the shared decision making team. It tackles issues regarding the school newspaper, honor roll, code of honor and homework policy.

Prior to working with the team, she had always worked in groups where the decision process came from the top down.

"In this committee everyone has an equal say in school-wide decision making," said Capobianco.

She said the team's decision process allows for everyone to express their ideas and opinions. "Many times I've gone in (to a meeting) with one point of view and ended coming out with another," Capobianco said.

New Scotland museum sets summer hours

The New Scotland Historical Association announces that the New Scotland Museum, located just off Route 85 at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem, will be open Sundays through Oct. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m.

During July and August the museum, which tells the history of the town of New Scotland, will also be open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

A new exhibit features a diorama of the hamlet of New Scotland.

For information, call Ann Eberle at 709-2071.

Painting on a smile

Yaa-Yaa the clown paints Timothy Columbus’ face at the third annual E.M.S. Day, held June 6 on the GE Plastics campus in Selkirk. Columbus’ father, Ed, works in the plant’s finishing department. The daylong festival was in recognition of the plant’s emergency response team.

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Kenwood plans preschool event

Kenwood Child Development Center will hold a Strawberry Adventure on Saturday, June 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kenwood is located on the campus of the Sacred Heart on Route 9W in Albany.

There will be many events for preschoolers. For information, call 465-0404.

Village Stage sets membership meeting

The Village Stage community theater group is being rejuvenated.

The first membership meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m., at VFW Post 404 on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

A social time will be followed by induction of the new board of trustees.

Board members are: Julia Filipponi, president; Frank Leavitt, vice president; Tom Wathens, treasurer; Mary Emminger, recording secretary; and Joseph Boehlke, Becky Marvin, Joe Phillips and Holly Wilkie, trustees.

Entertainment will be provided by Margot and Joe Phillips, accompanied by Amy Hrebner with selections from "Side Show." Memberships cards will be available. All are welcome.

Elm Ave. Park pool to open June 13

The Elm Avenue Park pool complex opens Saturday, June 13, and will stay open every day through Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends.

Residents ages 7 and older must show a photo identification card at the front desk before entering the pool complex.

Anyone who wants to update a previously issued card, obtain a new card, or obtain a parking permit, can do so by visiting park offices Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to visit the office before the pool opens.

Quilters to meet at Delmar church

Quilters United in Learning Together will meet on Friday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.
The outlook is positive for family-owned businesses

By Ellen Gelting

"The outlook for businesses in the Capital District is generally thought to be pretty good these days. The economy is growing and the housing market has rebounded. All this bodes well for local small and family-owned businesses. Nancy Kruegler, executive director of the Latham Area Chamber of Commerce, described the climate for small businesses as positive. "It is always a challenge," she said. "Fear of the big-box stores is out there, but small businesses are up to the challenge and have met it."

The Latham Area Chamber, with 610 members, serves all of Colonie. Kruegler said that "20 to 25 percent of our members are family-owned businesses.

Like Kruegler, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney is also optimistic about the state of small business in the Capital District. She recently visited with several owners of family business in Bethlehem and said that "All of them reported that their businesses were in good shape right now."

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The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has more than 600 members and about 25 to 35 percent are family-owned, said DeLaney. Family-owned businesses are unique in a number of ways. Some span generations, while others were started by single, independent entrepreneurs with little money and lots of vision.

DeLaney visited a Glenmont sign maker who said that his father, who started the business, painted all his signs by hand. Today, the place is high tech and has literally gone from paint brushes to pentiums.

Family businesses are dependent upon the interest and support of family members to keep going. If there isn't anyone to take over, owners may have to sell or close up shop.

DeLaney found that while most of the people she talked to felt that their businesses would be family owned and operated for the next 10 to 15 years, there was concern that divergent interests and relocation would someday end the family nature of their business.

"DeLaney had a different view of the problem, saying that "People return to this area for the quality of life, and this only helps family-owned businesses. We see people returning to this area when they want to start families."

New family-owned businesses are cropping up for the same reason: Young families in search of good schools, open space and an escape from the urban grind are bringing their businesses here.

For example, Latham Area Chamber of Commerce members Alan and Debra Baker, owners of A & D Specialty Advertising in Watervliet, are originally from the New York City area. When they wanted to start a family, the Bakers decided it was time to move. They chose the Capital District and moved their family-owned business with them.

DeLaney also found that many family-owned businesses are run by children who originally took over the reins out of obligation. Now, 15 to 20 years later, they are proud to be carrying on a family tradition.

In fact, "Pride in their work was the single biggest reason that people seem to stay with the grueling demands of owning their own business," said DeLaney.

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Hannay Reels Inc. presently employs about 150 men and women and has been a steady employer in Westerlo for over 65 years.
Siena's Family Business Institute offers specialized support

By Ellen Getting

Stanley Simkins, director of the Siena Family Business Institute, is passionate about helping Capital District family-owned businesses succeed. His program, one of 130 in the United States and one of 10 in New York, has an ambitious mission, "To assure the continuity of family businesses throughout the generations of family members," Simkins said.

To underscore the importance of the mission, Simkins related some surprising statistics.

"Fewer than one out of three family businesses last past the second generation. The fourth generation has only a one-in-seven chance to make it," Simkins said.

The Family Business Institute recognizes both the unique problems confronting family-owned businesses, and the importance of successful family ventures to the economy.

Simkins, a nationally-known speaker and adviser on family businesses, said that of the 14 million small businesses in the United States, one-half to two-thirds are family-owned.

"Small businesses represent two-thirds of the total employment in the country and more than half of the gross national product," Simkins said.

"Did you know that 30 percent of publicly traded companies are family controlled?" These figures make it obvious that family-owned businesses are important to the vitality of the region's economy. But many family-owned businesses experience problems that are truly special to their situation, and business advisers, financial planners or bankers are not equipped to handle these issues.

For example, how would you handle a family member who just wasn't working out, maybe even hurting the business. Could you fire him or her?

What about elderly partners who may need to consider retirement, but won't?

How do you institute change, updating or upgraded against family opposition?

How do you insure the viability of your business in spite of familial tensions or disagreements?

"Family businesses have dynamics that create challenges at a deeper dimension as compared to non-family businesses," Simkins said.

Simkins addresses these challenges in seminars, workshops and newsletters. The institute is open to any family-owned business, but membership is limited to 50 companies per yearly session. Members can utilize services after a yearly fee is paid.

"We have nine programs a year and two special events. We do a monthly newsletter and affinity groups each month," Simkins said. Affinity groups are confidential small group meetings that address special considerations, such as minority or women's issues.

"We do have monthly programs that prospective members may attend at no charge," Simkins said.

"Family-owned businesses are a powerful force. They are significant and under appreciated. They may seem small, but they face big challenges," Simkins said. For information about Siena's Family Business Institute, call 783-4254.

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In preparation for his 10 year anniversary, proprietor Steve Edic moved his Delmar Wine & Liquor store into a new larger space at 340 Delaware Ave. With retail space twice its original size, Delmar Wine & Liquor, has increased its selection of fine wines. Delmar Wine & Liquor continues to offer free monthly wine tastings to novices and connoisseurs alike. Steve believes that it is the exceptional service that is being offered that makes the difference to his customers.

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Many chain stores carry price leader models leaving a void for quality vacuums. Lexington Vacuum fills that void and is proud to carry several lines of quality vacuums, demonstrating them so that the customer will be confident with their purchases. Qualified technicians assemble every machine, test run it, and show the customer how to use and maintain it properly.

Recently, Mark donated his time and a new Miele vacuum to the American Lung Association's Clean Air Challenge to help raise money for Lung Disease. Lexington has several machines with HEPA filtration for cleaner air quality. Stop in for a free demonstration.

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**Ken Feiden Home Furnishings**

Ken Feiden Home Furnishings opened its doors in 1937 in S. Troy. In 1975 they moved to their current location on Route 4 in North Greenbush. Ken Jr., his wife Lorraine and Ken III are always in the store to assist customers with their purchase and answer questions. They know their customers want quality and value that is why brand names such as Clayton Marcus, Broyhill, Lane, American Drew, Barcalounger as well as Serta and Spring Air are on the floor. Ken Jr.'s daughter Jennifer also works in the store part-time when she is home.

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Small business: backbone of New York’s economy

The importance of small business to New York’s economy is evident in the 1997 Small Business Profile compiled by the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Office of Advocacy. The findings clearly indicate the crucial role small businesses play in the state’s economy.

In 1996, New York had 445,277 businesses with employees; 99.1 percent of the businesses were small businesses (percent based on 1994 data for independent businesses with fewer than 500 workers). The state also had 464,000 self-employed persons in 1996, for an estimated total of 909,271 businesses.

The number of new firms increased 3.9 percent, while new business incorporations increased 2.0 percent in 1996. Financial difficulties leading to business bankruptcies decreased by 3.3 percent and business failures decreased by 2.5 percent during 1996.

The composition of small business in New York is diverse. The health services industry is the largest small business employer in New York, followed by restaurants and bars. The fastest growing industry for small business is security and commodity brokers, dealers, exchanges and services (represents industries that were at least 0.25% of the 1994 total).

This information was provided by the New York State Small Business Development Center. For information or a more complete copy of the profile, call 800-732-7232.
Dr. Roger Drew

Roger Trafton Drew, M.D., 84, of Delmar died Wednesday, June 3, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Lowell, Mass., he was a graduate of Nazareth Wesleyan University and the University of Nebraska Medical School.

Dr. Drew was a lieutenant commander in the Navy during World War II.

A practicing physician for close to 50 years, he continued the general medical practice of Dr. Frank Maxon in Delmar beginning in 1955.

He retired in 1994 from Bethlehem Family Practice, where he had worked with his son during the last 10 years of his career.

Dr. Drew was a life member of Albany County Medical Society and the American Society of Internal Medicine. He was a member of the attending staff at Albany Medical Center and St. Peter’s Hospital.

He was also the medical director of Good Samaritan Home in Delmar and Albany Guardian Society in Albany.

He was a charter member of the Bethlehem Historical Committee in the early 1980s and a founding member of Bethlehem Senior Projects. Dr. Drew was a 40 year member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Laskey Drew; three sons, Dr. Philip T. Drew of Delmar, Gregory Drew of Marietta, Ga., and Kevin B. Drew of San Francisco, Calif.; two daughters, Dianna L. Drew of Olympia, Wash., and Jennifer D. Gebhardt of Delmar; and nine grandchildren.

Dr. Drew bequeathed his body to the Anatomical Gift Program at Albany Medical Center.

Arrangements were by the Hans Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, June 20, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Friends may call at the church from 1 to 3 p.m. and after the service.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054 or Bethlehem Senior Projects, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Gladys M. LaQuire

Gladys M. LaQuire, 91, of Voorheesville died Saturday, June 6, at St. Peter’s Hospital, Albany.

Born in Franklin, Delaware County, she worked as a salesclerk for the former Whitney’s and Denby’s department stores.

She was the widow of Dewey LaQuire.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanne Kubica of Voorheesville; a stepson Paul J. LaQuire of Apoka, Fla.; and a stepdaughter, Rhyliss Mills of Torrington, Conn.

Services were at the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Robert L. Eck Sr.

Robert "Bob" Eck Sr., 86, of Selkirk died Wednesday, June 3, at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany.

He was a lifelong resident of Selkirk.

Mr. Eck was a kiln fireman for Powell & Minnoco Brickworks in Coeymans for 38 years.

Survivors include his wife, Edith T. (nee Porr) Eck, a son, Robert Eck Jr.; two daughters, Joyce Perrine and Carol Ward; five brothers, Harold, Frank, Eddie, Clark, Edward Eck, Arthur Eck and Clyde Eck; two sisters, Helen Stackiewicz and Louise Coomeen; five grand-children; and four great-grand-children.

Services were from the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial was in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Ravena Rescue Squad.

Frances M. Gathen

Frances Marion Dashiel Gathen, 76, of Delmar died Thursday, June 4, at her home.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Gathen was a homemaker.

Mrs. Gathen was a member of the Wiggand Post Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Marion Gathen Sr.; a daughter, Colleen Bassett of Albany; a son, Matthew Gathen Jr. of Niskayuna; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Johnathan M. Crogan

Johnathan Michael Crogan died at birth, Friday, June 5, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors include his parents, Jason and Rebecca Crogan of Selkirk; his paternal grandmother, Josephine Crogan of Cohoes; his maternal grandfather, David Turquinot of Nassau; his maternal grandmother, Carrie Biecher of Melrose; and his great-grandparents.

Arrangements were by the Catricala Funeral Home in Clifton Park.

Services were private.

Bethlehem slates blood pressure clinic

The town of Bethlehem’s blood pressure screening clinic is set for Tuesday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bethlehem town hall auditorium.

The free screening is available to all town residents on a walk-in basis.

Dr. Drew

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Boven said Drew’s close attention to his patients was due in large part to his late 70s. When Boven’s son was hospitalized for an allergic reaction while he was 3-years old, "very morning and every night, either Dr. Drew or his sister, who was also a doctor, was there to check on our son," she said.

"He just didn’t quit," Boven added. She explained that while she stayed with her son in the hospital, preparations were also being made so she could have her infant daughter brought in for nursing without Boven leaving the room.

"As his health was failing, he still tried to come to all of (Bethlehem Senior Projects) board meetings and remain an active part of things," Pelletier added.

Boven said Drew represented an old-fashioned breed of community doctor, and said she’s glad his son is continuing the foundation of close personal attention to patients.

"His vision was to see beyond someone’s medical needs," she said.

Boven said Drew’s private interests centered around his family, especially his grandchildren. "He loved the Cape, and the Red Sox," she added with a laugh. "As a Yankee fan, we used to talk about that a lot."

Boven, who worked as Good Samaritan’s director of social work from 1983 to 1992, fondly recalled working with Drew, who served as the facility’s medical director. She said whenever Drew felt a patient needed extra attention, he made sure the attention was provided.

Boven told a story involving a Bethlehem couple. The husband had Alzheimer’s disease and his wife was having difficulty with the decision to admit her husband to Good Samaritan.

"Dr. Drew asked me to spend a little time with them at their home, as he had done," Boven said. "I learned a lot from that couple about their strength. It gave me a chance to see how closely Dr. Drew was involved with his patients. That led me to become involved with the Alzheimer’s Association."

Boven, Tobb and Pelletier all said Drew’s combination of humanity and caring was inspiring. And if the town of Bethlehem knew Drew was regarded in the community, those doubts were dispelled when he retired in 1994.

Pelletier said several dozen of friends, neighbors and patients turned up to wish Drew well. "The line to get into his office went way out the door," Pelletier said. "It probably took over an hour to work your way through the line."

A memorial service for Drew will be held Saturday, June 20, at First United Methodist Church in Delmar. The service begins at 3 p.m., and friends are invited to visit the church between 1 and 3 p.m. as well as after the service.

Drew’s family requests that instead of flowers, donations in Drew’s memory be made to the Delmar Fire Department rescue squad or Bethlehem Senior Projects.

Five Rivers offers waterfowl program

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a waterfowl program and walk on Saturday, June 13, at 2 p.m.

Join center naturalists for a bird’s-eye view of wetlands and explore waterfowl population trends and modern management.

A variety of waterfowl was raised at the center during its game farm era. Many of the Canada geese we see today on Five Rivers ponds are the descendants of game farm geese.

The program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoor weather. For information, call 475-0891.
Moore also pointed out the "unknowns of pesticides. "When the EPA tests pesticides, "Moore said, "they only test the active ingredi­ents. On a can of Raid, only 9 percent of the ingredients are active, 91 percent of them are 'inerts,' and don't have to be tested. We don't know what's in them, and how much they're doing in the environment at large." One also spoke about the danger of pesticides and lobbied strongly for the Neighbor Notice­ment Bill, which requires private prop­erty holders to notify their neighbors 48 hours in advance of pesticide application. The bill will come before the state Assembly next month. "I'm hoping the bill would come to the Senate, and he would vote for it. We are purposefully exposing ourselves, our families, our wildlife, and our water sources to things designed to kill things," Eck said. "I'm interested in redu­cing our exposure to pesti­cides." Eck said that while state law prohibits local government from regulating private application of pesticides, municipalities can set examples by not using them. McEneny, who founded Bethlehem Pesticide Watch, said that the committee's responsibili­ty "is to work with the town and school district collaboratively." She added that the proposed bill "will have a positive impact on our environment and health." McEneny said that BPW had requested that the town send representatives to meetings about BPM for highways, and three rep­resentatives from the highway department have gone. The town, she said, also quickly and compre­hensively responded to BPW's requests for information about what is being used in town. "There's no wholesale spraying," McEneny said. "Mrs. Fuller told us the town has budgeted money to look at alternatives. We are much further ahead with the town than we thought we would be." Fuller and Davis said privately that the town has been looking at this is­sue for a while, and has received feedback from Bethlehem Pesticide Watch six months ago. "My concern is that there's a matter circulating that cities heavy use of pesticides by the town," Fuller said. "That's not accurate." McEneny said, "We have significantly reduced the amounts of pesticide we use. "David said before Monday's meet­ing, "We are looking at language to create a resolution regarding how much pesticide is being used on town property." Both Davis and Fuller said they are in favor of a resolution that would reduce and eventually elim­i­nate the use of pesticides. McEneny said BPW is also working with the school district on how to handle its own pesticides, and has found Gill to be well educated regarding alternative pesticide use. The district has responded quickly, and has agreed to work cooperatively with the town. School Superintendent Les Loomis said Gill has been designated as a participant and follow this issue. "I've spoken with Cay McEneny, Loomis said, "and it's been a positive and inter­est­ed in this. It makes sense for us to work cooperatively with the town."

McEneny said she was pleased with Monday's turnout. "We've got a lot of interest from more educa­tional forums, she said. The next BPW meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

Sagendorph said his depart­ment augmented its wood chippers with three rental ma­chines, and staff have been patrolling town streets regularly since the storm. "We're on a set schedule, but we have extra crew members," he added. Sagendorph said cleanup efforts will continue through mid-month.

Civil War group to meet at library

Capital District Civil War Round Table will hold its next meeting on Friday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library. The featured speaker will be Roger DeMik, an attorney for Eastman Kodak in Tennessee. He will give a talk entitled "The CSS Alabama: It's Liver­pool, It's Amazing Adventures & Infamous Ending."

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Manhattan College — Kristen Ruso of Delmar (bachelor’s in education).

Saint Michael’s College — Marianne Mylod of Delmar (bachelor’s in journalism).

Smith College — Lauren Brown of Glenmont (bachelor’s in American studies and dance, cum laude).

BCHS senior earns scholarships

BCHS senior Sarah MacDowell, daughter of Laurence and Roberta MacDowell of Delmar, has earned the following college scholarships: National Merit Finalist Scholarship, Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship and New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence.

She also received the Bausch and Lomb Scholarship, New York State Academy of Family Physicians Scholarship, L. Henry Klein Memorial Award (Daughters of the American Revolution), Cathleen M. Quinn Memorial Award, and Chi Sigma Theta Alumnae Association Scholarship. MacDowell will attend the University of Rochester in the fall.

Egan to serve on Sage board

John Egan of Slingerlands has been chosen to serve on the Sage Colleges’ board of trustees.

Egan has been chief executive officer of the Albany County Airport Authority since 1995.

He previously served as commissioner of the state Office of General Services, executive director of the state Dormitory Authority and commissioner of the state Department of Transportation.

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Evening garden tour set for June 11

Bethlehem First Task Force’s community appearance committee will sponsor its second evening garden tour on Thursday, June 11, from 4 to 8 p.m.

It will feature six private gardens. Tickets are $8 per person and $15 per couple. They will be sold at Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands starting at 3 p.m. on June 11. For information, call 439-0758.
**Sounds of Summer**

**Military concert begins series of free shows at Empire State Plaza**

By Peter Hanson

When the U.S. Military Academy Band launches into its program of marches and anthems Friday night at the Empire State Plaza, it will be continuing one of the American military's oldest traditions.

From the funeral of Ulysses S. Grant in 1885 to the return of American hostages from Iran a century later, the band has been present at several milestones in this country's history.

When the U.S. Military Academy was founded in 1802 in West Point, Orange County, fifers, drummers and buglers accompanied cadets throughout their training drills and other activities.

In 1817, the musicians formed the West Point Band, which has evolved through various configurations into today's Military Academy Band.

The current group is comprised of four units: the concert band, which will appear in Albany this week; the Hellcats (a drum and bugle group); the Jazz Knights; and the support staff. All of the groups combine to form the academy's marching band.

The band that will appear in Albany Friday, under the baton of Lt. Col. David H. Deitrick, the group's commander and conductor, features 44 musicals, an announcer and three other support staffers. Powered by four drummers, eight clarinetists and three tuba players, among others, the group is sure to send a powertful sound across the plaza.

The Military Academy Band's concert is the first of this summer's free shows at the plaza presented by the state Office of General Services.

These shows span the whole summer, and though the season's finals series hasn't been announced — the TGIF shows, featuring pop acts in August and September — the shows that have been announced offer a smorgasbord of musical styles.

On Wednesday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. Buster Poindexter and His Spanish Rocketshells will offer a kitschy blend of cocktail lounge crooning and big-band swing.

On Independence Day — Saturday, July 4 — the plaza will be aglow with the annual Price Chopper Fabulous Fourth Festivities. The Air Force Band of Liberty will perform big-band numbers and holiday fanfare, while Northeast Country Music Association award-winners Aged in the Hills will play country music, all leading up to a spectacular fireworks display.

On Wednesday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. the Glenn Miller Orchestra will revive World War II era music for a night of old-fashioned slow dancing and jumpin' jive.

By mixing modern-day recording and amplification technology with time-honored numbers like the vivacious instrumental "In the Mood," the orchestra promises a tasty mix of then and now.

On Wednesday, August 5, at 7:30 p.m., exotic singer-songwriter Ricki Lee Jones shares a bill with one of the Capital District's finest performers, Roseanne Rainer.

Jones, whose seminal hit "Chuck E's in Love" is still a radio staple, has grown into something of a cult figure in recent years, but with her recent album of live acoustic versions of her best-known songs, entitled *Naked*, she's reclaimed her respectable place on the touring circuit.

For information on plaza shows, call 473-0559.
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

BETHLEHEM
LENTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.
TOWN MEETING
Town hall, 441 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4950.
BINGO
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Ave. 1-Juniper Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0581.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Part time jobs available, town hall, 441 Elm Avenue Park, 7 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-8053.

TOWN MEETING
Welcome Wagon newcomers, engaged women and men, meet for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 439-1531.

RED MEN
St. Stephen’s Church, Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

DAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION
Elm Avenue Park, 7 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-1651.

TENTATIVE MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 500 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2612.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
Evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND
NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osteum Community Center, Volunteer, for information, 439-2109.

AA MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 48 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 439-6979.

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First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 48 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Women’s Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m., or 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. In a local home, children’s and youth nursery provided for morning service, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3412.

FAITH TEMPLE
CAP Delmar Baptist Church, 429 New Scotland Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-9456.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Women’s Bible study, 11:30 a.m. Information, 765-3380.

TUESDAY JUNE 11

FAITH TEMPLE
CAP Delmar Baptist Church, 429 New Scotland Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-9456.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
Summer Worship service, 10 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, Route 9W, Selma, Information, 761-2434.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school worship service, 10:30 a.m., church school, 9:30 a.m., Information, 439-9710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Mass — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., and noon, 35 Adams Place, Information, 439-4961.

SUNDAY JUNE 12

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, 428 Elm Ave., Information, 439-4314.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., Information, 439-3135.

NEW SCOTLAND
YOUTH GROUP
United Presbyterian Church, Route 85, New Scotland, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4528.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Salem, call 765-2895.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Church school, 9 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 9:30 a.m., Information, 439-4976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service, 10 a.m. Information, 765-4356.

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Sunday school and church school, 9 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 429 Elm Ave., Information, 439-3412.

NEW SCOTLAND
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Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., Information, 765-4350.

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES
Bible lecture, 11 a.m., Watchtowers Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Information, 439-3935.

MISSIONERS
Lancaster Avenue United Methodist Church, 10 a.m., Information, 439-3935.

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Thursday, June 11

1. Marshall Tucker Band, with Devilish Minds, Coming Preserve, Albany, 5 p.m.

Friday, June 12

1. The United States Military Academy Concert Band, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30 p.m.
2. Dennis Dival’s Tastee Treat, Route 85, New Scotland, 6-9 p.m.
4. Out of Control Rhythm & Blues Band, Canal Square, Broadway and State Street, Schenectady, 5 p.m.

L’Ensemble, tribute to George Gershwin, Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry St., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 13

1. Family Fun Day, Cook Park Pavilion, Colonie, 2-7 p.m.
2. Sue singer/guitarist Eleanor Ellis, Borders Books & Music, Wolf Road, Colonie, 5 p.m.
3. Mikke Bakken, Tom’s Tastee Treat, Route 85, New Scotland, 6-9 p.m.
4. Sunday, June 14
   a. Alex Torres and the Latin Kings, Central Park, Schenectady, 3 p.m.
   b. Swan Lake, at 7:30 p.m., to be performed by the University of New York State and the National Symphony Orchestra.
   c. The New York City Ballet, at 7:30 p.m., to be performed by the New York City Ballet.
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