Property owners alert: STAR deadline March 1

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

As the deadline for applying for homeowner school tax relief under the state STAR program approaches, tax assessors in Bethlehem and New Scotland report that the public seems to be getting the message, despite initial confusion over eligibility.

The application deadline is Monday, March 1. Homeowners of all ages and incomes are eligible for the program, and could save as much as $200 off this year’s tax bills under the basic STAR exemption.

Bethlehem Assessor David Leafer and his counterpart in New Scotland, Patricia McVee, report that about two out of three eligible property owners in their communities have filed so far.

Massive public information campaigns, including extensive media coverage, mass mailings and other publicity, have helped boost public awareness.

“We really kind of feel we’ve blanketed the information networks, and people do seem to be responding,” said Leafer.

“Within the last month there have been many reminders, so I think we’re a little ahead of the game. There are maybe 6,000 potential eligibles out there, and I think we’re well beyond the 4,000 mark now.”

McVee said nearly 2,100 of more than 3,700 potential applications have been filed. “Frankly, I would have expected more,” she said. “So far, we’re holding our own as they come in. I don’t anticipate we’re going to need any extra help processing them.”

Bethlehem, in contrast, has hired several part-timers to keep up with the expected last-minute applications. The assessor’s office, however, plans no special office hours.

Former resident donates land to Five Rivers

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Former Delmar resident Carol Foresman has donated 6 acres of land to Five Rivers Limited, the nonprofit support group of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

Foresman lives on Cape Cod now, but the Delmar property, adjacent to Five Rivers’ Turkey Trail, was her home for eight years.

She donated the land in memory of her husband Robert Foresman. “I thought it would be a nice memorial for Bob,” said Foresman. “We spent a lot of time hiking and cross country skiing on Five Rivers’ trails, and participating in the programs. This is also nice protection for Five Rivers, too.”

Foresman said she had many memories of using Five Rivers with her four children, but remembered in particular the pleasure the family’s golden retriever Watson took from the property. “He’d go and join the school groups that were there,” Foresman said. “I’d get a call that I should come and get my dog.”

Financed largely through the $200 STAR exemption, the Five Rivers’ Turkey Trail is a 20-acre parcel that was purchased in 1989.

“Once of them wanted to sell the land. We loved that property, and didn’t want to see it all become a development,” Foresman said. Her children were in favor of the land donation, Foresman said. “None of them wanted to sell the land. We loved that property, and didn’t want to see it all become a development.”

Debbie Eberle

The 6 acres of land recently donated to Five Rivers Ltd. will help protect the preserve.

Chamber to present awards

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A local businesswoman and a civic action group will be honored on March 5 by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at its annual Award Dinner for their respective efforts to put the best face on the community.

For the first time in the award’s 15-year history, the chamber’s Citizen of the Year citation for 1998 will be presented not to an individual or couple but to a group, Bethlehem First’s beautification committee, in recognition of its efforts to encourage the planting of shrubs and flowers in public places and along roadways.

The only similar such citation presented by the chamber was a special Community Spirit Award presented in 1992 to employees of GE Plastics at Seltzer. Joining the eight beautification committee members on the dias that night will be Marjorie Thurber, named the 1996 Business Person of the Year.
Route 156 accident victim listed in fair condition at Albany Med

By Joseph A. Phillips

A sanitation worker remains hospitalized with massive injuries as a result of what an Albany County Sheriff’s Department spokesman described as a “terrible accident” on Feb. 16 in the town of New Scotland. As of Monday, Timothy Sprung of East Berne was reported in fair condition by a spokesman at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Sprung’s injury serves as a cautionary note for motorists to give public works crews on narrow rural roads a wide berth.

The accident occurred at about 7:40 a.m. on Route 156 in the vicinity of Picard Road when an eastbound vehicle driven by 16-year-old Arone Silverman of Voorheesville, en route to his father’s house, attempted to pass a garbage truck operated by Bethlehem town officials and passersby about passing a garbage truck with greater care,” he said.

At this point, there appears to be no culpability on Mr. Silverman’s part at all,” he said, and no charges are pending at present.

The investigation of the accident, however, is continuing. Until it is completed, Apple could not comment on whether the trash-removal crew was operating safely.

“I am awaiting a final report from accident investigators,” Apple said Monday. Although he noted an initial police report is in hand, he said, “In any accident with serious injuries involved, I have accident investigators complete a technical report. We look at everything.”

I hope this causes a greater sense of awareness on the part of motorists about passing a garbage truck with greater care,” he said. “It’s a shame it takes something like this to make that point.”

Board to view O’Brien & Gere report

By Joseph A. Phillips

Topic A for tonight’s meeting in December in the Hudson River Park will be taken near Bailey’s Has been cooperating with DEC and no charges are pending at present.

The meeting is set for tonight, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Bethlehem town hall.

Bethlehem, DEC check out oil spill

By Joseph A. Phillips

The DEC check out oil spill, and determine how much contaminant remains in the area. Booms and oil-absorbent pads have also been placed in the river itself and the storm sewers to monitor and halt any additional spillage.

Christensen said the staff at Bailey’s has been cooperating with the DEC, and he did not anticipate any punitive action by DEC in the matter.

Bethlehem Building Inspector John Flanigan, who was also on the scene, said, “I don’t know why we’d do any citations either,” referring to DEC’s lead in the matter.

Though the investigation of the incident is ongoing, it appears to have been an accidental discharge.
BCHS grad had promising future

By Joseph A. Phillips

Next to his photo in the 1996 Bethlehem Central High School yearbook, Jesse Rodgers offered a quotation from James Michener for classmates to remember him by: "The permanent defeat of life," he wrote, "occurs when dreams are surrendered to reality."

That quotation took on a poignant irony last week when an accidental fire on Feb. 16 at an apartment near the SUNY Geneseo campus took his life.

Rodgers, 20, a Delmar native double-majoring in English and political science at Geneseo, was one of seven members of Omega Beta Pi fraternity sharing the off-campus apartment, and one of two on hand when the 2 a.m. blaze broke out. The other young man awakened by the fire alarm and escaped.

Maj. Joe Rychlik, a spokesman for the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, said no official ruling has yet been made on the cause of the fire, but it appeared to be accidental.

According to Geneseo political science professor Alan Shank, the revised data required to complete the plan.

In the meantime, a lawsuit filed by neighbors against the town over concerns about delays by the town board in February agreed to eventually move the town board's approval of the site plan, he said.

The board reviewed and approved revised plans for CMI's Delaware Avenue site.

But the recommendation won't be on the agenda for tonight's town board meeting. Further action on CMI won't come up before the town board meets again on March 10 at the earliest, owing to delays by the town board's approval of the site plan, the lawsuit filed in state Supreme Court by attorney Donald Zee on behalf of a group of neighbors.

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But the planning board raised a number of issues that need to be resolved before the project can be considered. Mullen and his colleagues were asked to prepare alternative plans for water and sewer connections, taking into account Delmar Village apartments, which is also anticipated to begin construction soon.

Happy 100th

By Joseph A. Phillips

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John Privitera
Some heavy-duty thoughts on light reading fare

By Katherine McCarthy

Should I be frightened of the Star Wars Galaxy of Fear books that my 8-year-old is devouring these days, or just delighted that he is reading them so avidly? They have certainly made the reading portion of homework easier; before these books, he read his 20 required minutes, but stopped as soon as they were over. Now he goes for hours, inspired by what I'm convinced is my mother's science-fiction gene, and is delighted with himself.

Six-year-old Cormac is in love with the formulaic Bobcat children, the four orphans who enterprisingly lived in a boxcar until their grandfather found them and took them home with him. Now they travel the country solving mysteries.

I wish both boys were reading only Caldecott and Newbery winning books, but a book is a book is a book. I think. Something is catching their imaginations, I can tell by the transfixed look in their eyes, and the few moments of silence between reading and reality.

Chris and I try to read "real" books to them at bedtime. We all loved The Chronicles of Narnia — all four times that we've read the series — and the children still laugh hysterically at the scene where Tom Sawyer feeds his cat snake-oil medicine. We've had some great discussions about racism, equality, fairness and historical morals from reading about Tom and his best buddy, Huck Finn.

We also make sure the children see us read, something everyone from child-rearing experts to former Voorheesville school board member Steven Schreiber tout as essential. Last winter, the kids watched me slog through Thomas Mann's The Magic Mountain, a book that has tormented me since my sophomore year of college. Mommy, why do you sigh every time you read that book? Cormac always asked. Because it was slow, dense going, but when I finished it, I felt a sense of accomplishment, and knew a lot more about Europe at the time of World War I.

This winter, I am working on Ulysses, which, along with the Stuart Gilbert guide, have spent a lot of time resting on my nightstand since a friend brought me Joyce's masterpiece from Shakespeare & Co. in Paris, the bookstore that published it when no one else would.

My personal censor wishes that I only ever read books like those two giants, but whether it's my tiny brain, my exhausted mother self, or my need for quick and accessible fantasy, I read more than my fair share of non-classics.

I love popular fiction, and have become inordinately fond of women writers like Pamela Houston, Barbara Kingsolver and Annie LaMotte, who hit truths relative to my life with amazing ease. And my dirty little secret — I love romance novels. After a day full of dust kittens and grilled cheese sandwiches I love being swept away by a knight in shining armor.

I console myself by saying that even a book I can finish in an evening is better than TV.

Ah, TV: I love it as much as I love romance novels. I feel like a total fraud with my children, who have spurned PBS for Cartoon Network. How can I protest disdain for Cow and Chicken, when I rush Thursday bedtimes so I can plunk myself down in the TV room and pretend that I'm at Central Park with my "Friends"? I console myself that "Frasier" uses erudite phrases and references to great books and opera, but I'm still stuck in front of a small box, watching perfectly dressed, incredibly thin people dither about their imaginary lives.

I imagine that a little escape is OK, especially in the doldrums of a Capital District February. The danger, of course, comes when I cross over that line, and begin to think "I'm an ER doctor in New York City detective, or that I can drink coffee at 8 p.m. and still sleep. Sometimes I think I'd like to be anybody from TV, except maybe Alvy McBean, who needs a hot meal and a neurosis-ectomy.

I'm part of the TV generation, I say defensively, able to storm Marcia, my "Serena Not!" when I'm angry or "Serenity Now!" when the world seems too much.

Sometimes Chris and I will channel-surf fruitlessly, wishing Bob Morrow no success at all for having left the fictional town of Cicely, Alaska, where "Northern Exposure" was actually a show that entertained us and did offer insights into great literature and philosophy.

The best part about working at home is that sometimes, under the guise of cleaning the TV screen of "Frasier" mullet and jelly sandwich and I will catch the noon reruns of "No Exit" on A&E's daybreaks. If they ever back it up with "All in the Family" episodes, my fledging writing career will fall dead on the floor.

To make up for all this TV-watching, I promise to pick up Ulysses again. And start reading Robert Louis Stevenson's Kid-napped to the boys.

"Looks too old-fashioned," Cormac said, still scarred by the antiquated language of Swiss Family Robinson, who were perpetually dropping to their knees to thank Providence for their blessings.

Still, we'll try it. And look for more Discovery and PBS shows, for both parents and children. After all, it's almost March, when PBS becomes the all-history channel. Maybe all those thrashing feet will make me yearn for more quiet enjoyment of the mythical adventures of Leopold Bloom and Stephen Dedalus.

Choraliers to perform at Proctor's festival

Bethlehem Central High School Choraliers, under the direction of Joseph Farrell, will be one of five area high school choral groups celebrating "Music In Our Schools" month by participating in the fifth annual High School Choral Festival on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady.

More than 200 performers will sing at the event, presented by the GE CRD Choral Society in cooperation with Proctor's. Ensembles from Shenendehowa as well as high schools in Niskayuna, Schenectady and Saratoga Springs will participate in the fest, which is the brainchild of BC Music Director Michael Tebano, who also directs the GE choral.

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**V’ville’s Hotaling to run for village board seat**

By Joseph A. Phillips

Next month’s elections for the Voorheesville village board will mark a changing of the guard.

Continuing the long-standing no-partisan tradition in the village, only two candidates filed petitions for the seats. One of them would be a new face in elective office — but a familiar one in village government.

Joining incumbent Trustee Harvey Ratliff on the ballot will be Bill Hotaling, who retired just last month after 29 years of service as superintendent of public works. Hotaling will replace current trustee Kevin Garrity, who decided not to seek re-election.

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As for his own aspirations, he said, “I’ve lived here all my life, and I’m going to run the trustee spot like I ran the public works (department). It’s all about the people. I’m there to do what they need.”

Hotaling was elected to his first term in 1993, a year before his last retirement. He has held a variety of other positions in the village, including Public Works Department head and trustee.

Hotaling said he plans to run for office at his retirement.

**Library to host program for seniors**

Bethlehem Public Library will continue its “FYI Friday” series on Friday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. with a program exploring Medicare and other health insurance options.

Cindy Ragan, president of Albany’s Special Care Medical Claim Service, will discuss recent Medicare changes, review what Medicare does and does not cover, how to track bills, choose the best health insurance policy and read Medicare documents.

Coffee and tea will be served. For information and to register, call 439-9314.

**Parks and rec offers open-gym basketball**

Beginning Feb. 26, the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor open gym basketball Fridays from 8 to 11 p.m. for high school-age boys and girls of all abilities.

Students must be residents of the town or the Bethlehem Central School District. Admission is $1. For information, call 439-4131.

**Correction**

A recent story concerning relief efforts by various groups in Voorheesville to aid the victims of an apartment fire on Route 155 contained incomplete information.

At a fundraiser several weeks ago at Smith’s Tavern, more than $5,000 was raised and divided equally among the three families burned out in the fire. Of that amount, $1,300 was donated by patrons.
The law is the people's servant

By Matthew J. Kelly

The writer is the president of the Albany County Bar Association.

It usually happens at the most inopportune time. In the midst of the challenges of daily life, a word is spoken, a telephone call is received or a letter is sent. In that instant, your routine is changed and you are faced with a difficulty for which you need legal advice. In that moment, you are no longer a passive observer of our system of jurisprudence; you are a participant, willing or not.

All too frequently, lawyers are viewed in a negative way. But when you encounter the system, your view may change. The lawyer either becomes your friend and protector or a demon and your enemy. And there is good reason for that. Long ago, a citizen could be brought before a magistrate and summarily sent to prison for offenses ranging from the serious to the trivial.

And for offenses relating to commercial transactions, the crown dispatched the offender, usually a citizen of lesser means, to prison for failing to immediately satisfy his debt.

Good sense eventually prevailed. As a result, the lawyer became an integral component of society. Events at Runnymede in 1215 set forth well-established procedures that still exist today. Among the 38 chapters of the Magna Carta are those that regulate the administration of justice, secure the liberty of citizens and ensure property rights.

Lawyers established individual rights and the superiority of those rights to the crown. Today, pressures of a multi-cultural society are causing a proliferation of statutory changes that prohibit or regulate conduct in a fashion more widespread and pronounced than seen during the Middle Ages.

It is far too easy, and the ads on TV make it more so, to criticize and joke about lawyers. But don't underestimate the value of a lawyer's advice in a time of crisis, when the waters are rippled or rocked by others' actions or omissions.

The law does not distinguish among those who have property access to the courts, which allows them to a proliferation of statutory changes that prohibit or regulate conduct in a fashion more widespread and pronounced than seen during the Middle Ages. Lawyers can make the difference. As a result, the lawyer is the citizen's protector.

For that reason, Shakespeare wrote, "the first thing we do is kill all the lawyers." Those words set in motion a conspiracy to ensure that evil could triumph, for in Shakespeare's time, the powerful determined the lot of the majority.

Good judgment has prevailed, and we now have a system where judges, elected by the people and separate and distinct from the executive and legislative branch, are charged with the responsibility for legal issues. They are assisted by the modern-day equivalent of the barons at Runnymede—attorneys.

These are important thoughts, for the current system of justice is faced with pressures that can compromise its effectiveness. A trip to any courthouse will show that deficiencies exist in physical facilities which affect the quality of justice dispensed.

More compelling is the incessant call to change not the physical characteristics of the court, but the placement of citizens within it. That call comes from those who seek to obtain competitive advantage in our free market system, and who have in the past, do today, and will in the future, seek to remove citizens from determining the fate of their peers.

It also seeks to prevent free speech, the cornerstone of our society which allows anyone, from the most admired to the most despised to have their day in court.

These thoughts have consequences. After all, the advent of safer products has as much to do with the presence of lawyers as it does with advances in medicine and science.

In order for us to survive in a society with different customs, languages and religions, we must have a framework to govern conduct and behavior.

Those who study the law and seek to practice it are bound by common goals and rules. A lawyer must be zealous on behalf of his client, but may not argue matters that he or she knows are without merit. Putting those principles into practice, however, can be difficult and can make even the most forthright and responsible lawyer subject to criticism and condemnation. In that regard, lawyers who take unpopular causes can take pride in the vilification that they receive.

The true test of a lawyer is whether he can give his utmost to unpopular as well as popular causes. Because it is easy to represent the favored, a lawyer's hero is one who represents the underdog or the mistreated.

The writer is the president of the Albany County Bar Association.
Fostering animals saves lives

Parents say thanks to coach

DAR says thank you

Business event is big success

Fostering animals saves lives

Editor, The Spotlight:
I enjoyed the Point of View article by Kim Harvey relating her experience raising a puppy for Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

She deserves a lot of credit for the mature sense of humanity and initiative she has shown by taking on the time-consuming responsibility of raising a puppy for the next year while attending college.

Individuals who would enjoy working with an animal, but on a much shorter-term basis, might consider fostering a dog or cat awaiting a home. In addition to local animal shelters, there are several animal rescue groups comprised of volunteers who find homes for displaced animals. The rescue groups place their animals in foster homes, with all expenses paid by the organization until permanent homes can be found.

Foster homes, however, are in short supply, and many animals have to be turned away because of lack of space. The availability of a foster home for periods as short as two-to-three days could mean the difference between life and death for an animal, including puppies and kittens.

If you are thinking about adopting a pet now that spring is coming, but are not sure what kind of cat or dog to get, fostering is a great way to learn more and to test the suitability of an animal in your household.

Fostering an animal is a rewarding way to help a worthwhile cause.

To volunteer or to provide a foster home for animals, call AnimalLovers at 518-832-2184 or Pepper Tree Rescue at 477-2181. Those who are considering fostering or adopting a specific breed can call me at 439-1505.

Karen Chamberlain Harmony

Glens Falls

Parents say thanks to coach

Editor, The Spotlight:
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean Gnat, coach of the diving team at Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. Gnat worked very hard with the team this season. The members of the diving team this year were senior Mark Bassotti and sophomores Dan Kohler, Brendan Jordan and Scott Lipnick. The divers participated in Section II finals at Amsterdam High School on Feb. 12 and 13.

Bassotti's fourth place along with Kohler's seventh place and Jordan's eighth all contributed to Bethlehem's overall Section II team win.

Marsha and Dick Bassotti, Barbara and Chuck Jordan, Ann and Mike Kohler and Randee and Michael Lipnick were senior Mark Bassotti and Brendan Jordan and Scott Lipnick.

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Church men's group to dish up pancake breakfast

St. Matthew's Men's Association will dish up a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 28, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish center on Mountainview Road.

The cost is $4 for adults and $3 for children. Proceeds support parish activities.

**Firefighters serving Friday fish fries**

New Salem Fire Department is serving fish fries Fridays in Lent from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A. Takeouts are available.

**Historical group sponsors talk on genealogy**

John Moak will answer the question of What Can You Do to Look into Your Genealogy? at the next meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, March 2, at 8 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

Moak, who lives in Niskayuna and is president of the Moak Family Reunion, has spent three years researching Moak family genealogy and his association with the Moaks of New Scotland.

He will share information on the large collection of products and tools available to assist in genealogical research. They include handwritten accounts, computer aids, maps, family memorabilia, census records and local repositories of collections and archives as well as a broad selection of general reference material and guides.

Everyone is invited to attend.

**St. Matthew's to host final night of mission**

St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road will hold the final program in its parish mission tonight, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

It will focus on community for the 21st century and is subtitled "Building a New World." For information, call the church at 765-2805.

**Library to host senior nutrition program**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will offer a program entitled Getting Older, Feeling Younger: Nutrition for Seniors on Friday, Feb. 26, from 10 to 2 p.m. at Voorheesville Public Library at 51 School Road.

For information or to register, call 765-2791.

**PTA sponsoring Scholastic Book Fair**

The PTA is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 to 27, on the gymnasium stage at the elementary school.

The book fair will be open after school on Thursday and Friday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

All money raised through book sales will go toward buying new books for the elementary school library.

**Kindergarten info meeting slated at elementary school**

Parents who have a child entering kindergarten at the elementary school in the fall are invited to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium.

Administrators will explain the kindergarten registration and screening program. To enroll, children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1.

Parents should call JoAnn Donohue at 765-2382, ext. 514 to confirm that their child is slated for kindergarten.

**Junior high dance set for Saturday**

The junior high student council will host a dance on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the high school gymnasium and cafeteria.

For information, call the high school at 765-3314.

**Transportation requests due April 1**

Parents of children who will attend private schools during the 1999-2000 school year must submit written transportation requests to the Voorheesville Central School District by April 1.

Applications and nomination forms are available at the entrances to the church.

**Village Stage selling 'Carnival!' tickets**

Tickets for Village Stage's upcoming production of "Carnival!" slated for March 11 through 14 at Academy of the Holy Names on New Scotland Avenue in Albany, will go on sale next Monday.

Performances are set for Thursday through Saturday, March 11, 12 and 13, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available at four locations in Bethlehem and one in Voorheesville.

They include I Love Books at the Four Corners in Delmar, The Paper Mill in Delaware Plaza, Ultimate Video Plus in Glenmont and the Village Shop in Slingerlands.

In Voorheesville, tickets can be purchased at SuperValu Foods on Route 85A.
Meeting room guidelines

As most of you know, the library's two meeting rooms are available for use by community organizations.

With the approach of spring, groups are beginning to think about setting meeting dates for the year 2000. Here are a few guidelines.

Our space has become "the place to meet" in recent years. In fairness to town residents, we have had to limit nonlibrary use to groups based in the town of Bethlehem. That some members of a group reside in the town does not necessarily mean that the group may meet at the library. We maintain a list of other meeting spaces in the Delmar area. This list is available upon request.

In keeping with our status as a nonprofit entity and our availability as a public space, we require groups meeting here to do so in a manner consistent with our status as a public entity, meaning that our space is reserved for civic, cultural or educational purposes.

Political groups, business representatives and social gatherings need to seek space elsewhere.

Meeting rooms are reserved in advance. We prefer a month's notice, so that our custodians can work the spaces into their schedule and the meeting can be entered on our various calendars. Some of our audio visual equipment can be reserved as well.

The larger room has a maximum capacity of 100, a pull-down screen and a stage area. The smaller room has a maximum capacity of 40. We generally reserve space for a minimum of 10 people.

Meetings can be scheduled during the hours the library is open. The space must be vacated promptly at closing time, again to allow the custodians time to do their magic and secure the building.

To give all groups a fair shot at the space, any single group is limited to one meeting per month. Groups scheduling meetings a year in advance may submit reservation forms beginning April 1 of the preceding year. Requests are held in order of receipt until July 1 to allow us to reserve dates for various events and library programs. After July 1, we will either accept the dates submitted or work out alternatives with the group's contact person.

To book a room for your group, call me at 439-9514. If your group meets the guidelines, I will send our policy and reservation form for you to fill out and return. About a month before your meeting, I will send back the pink copy of the form as confirmation.

We ask that you read the policy carefully and fill out the form as completely as possible. With foresight and cooperation, arrangements can be made to provide Bethlehem groups with a pleasant, convenient and well-ordered meeting place.

To visit our Web site at: http://www.crisny.org/libraries/capreg/bethlehem

Louise Greco

One-act plays slated at Methodist Church

The Harlequin Players of Slingerlands will present a pair of one-act plays on Fridays, Feb. 26 and March 5, and Saturday, March 6, at 8 p.m. at Community Methodist Church on Route 85 in Slingerlands.

There will be a special dinner theater performance on Saturday, Feb. 27, beginning at 6 p.m., and a matinee on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m.

Tickets for the double bill of "Hide and Seek," directed by Dan Roberts, and "The Temp," directed by Pat Alcorn, cost $7. Dinner theater tickets are $15.

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The third in a series of historical lectures sponsored by the village of Voorheesville Centennial Committee is set for Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room.

Charles Gehring, director of the New Netherland Project, will answer questions such as 'Was Manhattan really sold to the Indians for $24?'

Gehring's lecture is called "Getting the Facts Straight: Ten Misconceptions about our Colonial Dutch Ancestors."

David Diligent, environmental issues agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension, will give a talk entitled, "Commercialial: Sell More Than You Think," tonight, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

The workshop will illustrate common methods advertisers use to sell products.

"Don't Forget Fridays" especially for seniors on Feb. 26 will feature a program on diet and nutrition. "Getting Older, Feeling Younger" will be presented by Kathy Greenwood of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Join us at 1 p.m. for an informative talk, complete with taste-testing.

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Coeymans sets hearing

The town of Coeymans zoning board of appeals will hear a proposal by Donald Trickey to bring sludge to the town of Coeymans for separation into oil and water.

The public hearing is tonight, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at town hall.

School board to meet

The RCS school board will hold its regular meeting on Monday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at board offices on Thatcher Street in Selkirk.

Sports group to meet at high school

The RCS Sports Association will meet on Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

New restaurant to open

Yanni's Restaurant will be opening in early March in downtown Ravena. Chef Marc Yanni is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and lives in Ravena. He will also run a full-scale catering business from the restaurant.

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Pop Warner states information meeting

The Ravena-Mid-Hudson Pop Warner Association will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Ravena village office on Mountain Road.

Dance to benefit library

There will be a dance to benefit RCS Community Library on Friday, Feb. 27, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Knights of Columbus hall in Ravena.

Music will be provided by Crystal Image Reunion. Tickets cost $25 per couple or $15 per person, and includes snacks, soda, beer and wine. Tickets are available at the library and will be sold at the door. Only those age 21 or over will be admitted. For information, call 756-2053.

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Ladybirds earn top hoops seed

By Len Tarricone
Clayton A. Bouton Central High School’s defending state Class C champion girls basketball team was awarded the No. 1 seed in Class CC for the Section II tournament, which starts Feb. 24. Coach Jack Adams’ squad will meet the winner of the Corinth-Granville matchup in a 7:30 p.m. home game Feb. 27.

The Ladybirds, who enter the post-season at 12-8, did not lose to any CC teams this year, and only one of their losses was to a Class C team, Cambridge. Nevertheless, Adams said he was surprised to gain the favorite’s role, which he thought would go to Catskill, the 15-4 Patroon Council schedule of Class A and B schools his team faces will be solid preparation for the post-season.

"We had a good, strong second half, and the break (before the tournament) has been good for us and has given us a chance to regroup," he said. "I hope we’ll be competitive."

League rival Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk was given an eighth seed in Class B, and if it gets past Gloversville Feb. 23 in Ravena, will travel to Adirondack Community College to meet the winner of top-seeded South Glens Falls and Cohoes Feb. 26 at 7:30.

In Class A pairings, Bethlehem Central High School’s Lady Eagles, the No. 6 seed, faced 11th-seeded Albany High School Feb. 23 in Delmar. If victorious, Kim Wise’s team will take on the Colonie-Troy winner Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. in Niskayuna.

Meanwhile, on the boys side, the Eagles have a tough draw as the Suburban Council seventh seed, facing the Big 10’s No. 2, Schenectady High School Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in Schenectady.

In Class B, Ravena coach Bryan Wood felt his team deserved a three-seed, and that is what it got. They will take to their home floor for a 7:30 p.m. first-round game against 14th-seeded Broadalbin-Perth Feb. 24.

In Class CC, the Clayton A. Bouton Blackbirds traveled to Greeneville Feb. 23 for their first-round game against the sixth-seeded Spartans. A No. 11 seed, the Blackbirds would most likely have familiar foe Watervliet waiting for them in round two should they pull off the opening-round upset.

That game would be Feb. 26 at 6:45 p.m. at Hudson Valley Community College.

BCHS to send 3 to states

Bethlehem Central High School senior Khalid Omar emerged from the Section II indoor track state qualifying meet at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Feb. 24 as the only boys athlete to qualify for three events at the state championships Feb. 28 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

Omar will run in the 45-meter dash, along with competing in the long jump and the triple jump. His stellar performance highlighted an impressive showing by BCHS coach Jason Wood’s sprinting and jumping contingent. Max Anderson qualified second in the triple jump, and will also make the trip to Syracuse, and sprinter Joe Anisfio won the 55 meters at RPI to qualify in that event.

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Local girls hockey star headed to Lake Placid

By Len Turcios
When Carrie Getz, as an eighth-grader, told her parents that she wanted to play competitive ice hockey, they were not too warm to the idea.
Playing pick-up games with her older brother Keith, who now plays for Siena's hockey team, was one thing, but organized action was a more serious step in the potentially volatile sport.
But Carrie flashed some ability on skates, and her folks relented. Now a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, Getz has progressed so much that she is one of only two local players chosen to represent the Adirondack team in the Empire State Games.

The competition, to be held Feb. 26-28 in Lake Placid, will mark the first appearance of girls ice hockey in the games. Getz was a more serious step in the potentially volatile sport. "Carrie is a great skater, very graceful with long strides," he said. "This is only her fourth year of organized hockey, but her speed, determination, and athleticism make up for any lack of experience."

Getz's athletic prowess extends beyond hockey. She is a three-year varsity soccer player, and earned second-team all-Suburban Council honors last season.

After hockey wraps up, Getz will start preparing for her third season of varsity softball. She was named to the all-league first team last season in that sport. Getz will play softball this summer for the Tri-City Rage travel team, but for now her mind is strictly on the ice.

"We had a game in Buffalo (with the Ice Cats) and I missed the only scheduled practice for the (Adirondack) team. They'll probably put me on the third line," she said.

Regardless of where she plays, Getz is prepared to make the most of her opportunity. "I'm very nervous about it, but I'm also excited," she said. "It should be a lot of fun."

Carrie Getz, shown here in action with the Troy-Albany Ice Cats, will participate in the Empire State Games Feb. 26-28 in Lake Placid.

Eagles fall in hockey Sectionals

By Christine Potter
The Bethlehem Central High School hockey season came to a close after an 8-3 loss to Schenectady Feb. 16 in the first round of the Section II, Division tournament.

The Plainsmen came out strong scoring five goals in the first period.

"We got a win in the first period, but we played a spirited third period," Bethlehem coach John Battaglia said.

In spite of the disappointing end to the season, captain Billy Noonan said he enjoyed the Plainsmen's effort throughout the year.

"We came together at the end and I'm looking forward to a winning season next year," he said.

Assistant captain Mike Griffiths said he had hoped for better results this year.

"The team wasn't really into it in a game after one. Our offense, chemistry, was hit-and-miss, mostly miss, and it was so frustrating because given the skill level with Eamon, Trevor, McNiven, Billy Noonan and all the guys, going into the season I was so optimistic, but despite my optimistic prediction, we had a tough season," he said.

Youth track club slates registration

The Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club will hold spring registration at the town hall auditorium Saturday, Feb. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 7, from 7 to 9 a.m.

Children must be born before 1992 and bring a copy of a birth certificate to be eligible.

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The Delmar Dolphins swim team had over 50 swimmers participate in the February Freeze at Rensselaer Capital City Sports Complex on Feb. 20. The Dolphins sponsored the annual invitational meet.

In the 8-and-under category, Katie O’Donnell won the 50-yard backstroke in 18.55 seconds, finished second in the 100-yard individual medley, third in the 50-yard freestyle and fifth in the 25-yard breaststroke. Alyssa Sullivan came in fifth in the 25-yard backstroke, sixth in the 100-yard IM, fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and seventh in the 25-yard butterfly. Kristen Glocerre took sixth in the 50-yard freestyle, 25-yard butterfly and 25-yard breaststroke, and also placed seventh in the 100-yard IM.

Jimmy Kivlin won the 25-yard breaststroke with a time of 24.54 seconds and took seventh in the 25-yard backstroke and 25-yard butterfly. Nate Foley took fifth in the 100-yard freestyle and eighth in the 25-yard backstroke. Kiersten Swete won the 100-yard IM, ninth in the 50-yard freestyle and seventh in the 25-yard freestyle. Lauren Sullivan swam personal bests.

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Swim club schedules tryouts

The Delmar Dolphins swim club in residence in the town of Bethlehem will have new member tryouts on Saturday, March 27. For information or to schedule a tryout, call 439-9206 or 475-7554.
Delmar resident sings school’s praises

By Katherine McCarthy

In 1987, Delmar resident Mechtild “Mady” Alarcon was looking for a place for her sons to practice speaking German. She found it at the German American Language School of Albany and has been involved with the school ever since.

Today, she helps direct the school, which holds classes for children and adults at McKownville United Methodist Church on Western Avenue and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar. The Alarcon household is a multilingual one; Alarcon is a native of Germany, her husband, Jose, is from Spain. Still, Alarcon found the reinforcement of formal language classes helpful for her children.

“We try to be bilingual at home,” she said, “but children don’t pick up another language unless they have the support of extended family, or unless there’s a perceived need.”

Alarcon said that there is a real window of opportunity for children to learn another language that peaks at about age 10.

“At a young age, children are open to new experiences,” said Alarcon. “They’re more adept at picking up new languages... We use an activity-centered approach, and the children enjoy the playful, relaxed atmosphere.”

At the middle and high school levels, Alarcon said, knowing a foreign language helps students increase their vocabulary and also helps raise SAT scores.

The German American Language School also offers Regents and AP courses for high school students.

The staff at the German American Language School come from various backgrounds; many have master’s degrees in German, and some have doctorates. The pre-school teacher, who works with children ages 3 and up, has special skills, with both a doctorate in German and Montessori experience.

Students come for many different reasons, said Alarcon. “Sometimes people come for family reasons, or to search for their roots, or in preparation for a visit to Europe. A lot of our adults come because they want to learn German for business or other professional reasons.”

Alarcon grew up in Siegen, Germany, after her family left East Germany in 1945. Eventually, she came to the University of Pennsylvania as a teaching fellow. Her husband attended Washington University in St. Louis, then Boston University, studying medicine. They later moved to Rochester, New York.

Alarcon has found her niche at the German American Language School of Albany. She said the reason she never worked with the school for the past 12 years is simple: “I did it because I like it.” For information and class schedules, call Alarcon at 443-8003.

By Joseph A. Phillips

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will consider a proposed set of policy guidelines governing public access to records at its board meeting on March 15.

Copies of the draft access policy are currently being circulated to parent groups and in the community for public comment.

According to Susan Kurp, RCS public information officer, the district currently observes existing state Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) procedures. The draft policy would simply codify existing procedures for handling student and administrative records.

Although we’ve granted access in accordance with FOIL all along, our attorneys advised us to put it in the books,” Kurp said.

The proposed policy would recognize the requirements of the FOIL law, designate the school business administrator as records access officer, and authorize that officer to make available a form for written requests for records. The officer would also be able to charge nominal fees for producing such records in accordance with FOIL law provisions.

The proposal also specifies that personal information exempted by public officers law can be deleted from such records, “If production of the record would not constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,” Kurp said.

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Jesse M. Rodgers

Jesse M. Rodgers, 20, of Glenmont died Thursday, Feb. 18, at SUNY Genuco of injuries he sustained in a fire.

Born in Hanover, N.H., he was a 1966 graduate of Bethlehem High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, the football team and Key Club.

Mr. Rodgers was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albany and was active in its youth group. He was also active in Boy Scouts.

Survivors include his parents, Katherine Lieger Rodgers of Delmar and Bruce A. Rodgers of Albany; a sister, Hannah Rodgers of Boston; his maternal grandmother, Marion Lieger of Racine, Wis.; and his paternal grandmother, Erma Rodgers of Bronton, Fla.

Services were from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Capital District Habitat for Humanity, 277 S. Pearl St., Albany 12202 or Albany Happenings, c/o St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany 12208.

Howard F. Miller

Howard F. "Red" Miller, 78, of Glenmont died Thursday, Feb. 18, at Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital.

He was a graduate of Syracuse University and a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He received master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University.

Mr. Miller was an Army veteran of World War II. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He served as secretary of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and executive director of the Scott Commission in New York City.

Mr. Miller was a member of the faculty of the Maxwell School of Public Affairs at Syracuse University from 1947 to 1969.

Mr. Miller received Syracuse University George Arents Award and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Award for distinguished public service.

He was a senior fellow of the American Society of Public Administrators, a fellow of the state Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism fraternity.

He was a former member of the board of directors of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Wright Miller; two sons, Dr. Howard E. Miller of Burlington, N.C., and Mitchell W. Miller of Schenectady; and eight grandchildren.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 1040, Delmar.

Hollis A. Swett

Hollis Ashley Swett of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 19, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Swett worked for the state Department of Education and Administration.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, the American Legion Post 1040, the Life Story writing group in Voorheesville, the Second Millers in Delmar and Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor May Swett; a son, Eric Swett of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Susan Swett Hunter of Fairfax, Va.; three sisters, Sherman of Steel, N.D., Anabelle Kubic of Dickerson, N.D., and Dakatou Soules of Madagascar; one brother, Darwin Swett of Trinidad, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 24, at Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements are by the Meyer Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Charles C. Myers

Charles C. Myers, 91, of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 19, at his home.

Alongtime resident of Delmar, he worked for the town of Bethlehem Water & Sewer Department, retiring in 1973.

He was a member of the Rensselaer Elks 2073, the Rensselaer Fellows Lodge and the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Albany. He was a former member and chief of the Delmar Fire Department.

He was the husband of the late Anna Menz Myers.

Survivors include a son, Robert T. Myers of Steptown; two sisters, Thelma Longacker and Elizabeth Lewis, both of East Greenbush; and three grandsons.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad, 145 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Howard F. Martin

Howard F. Martin, 70, of Route 9W in Selkirk died Monday, Feb. 15, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Moriah, Essex County, he was a graduate of Mineville High School.

Mr. Martin was a clerk for Reynolds Steel Corp.

He was the widow of William Martin and the mother of the late Lee Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Mary R. Martin of Selkirk; a daughter, Barbara Ann Bart of Gardner, Ulster County; a brother, Joseph Martin of Kennebunk, Maine; and a great-grandson.

Services were from Rovea Navy Co., 172 Main St., Ravena 12143 or Bethlehem Ambulance, 1121 Route 9W, Selkirk 12158.

Mary Ellen Gill

Mary Ellen Gill, 71, of Delmar died Tuesday, Feb. 16, at home.

Born in New York City, she was a graduate of Lasell Junior College and attended Syracuse University.

She was the widow of Taylor and Vadney Sporting Goods in Albany for 16 years. She retired in 1986.

She was a member of the Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution and LaMina Scal Miniature Club. She was also a volunteer at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

She was the widow of George H. Gill III.

Survivors include two sons, A. Scott Gill of Queensbury and David R. Gill of Albany; a daughter, Nancy Bowne Gill of Rosendale; a sister, Woodia Bent of West Chester, Pa.; a brother, Hugh Roberts Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev.; and several grandchildren.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

Arrangements were by the Tebbetts Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society, 83 Waterlily Ave., Albany 12206.

Leon Rosenberg

Leon Rosenberg, 93, of Delmar and formerly of Albany died Monday, Feb. 17, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Russia, he moved to New York City as a teen-ager. Mr. Rosenberg was a tailor before he retired.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a sister, Betty Steinberg of Livingston, N.J.

Arrangements were by the Levavoch Chapel.

Business women plan dinner meeting

Bethlehem Business Women met on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Good Samaritan Country Club in Elsmere. A social time starts at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Ernie Walk, host of a radio garden show for more than two decades, will discuss indoor and outdoor gardening.

Guests and new members are welcome. For information, call 439-3012.

- DEATH NOTICE -

Jay Reid Gould, 92, of Beechwood Apartments Burdett Avenue in Troy, died Monday, Feb. 8, after a short illness.

Born in Aylesford, Nova Scotia, he was the son of the late Leonel and Ellen Gould.

Mr. Gould was a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and was an expert in financial matters. He retired from the force in 1955.

He was a member of the American Business Writing Association. He received the award for his pioneering efforts in teaching technical communication in the country and abroad.

He was widowed.

He was a graduate of Lasell Junior College and received the University Honors Society, 83 College Ave., Bangor 04401.
Award was bestowed upon a former nursery school teacher at Slingerlands Elementary, joined Welcome Wagon in 1972 believing, she said, "It must be fun to meet new people.

At a retirement celebration, given by the Delmar Welcome Wagon Club in her honor in December, one speaker estimated that Thurlow had personally welcomed almost 6,000 individuals to the community since "I almost fell off my chair," she said. "I said, oh no, that couldn't possibly be." She never envisioned remaining so long with the group, she said. "If anybody had ever told me in the beginning I'd last so long... but I figured, after 15 years, why stop?"

Her chief regret is that she will not see a 50th anniversary with Welcome Wagon. The formal change last fall, she said, came about as a result of societal change. "I'm sure in the major cities it would be very difficult nowadays for a stranger to show up at your door," she said. The group will now rely entirely on the mail to greet newcomers to the community it serves.

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Jeanette Kelafant of Feura Bush, Selkirk, and Todd Kenneth Kelafant, son of Gerard and Colleen Kelafant, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

The couple plans an April 17 wedding.

Blanche Harrel and Mark Barrett, both of Feura Bush; Donald Dawson Jr., Scott DeFeo, Deborah DePazzio, Tara Nash, Joseph Shortt and Courtney Silver, all of Glenmont; and David Martone, Sean Ostrander and Randy Ross, all of Selkirk.

And Susan Derda, Joanne Kratz and Brian Walsh, all of Feura Bush; Donald Dawson Jr., Scott DeFeo, Deborah DePazzio, Tara Nash, Joseph Shortt and Courtney Silver, all of Glenmont; and David Martone, Sean Ostrander and Randy Ross, all of Selkirk.

Colleen Michele Wagar, daughter of James and Carol Wagar of Grafton, and Matthew B. Crean, son of Thomas and Susan Crean of Holbrook, Suffolk County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Berlin Central High School and Boston University. She is a supervisor and manager at Nicolla Physical Therapy in Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of the University at Albany. He is an inventory analyst at Appleton Paper in Feura Bush.

The couple plans a May 22 wedding.

Bride’s List


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And Mark Barrett, John Bujak, Thomas Flynn, Barry Isbister, Jeongbok Kim, Stephanie Osterhoudt, Kristen Rider, Matthew Securo and Richard Vera, all of Slingerlands; and James Adams, Mary Flamsburg, Thomas Hoyt and Joseph Sweeney, all of Voorheesville.

Dean’s List: Michelle Van Alstyne of Clarksville; James Araceta, Michael Caruso, Adam Holligan, Mary Kaymackian, Matthew Lotz, Wendy Malhenzie, Kristina McShane, Thomas Moran Jr., Jeffrey Kings, Andrew Pluzynski, Kevin Salhuff, Lisa Sammon, Sherry Shafer and Jane Ursprung, all of Delmar.

And Jeremy Kawczak and Tracy Mc Grail, both of Feura Bush; Andrew Browne, Gavin Bart and Anne Livoti, all of Glenmont; Lill Anne Green, Preston Lambert, Scott Royce, Jeffrey Sorell Jr., Peter Speziale and Carlos Torres, all of Selkirk.

And Seamus Gallagher, Leticia Gay and Christopher Osterhoudt, all of Slingerlands; and Maria Brett, Rebecca Cavalieri, Debra Czajkowski, Summer Deitz, Sarah Glock, Ann Marie Pierro, Jason Pitcher, Nurhan Ozmat and Seth Pompei, all of Voorheesville.

Biche, Kelafant engaged

Wagar, Crean to wed

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Brates celebrate 55th

August and Mabel Brate of Voorheesville celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Jan. 1.

The couple was married Jan. 1, 1944 at St. Lucy’s Church in Altamont.

August was a labor foreman for Hudson River Construction. He now works at the New Scotland Transfer Station.

The Brates owned and operated the Voorheesville Food Market for many years.

The couple has eight children. Beverly Meacham, August Brate Jr., Thomas Brate, John Brate and Ann Dieckmann, all of Voorheesville; Ronald Brate of Colonie, Mary Rich of Clarksville and Mabel Parpegia of Ashenboro, N.C.; 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
Allen, who oversaw the Clark installation.

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Others were more purposeful. "Some artists, like Asher Durand, used their sketches to catch a vignette, for later use in a finished painting," Allen explained. Others, like Albert Bierstadt, sketched for future reference.

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"Very often when you have the elements of sketches reworked into finished paintings, they lose that freshness and spontaneity," Allen said.

The Clark Art Institute is off Route 2, south of the village green, in Williamstown. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 413-458-2303, ext. 505.

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

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Nearly every major art collection in the Northeast, including such local stalwarts as the Albany Institute of History and Art and the Canajoharie Art Museum, contains a few examples of the Hudson River School, the celebrated 19th-century landscape movement that included Frederic Church, Thomas Cole, John Frederick Kensett and Albert Bierstadt.

Every major collection, that is, except the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, built by the Singer Sewing Co. heirs whom the gallery is named.

"Sterling and Francine Clark did not buy Hudson River landscapes," said Brian Allen, assistant to the director of curatorial affairs at the institute.

The Clarks' tastes ran less to figurative studio painting and more to impressionism or more "modern" American artists.

"They did buy Winslow Homers," Allen said. "They loved that feeling of fresh paint."

Had they but joined the mid-19th century fashion for collecting sketch art rather than studio paintings, the Clarks might perhaps have appreciated the Hudson River artists more. The work of these landscape artists out in the field; many of these sketches in oil possess a gestural, documentary, impressionistic, almost photographic, first-take quality.

"One sketch Frederic Church made in 1850 is very, very similar to late Homer seascapes," Allen said. Alas, most of these sketch works were not regarded as exhibitable finished paintings, so they ended up in private collections and therefore were not widely seen or appreciated by the public.

That gap in public appreciation is being filled now by a touring exhibit, organized by the Dallas Museum of Art, that is currently on display at the Clark through May 9.


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The Clark is scheduled to host an exhibit of impressionist sketch art in 2001.

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Unfortunately, as the works remain largely in private hands, the current tour may be a rare opportunity to see these works as a whole. The Clark installation is the last venue for the exhibit.

"It's a beautiful show and it's sad to see them broken up and sent back to their owners," Allen said. "They're more beautiful together."

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Top left: Sketches like Asher Durand's "Nature Study: Trees" from 1849 often provided source material for later studio canvases. Center: Purely for his own amusement, Frederic Church spent many a lazy afternoon sketching the vistas from his Olana estate in Columbia County, like the 1872 "Clouds Over Olana." Bottom: Like many a present-day tourist, Chirstashood on the deck of the Maid of The Mist in 1858 to capture this "snap-shot" of the view "Under Niagara" -- only not on film, but in oil.
HIDE & SEEK AND THE TEMPEST Haakonie Player’s production, Community Methodist Church February 26 and March 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. and February 27 at 2 p.m., dinner theater on February 27 at 6 p.m., $15, information, 478-4478.

MUSICAL THEATRE OF THE MALE INTELLECT: AN OXYMORON • THE MIND OF THE FEMALE • THE EGG OF EMPIRE STATE Plaza, Albany, February 28, 1:15 p.m. and 8 p.m., $15, information, 478-4478.

FAMILY FUN JIM SMACK noted magician, the Egg of Empire State Plaza, Albany, February 28, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. for seniors and children under 13, information, 473-1844.

VISUAL ARTS NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM Pop Art. Selections from the Museum of Modern Art, through March 2, We lumber on. Overview: Photographs from America’s Civil Rights Movement through February 26, stonearrow and antique furniture exhibits; plus permanent collections, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Information, 474-8977.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART Art of Collecting, through May 30. Shining Objects from Our Past, silver from the Institute Collection, through March 30. The iconography of commemorative art, through March 30. 125 Washington Avenue, Information, 443-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM Recent Acquisitions, through March 15. Designating Collectors Club Members Show. Through May 2, plus permanent benefit campaign. brooks benefit. Information, 499-7775.

DOYLE’S TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC song, dance and comedy from Dublin’s Burlington Hotel, to benefit the Invention Museum of Modern Art, through February 26, 7:30 p.m., $20, information, 273-0305.

DOUGLAS STARR, author of “Blood: An Epic History of Medicine and Community,” talks about his work, Reical Hall, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, 8 p.m., Information, 442-5660.

FRIKIE CRAMER on the rampage, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Avenue, Information 443-4478.

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AUDITIONS for Capital Hill Choral Society’s April 25 performance, rehearsals nightly, 23, For appointment, call 465-3398.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHORUS openings for trumpet players, rehearsals on first Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 4, Newtonville. Information, 346-1924.


MONDAY NIGHT CLUB WOMEN’S CHORUS invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs. Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4445.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

Friday, Feb. 26

Saturday, Feb. 27
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE MCLAUGHLIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Partnership Under the Revised Limited Partnership Act

Notice is hereby given that the persons named below have filed in the Office of Limited Partnerships for the county of New York County in the State of New York properly signed documents required by the Revised Limited Partnership Act.

The name of the limited liability company is MCLAUGHLIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

The address of the principal office of the limited liability company is 166 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

The statement of the partners of the registered limited liability partnership is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The name and address of the authorized officer in Delaware for service of process against the limited liability company is:

Raymond X. Mellen,
37 Buckingham Drive, Albany, New York 12203.

The name and street address of the registered limited liability company is:

MCLAUGHLIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 37 Buckingham Drive, Albany, New York 12203.

All notices to the limited liability company shall be mailed to Raymond X. Mellen, 37 Buckingham Drive, Albany, New York 12203.

All notices to any partner of the limited liability company shall be mailed to the address of the registered limited liability company.

All notices to any person who is not a partner of the limited liability company shall be mailed to the address provided in the limited liability company's certificate of formation.

The purpose for which the limited liability company is formed is the practice of law.

The limited liability company is authorized to engage in any lawful business.

The limited liability company is to be managed by the following managers:

Czar, L.P.

The limited liability company is to be located in the State of New York.

The state in which the principal office of the limited liability company is located is New York.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
The name of the LLC is NY PARTNERS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 20, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
The name of the LLC is WESTERN CORNERS REALTY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 14, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC law.

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There are several different strategies for buying a house. Some people prefer to buy a house cash, while others prefer to use a mortgage. Buying a house cash can be a good option if you have enough savings to pay for the house outright. However, if you don't have enough savings, you may need to qualify for a mortgage.

There are several different types of mortgages available, each with its own set of requirements and benefits. Some common types of mortgages include fixed-rate mortgages, adjustable-rate mortgages, and government-backed mortgages.

Fixed-rate mortgages have a set interest rate for the entire term of the loan, which means that your monthly payment will remain the same throughout the life of the loan. Adjustable-rate mortgages, on the other hand, have an interest rate that can change over time, which means that your monthly payment can increase or decrease.

Government-backed mortgages are loans that are guaranteed by the federal government, which means that they often have lower interest rates and more lenient credit requirements than traditional mortgages. Some common examples of government-backed mortgages include FHA mortgages, VA mortgages, and USDA mortgages.

When looking for a house to buy, it's important to consider your budget and your long-term goals. It's also important to research the housing market in your area and to work with a reputable real estate agent to help you find a suitable property.

In general, buying a house can be a complex process, but with the right information and resources, it can be a rewarding experience.
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the deadline approaches. "We'll take anything that is postmarked March 1 as well," Leafer said.

Both officials report confusion over eligibility, stemming in part from the enhanced STAR program, for which only seniors with an income of less than $60,000 are eligible.

That program was launched last year, and many property owners eligible for basic STAR remain under the belief they are not eligible if they do not fit the enhanced STAR criteria. "We did a mass mailing, and we've heard from quite a few people, 'Oh, I received that, but I threw it away,'" McVee said.

"Some of the initial confusion had people under 65 thinking they weren't eligible. Simulated test environment. her husband on the Voorheeskill from the area. Even though the mailings, and we've heard to apply entirely." John Moak of Niskayuna, president of area. The evening's program, "What Can You do to Look Into Your Genealogy?" will be presented by John Moak of Nickycana, president of the Moak Family Reunion. The Moak family has extensive roots in New Scotland. He will share his collection of tools for genealogical research, including handwritten accounts, computer aids, maps, family memorabilia and onus records.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Voorheesville sets informational meeting for parents

Parents with children entering kindergarten next fall at Voorheesville Elementary School are invited to attend the informational meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m.

To enroll, children must be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1. At the meeting, the school will explain the kindergarten registration and screening process.

To confirm that a child is slated for enrollment, parents can call JoAnn Donohue at the elementary school at 765-2382, ext. 514.

Delmar library plans SAT program

Representatives from Kaplan Educational Centers will conduct a free SAT practice session on Tuesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The practice test, intended for high school seniors taking the test this spring and juniors taking it next fall, will be administered in a simulated test environment.

Students may bring calculators; all other materials will be provided.

To register, call 439-9314.

Historical group to hear speaker

New Scotland Historical Association will meet Tuesday, March 2, at 8 p.m. at Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The evening's program, "What Can You do to Look Into Your Genealogy?" will be presented by John Moak of Nickycana, president of the Moak Family Reunion. The Moak family has extensive roots in New Scotland. He will share his collection of tools for genealogical research, including handwritten accounts, computer aids, maps, family memorabilia and onus records.

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Donates

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"I remember going to Five Rivers to hike the trails and cross country ski," Kaler said. "I take my kids to the summer program; it's a wonderful place."

So wonderful, in fact, that after her parents had sold their house near Five Rivers, Kaler traded her hampond on the Voorheeskill Trail in August 1984.

Marge Farrell, president of the board of Five Rivers Limited, is delighted with the donation. "The land is varied," she said. "Some is wooded, some is brush, but all of it undeveloped. There's an enormous amount of development in that area now, on Orchard Street and Fisher Boulevard. Whenever development comes close to a natural environment, wildlife flee from the area. Even though the edges might be protected, if the land is adjacent to a developed area, the creatures won't stay there. You always want a bigger border as development comes in."

Five Rivers Limited is a non-profit citizens group dedicated to supporting the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, which is administered by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

"Our biggest project in the last few years was the creation of the handicapped-accessible trail," Farrell said. "It was all done in collaboration with the Five Rivers staff."

Farrell said the Foresman land donation is a step in the right direction for the preservation of Five Rivers, which 100,000 people visit annually. The center also provides educational programs for more than 15,000 children each year.

"This is a signal to other land owners who are making decisions about disposal of property near the environmental center," Farrell said.

Parks and rec offers CPR course

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer a free adult CPR course on Saturday, March 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem town hall.

In lieu of a fee, instructors will accept nonperishable donations to the Bethlehem Food Pantry. Preregistration is requested. For information, call 439-4131.

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