Storm batters 9W

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A wild afternoon of thunderstorms last Friday left trees and wires down, roads closed and communications temporarily disrupted throughout the town of Bethlehem — but the most concentrated swath cut a pattern through Glenmont that closely resembled a tornado track, from west of Route 9W to the Hudson River.

The severe storms that struck at about 3:30 p.m. Friday dumped torrential rain. Downed trees and wires forced the closing for a time of local roads including Wemple and Simmons roads, and portions of Route 9W and River Road. At least two traffic accidents along 9W appear to have been weather related — one a vehicle that swerved off the road as it was pelted by hail, another collision involving a vehicle waved around a fallen tree that collided with an oncoming car. No one was injured in either accident.

The National Weather Service hasn't declared a tornado, but it certainly appeared to have been like a small tornado, though that isn't a professional opinion," said Bethlehem police Lt. Fred Holligan. "It's like a swath of high wind sheared right through there."

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65 PSC employees moving to Delaware Ave.

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

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Helene Meckler, president of the Slingerlands PTA, was on the PTA board when David Murphy was named PTA Principal of the Year. They said Murphy embodied the school's motto, "Always Our Best," and cited his hard work at making the Early Learning Program a success.

BC's Dave Murphy retiring this month

By KATHERINE MCCRACKEN

After 38 years in the Bethlehem school district — 23 as principal of Slingerlands Elementary School — David Murphy is about to retire.

"I always said I'd go to the max," Murphy said with a laugh. "I've done it, plus one year. Also, the school's in excellent shape, the staff is great, and the kids' behavior is great. The timing's right.

People who have worked with Murphy agree that he's gone the max, and to show their appreciation, two years ago the PTA and faculty nominated Murphy for Principal of the Year.

The award is given by the Greater Capital Region Principals Center, the Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA).

Murphy was surprised to receive the honor. "I didn't even know there was an award," he said. "The thing I felt best about was how the people who are essentially my clients, thought enough of me to do it. Even if you didn't win it, it was just the nicest thing to have been nominated."

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Bethlehem police arrest six people for drunk driving

By Joseph A. Phillips

Six individuals face charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI), and another of driving under the influence of drugs, as a result of arrests in recent weeks by Bethlehem police.

Two of those arrests came in an incident on Friday, May 26, shortly before 9 p.m. in North Bethlehem. Officer Brian Hughes responded to a call reporting an altercation in progress in front of a residence on Reineman Road and found several individuals milling in the street. Two jumped into nearby cars and tried to elude the scene, but were stopped by Hughes.

The drivers were identified as Glenn Scott Ashline, 44, of 327 Bollus Road, Slingerlands, and Gregory Thomas Ashline, 34, of Albany. Both submitted to field sobriety tests. Glenn Ashline was charged with DWI, and Gregory Ashline, who according to police turned over to Hughes a bag containing marijuana, was charged with driving while ability impaired (DWAI) under the influence of drugs and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

They were arraigned before Town Justice Theresa Egan, who set a court date of June 20. Another defendant facing DWI and other criminal charges is David Green, 34, of 90 Hawthorne Ave., Albany. He was arrested in an incident on Monday, May 29, that began at about 4:20 a.m. at Price Chopper on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

According to the police report, an employee allegedly saw Green fleeing the store with several unpaid-for cartons of cigarettes. Pursuing him to the parking lot, the employee got Green’s license number, but Green nearly struck a clerk with his vehicle. The employee then called police.

Several minutes later, a vehicle answering the clerk’s description was spotted on Delaware Avenue by Officer Brian Hughes and stopped in the parking lot of Dunkin’ Donuts. Hughes reported that the vehicle was weaving across lanes on Delaware Avenue.

After administering field sobriety tests, he charged Green with DWI, petty larceny, and reckless endangerment. He will appear June 20 in Town Court.

Three earlier DWI arrests also involved incidents on Delaware Avenue. One took place shortly after 2 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, when Officer Jeffrey Vunck observed a vehicle straddling two lanes in the vicinity of Soowden Avenue. Vunck stopped the vehicle after following it onto Kenwood and New Scotland.

The driver, Patrick Quinn Davis, 34, of 356 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio, submitted to field sobriety tests and a pre-screening. He was arrested for DWI and ticketed for failure to keep right.

Vunck made another DWI arrest on Thursday, May 18. Shortly after 1:45 a.m., he stopped a motorcyclist that he observed weaving across lanes on Delaware Avenue.

With the assistance of Officer Brian Hughes, he administered field sobriety tests on Frank Joseph Breitweiser, 26, of 1488 New Glenmont. Breitweiser was charged with DWI and failure to stay in his lane. Another arrest took place shortly after midnight on Saturday, May 20. Officer Gina Cocchiara stopped a vehicle straddling two lanes from Delaware Avenue when a vehicle accelerated past her and turned onto Hudson Avenue.

According to the police report, Cocchiara followed the vehicle onto Harding Avenue and then into a driveway. The driver, 16-year-old Jonathan Leonard Fields of 21 Cannelle Ave., Delmar, attempted to leave the vehicle as the officer approached, and refused to submit to field sobriety tests. Police said he declined breathalyzer testing at the police station.

Fields was arrested for DWI and also for unlawful possession of marijuana, and was arraigned before Town Justice Theresa Egan, who suspended his license pending his appearance in Town Court on June 20.

An arrest on Friday, May 26, took place on Route 9W in Glenmont. Shortly after 1 a.m., an off-duty State Police officer reported an erratic vehicle on Bender Lane, which he followed as it turned north on Route 9W. Bethlehem Officer Dave Harrington observed the vehicle cross Route 9W several times. He stopped it and after administering field sobriety tests, arrested its driver, Theresa Marie Rolfe Gady, 39, 186 Second Ave., Albany. She was charged with DWI and ticketed for failure to keep right and given a June 20 court date.

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V'ille nurse to receive honor

By Katherine McCarthy

Katherine Gosling of Voorheesville will be the honor guest at next Monday's 12th annual Monday, in the 40th anniversary of the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany/Saratoga-Rensselaer. The event is open to the public. The ceremony includes the presentation of a plaque to Kay, who is dedicated, patient, and in the past has honored the organization.

Kay was born in New York City and at 21 moved to Delmar, where she met and married her husband, Harold. She has worked in nursing since 1975, when she often just checking boxes," she said. "I'm fearful that the public won't get the full benefit, and I don't understand why it's so complicated." Gosling also feels that there is too much concern with the bot- "We have now to accomplish things in one or two visits that we used to do in one or two months."

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Delayed gratification is foreign language to our kids

By Katherine McCarthy

I often hear people complaining that kids today expect everything immediately. The point-and-click credit card generation has no concept of waiting or saving for something.

Parents fret about kids not understanding delayed gratification, and sigh about their own child-hood, when their meager and paltry belongings meant so much more because they'd had to wait for them, and maybe even earn the money to buy them.

We work all the time on delayed gratification in our house, but my kids' incomprehension of this phenomenon only recently became clear to me when I heard myself saying "Look at everything we've done for you — you can't just do this one thing!"

I don't remember what I wanted them to do, but I remember feeling I'd gone the extra mile — literally — for them that day. We had gone to New York and Long Island over a long weekend, and I had taken the money to buy them.

By the time they went to bed that night, I felt like we'd given them a mile, and they still wanted another. In truth, it was a beautiful day, just right for saving our newly lush green of summer. We'd had a good weekend together and were enjoying another mother's company, so taking a slower route was no punishment. But still, as parents we have hope that we were banking some points with our kids, and perhaps that night they'd put their own sleeping bags away, bathe without being asked, or finally, really realize that their bedroom floor is not the clothes hamper.

At least I can dream. It seems to me that there's a lot in all about delayed gratification. If you want unifying gratitude, Fern Ryder wrote in a recent Newsday "Mother's" column, "get a dog." I've got a dog. She may love me eternally, but she doesn't pick up the playroom either.

If rewards were immediate, all the kids would eat broccoli, always put their dirty dishes in the kitchen sink, brush their teeth without being told, do homework cheerfully, and not call for you at the exact moment you sit down on the toilet.

I know life is often about waiting, but in between soccer games, soccer meetings, grocery shopping and fixing a clogged bathroom sink, I don't need another reminder. Kids just don't understand this quid pro quo thing at all. I'm optimistic that they can learn it eventually, and rather than seeing them as selfish little beasts, I'll grant that they're still in a malleable, formative stage.

Sometimes their little minds develop in peculiar ways, and being reminded of how their brain can work can be an eye-opener. I remember shopping for bathtub towels and a shower curtain, 21 and 4-year-olds in tow. Nobody shops willingly with two preschoolers, but we had just moved and I didn't know the neighbors well enough to have reciprocal baby-sitting arrangements with them. It was a trip I couldn't push off. I'd noticed before moving that the towels we'd received as wedding presents eight years before were unraveling and the shower curtain had turned into a petri dish of mold and mildew.

After I bought the necessary accoutrements, perhaps along with the incredible splurge of a new soap dish, the boys asked if we could go get their toys now. "It's not a toy-buying day," I said to them. They were incredulous. "But you just bought all that stuff for yourself," Christopher insisted. "We should get something too." We did! I bought a Dash No. 1 for my sons with their highly developed sense of justice.

I'm torn from a jewelry store. Are things for "Mommy," I told them. "These are for the house.

"All those trinkets," they argued, "are for kids."

It's not, and they are children, always watching what their parents do and thinking in what they do each day instead of pointing out the missed goals — or dispensing guilt, which rarely yields anything good for the giver or the receiver.

On the Friday night of that day, I stopped myself just short of an "After all I do for you" diatribe. "If you help with the lemonade like that, I was shocked. I re-highlighted myself of all the good Jewish mother jokes I'd ever heard.

My favorite one is about a light bulb. A mother calls her son and tells him his light bulb is burnt out and she can't see anything. I'll come right over, the son says, I just bought a new one.

"Don't worry, the mother reassure-him, I'll just sit here in the dark.

Can I take a lesson from that? I try to let my boys know directly when I'd like them to do something. And, of course, try to treasure all the good things they do without being urged.

There are the willing dandelions Cormac picked at recess stuffed into his pocket, no less beautiful in their dying state. And Christopher is trying so hard to be flexible and let Cormac choose the Friday night movie. It may not be the quid pro quo, but these are their steps towards realizing that life has some give, as well as take.

I'll try to keep the light on so they can see which way to go. And every once in a while, I'll repeat to them the classic line of parental reasoning: Someday, you'll have children of your own, and then you'll understand.

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Historical association sets museum opening

The town of New Scotland Historical Association has scheduled the grand opening of its New Salem exhibit for Sunday, June 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the museum at the Wymann Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road of Route 85 in New Salem.

Each year a different area of the town is featured at the museum. The new exhibit will include a large model of a 19th century New Salem home, memorabilia from the Redman organization, and old photos and paintings of the area.

The museum is open Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. through Oct. 29. In July and August it is also open: Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On June 11, slides of the area will also be shown, a historical reading of the town's past from 2 to 2:30 p.m., and the association's new book will be available for sale. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

For information or to schedule special openings of the museum, contact museum director Ana Bierle at 785-2071.

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THE BEST BANKING IS AS SIMPLE AS 1 • 2 • 3
By Katherine McCarthy

At its last meeting, the Voorheesville school board took another step toward beginning the addition and renovations approved by the district voters at the end of March.

The board authorized issuance of two separate bonds, one for $15,984,000 and another for the swimming pool for $1,368,000.

Business Superintendent Anthony Marturano stressed that this does not mean that the district will in fact issue bonds immediately for these purposes. Marturano and Treasurer Sara Winchell have said that when, and how much the district issues bonds for, will depend on market rates.

Elementary school Principal Edward Diegel also led the board through its first reading of the recently completed professional development plan (PDP). PDP, Diegel explained after the meeting, is a new regulation from state Education Commissioner Richard Mills.

"The purpose of the plan, is to improve the quality of teaching and learning by ensuring that teachers participate in professional development, so that they remain current in their profession and meet the needs of their students," Diegel said.

Diegel sees PDP as a lead-in to the state regulation that will take effect in 2004 requiring teachers to have 240 hours of staff development every five years to retain certification. Diegel also perceives PDP as the state’s way of ensuring that each school district has a coordinated professional plan.

In the future, Diegel said, the state will measure staff development by student test scores.

"The state is looking for districts to focus or target more on areas that will affect student achievement," Diegel said. "It's my understanding that the bottom line in evaluating staff development will be student achievement. Staff development has traditionally been evaluated by the teachers."

"I have a little bit of a concern that the PDP is one more piece of almost a fanatical effort to raise student achievement scores," Diegel said. "When I say fanatical, I mean that with PDP, and Academy Intervention Services, and New York State’s special education program for students who do not score 3 or 4 on the new ELA tests, we have an untold amount of time where teachers are being taken out of the classroom for state assessment purposes. PDP is one more step in this all-consuming push toward higher achievement scores."

Although Diegel said there is nothing wrong with the programs per se, he lamented that it is running a satellite office for the state Education Department.

"It's like state Ed has a carte blanche approach to do whatever it takes to get the scores up, regardless of the district's time and budgetary possibilities," he said.

Diegel said the 11-person PDP committee is "the hardest working committee I've ever seen."

Two administrators, teachers from both schools, a higher education representative and a parent representative have met every other week since December to put together a professional development plan.

"The PDP will be a road map for staff development," Diegel said. "There are three areas that we'll concentrate on as we look for speakers and development possibilities."

Diegel said the committee came up with three goals after surveying the staff. The first is to improve the quality of teaching and learning, to ensure that teachers participate in professional development, so that they remain current in their profession and meet the needs of their students, which will center around teacher training on different skills and knowledge, and help teachers improve the delivery of curriculum.

Essentially, Diegel said, this will help teachers better reach students of all abilities.

The second goal is to improve student achievement; to see an increase in the mastery level of student scores on state exams, and see a greater number of students taking AP courses and scoring higher on AP exams.

"We identified two dozen ways that teachers can receive staff development, from videos on different topics, to Internet research, to time that teachers of a specific grade level could work on a particular project, with a sub covering the class," Diegel said.

He pointed out that one problem with the state’s new mandates is that they often require teachers to be out of the classroom, causing the district to incur the expenses of a substitute teacher.

Diegel said Voorheesville has a good staff development program already in place.

"Some of it is mandatory, like staff development days that teachers have to attend," he said.

Beyond that, Diegel said, is the amount of professional development the staff does on its own.

"The vast majority of it is teacher initiative, whether it's a conference or in-service offered after school by the district, or BOCES, or projects they find on their own," he added.

Diegel said he didn't anticipate the professional development plan requiring additional funding.
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The Spotlight

BY JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS
The writer is a reporter for The Spotlight.

Last week's Memorial Day parade was not run down by the rain, but by the heat. However, the weather forecast predicted a beautiful, cool weather with the unusual complement of bands and Boy Scouts at the parade, and the都不是 enough to offset the 40 percent drop most businesses say they are experiencing.

That suggests that more of us have to rally, to help keep things aloft during this emergency. Since it's improbable, the Albany patrons will take one of the detours to get to Elsmere, the onus falls upon Bethlehem residents to keep up some of the slack.

We sincerely hope DOT will figure out the best solution to reopen the road, but at the same time understand, safety is a No. 1 priority.

As residents, we must make the plight of the businesses a priority until the problem is solved. Make Delaware Plaza and the surrounding businesses a destination in your daily routine.

Business owners are extremely grateful for your support in this extraordinary time of need.

Murphy steps down

One of Bethlehem Central's most highly regarded administrators is retiring this year. Slingerlands Elementary School Principal Dave Murphy has decided to leave his illustrious 39-year career to pursue other interests.

The respect he has earned from his staff, fellow administrators, teachers, parents and students is a moving testimony to his talents as an educator. He will be sorely missed. We're happy that he agreed to return to be the auctioneer at the BOU annual auction.

Murphy helped Slingerlands become one of the finest elementary schools in the region. Its fourth-grade students, just last week, scored highest in the region on the state English Language Arts exam.

But it's not just academic success that makes Slingerlands a fine school. Murphy, at the helm, fostered a sense of congeniality and respect among the staff and students. In this atmosphere, students thrive and everyone excels.

We wish Dave Murphy a happy, healthy retirement, and we thank him for his many years of service to the district and the community. We deeply appreciate him for being the embodiment of what an excellent educator is all about and for instilling these values in his colleagues and in the students.

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THE SPOTLIGHT

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Your Opinion Matters

Mickey Mantle coach should be retained

Editor, The Spotlight:

My family and I have known Jesse Braverman for many years. My younger son, who did not attend Bethlehem Central, played Mickey Mantle baseball during his high school years. He was a very fine student and boy and one who would be going to Harvard. His death was a terrible blow to his family and to his friends. We are all very proud of Jesse and his accomplishments. 

Jesse Braverman for many years. Avenue played Bethlehem Central, played

Failure to lose Jesse would be a tragedy.

He has gone above and beyond the call of duty. This man has no children of his own. He does what he does because he loves children and he loves baseball, but more important, he wants to see children succeed.

Jesse used his vacation time to write a letter to the coach at Tihoca College to help my son get a spot on the baseball team.

This man used his summer mornings, every morning, year after year, without compensation or recognition to be at the middle school to work with the kids on their baseball skills. Any kids, kids or recognition to be at the middle school to work with the kids on their baseball skills.

There is no acceptable argument for his defense of the building's exterior appearance.

Many Christmas memories exist because of Grandma Jessie's cooking and party planning. What will the town do now with such a prominent empty store? I don't want any response from this letter, and I won't accept anyone's attempt at this late date to explain away irresponsible property management.

Elizabeth Leonardo DeMatteo

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Matters of Opinion

Editor, The Spotlight:
Having just attended the Choral Concert/Senior Vocal Recital at Bethlehem Central High School and the Spring Concert at Elmerene Elementary School, we are once again reminded of the caliber of students and music department that we enjoy in our district. The exposure to wonderful musical opportunities through the direction of the music faculty is unsurpassed.

We were especially impressed with the enthusiasm that exuded from the Elmerene choir under the direction of Mr. DiPiano. It was so thrilling to watch the kids really get into singing. Then to see that enthusiasm turn into such skill and expertise at the high school level makes it all worthwhile.

We encourage every member of this community to support these marvelous people. Don’t miss the next high school concert whether it be band, orchestra or choir — they’re saving seats for you. It’s an exhilarating night out. Our thanks to all of the students and faculty for such a fine performance.

Linda and Philip Drew
Delmar

BC students, faculty shine in music programs

Editor, The Spotlight:
I am writing out of concern for unsafe conditions for pedestrians on Bethlehem streets and roads.

Since 1987, according to state records, there have been 52 pedestrains injured by motor vehicles in Bethlehem on local streets. There have also been these three fatalities.

Currently, most town streets have no sidewalks, so they are serving multiple uses. That is to say, there are joggers, children, cyclists, delivery trucks, motorists and mothers with strollers all using the same roadway. This is a dangerous mix of users. Why can’t we separate pedestrians onto sidewalks? Wouldn’t this be sensible?

Good sidewalks with non-mountable curbs can prevent injuries and deaths to pedestrians.

Section 3.2.9 of the state Highway Design Manual states that “Non-mountable, or barrier curbs generally provide a 6 inch high exposed face with a step-placed design to discourage operators from driving off the pavement.”

Let’s start an extensive sidewalk construction program with the goal of having safe sidewalks on every town street and road. This would be in conformance with state highway design requirements and be much safer for pedestrians.

Terry Rooney
Delmar

Committee sponsoring annual garden tour

Editor, The Spotlight:
The Community Appearance Committee of Bethlehem is sponsoring its fourth annual garden tour on Wednesday, June 14, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Delmar. The rain date is June 15. Bethlehem Garden Club is cosponsoring the event, and its members will serve as tour guides.

The tour will feature eight private gardens in central Delmar, with the theme of “You Can Do It.” Admission is $10 per person. Brochures describing the gardens and a guide map will be on sale from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, in the south end of the parking lot of Price Chopper.

It starts on New Scotland Road, in Slingerlands.

All proceeds are used for community improvement projects, such as planting a score of spring-flowering trees (with the Bethlehem Garden Club) along Delaware Avenue, the 375 daffodils placed in 25 barrels at Four Corners and by Saratoga Shoe Depot, and several thousand daffodils on the Delaware Avenue embankment near Tool’s Restaurant and other areas of town. The committee is looking forward to it and will provide a guide map and enjoy the tour.

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Rob Horn
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Editor, The Spotlight:
Grading Senior Girl Scout Meredith McCarthy of Glenmont receives congratulations from Scout Leader Jeanne Barnes at a recent ceremony at the state Capitol.

Alcohol sales sting nets eight local violations

By Joseph A. Phillips
Bethlehem and New Scotland businesses battled eight-for-nine in an inspection sweep of stores and taverns in May. Conducted by the Albany County Sheriff’s Department to check for compliance with state regulations against the sale of alcohol to minors.

As part of a sting operation, deputies paid visits to 43 different businesses in Bethlehem, Ravena, Guilderland, New Scotland, Berne and Westerlo.

They employed two undercover recruiters, 20-year-old Albany Tulip Queen Kelly Conlon — a part-time employee of the Albany County Stop DWI office and leader of the Students Against Destructive Driving chapter at The College of Saint Rose — and an unnamed 17-year-old male.

The two attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages, without presenting identification to clerks; no false ID was used in the operation.

In eight establishments, clerks were cited under state Alcoholic Beverage Control law for illegal sale and also arrested on a misdemeanor count of unlawfully dealing with a child.

The only business in Bethleham cited in the sting was the Stewart’s shop on Route 9W in Selkirk, where a clerk was issued a summons. The arrest marked the second time in less than a year that the Selkirk Stewart’s has had an employee arrested for selling alcohol to a minor.

Two other Route 9W establishments in Glenmont, Delphus and the Corner Market, were also checked and found in compliance with the no-sale policy.

Three Stewart’s outlets in New Scotland — on Route 82 in Feura Bush, Main Street in Voorheesville and on Delaware Turnpike in Clarkson — all passed the test.

New Scotland, in fact, scored a clean sweep in the sting, with Haughtaling’s Market on Route 32 in Feura Bush and two businesses on Route 85A in Voorheesville, SuperValu Foods and Voorheesville Wine & Liquor, successfully turning away the underage buyers.

Of the eight arrests, three came in establishments along Route 9W in Ravena and four on Route 20 in Guilderland.

The businesses involved also face possible sanctions from the New York State Liquor Authority, which can issue fines, suspend or revoke a business license to sell alcohol.

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Library conducting opinion poll on renovations

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School awards ceremony scheduled for June 8

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The high school senior awards ceremony will be held Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School.

School and community awards will be given during the ceremony.

Kiwanis schedule blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on North Avenue.

This is the last blood pressure clinic until September.

Time to register for fall soccer

Registration for Kiwanis fall soccer is tonight, June 7, and Wednesday, June 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis clubhouse.

The program is for boys and girls entering second through sixth grade in September.

Participants must live in the town of New Scotland or the Voorheesville school district.

Games begin on Sept. 5 and run through Oct. 20.

Junior league games (second- and third-graders) will be held on Monday and Wednesday. Senior league games (fourth- through sixth-graders) will be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All games begin at 4:45 p.m.

The registration fee is $25, with a maximum of $45 for multiple family members.

For information, call Susan Casolo at (518) 439-9477.

Helderview Garden Club to meet

Helderview Garden Club's next regular meeting is on Thursday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. It will include the annual plant exchange.

For information, call Karen Sprinkle at 768-3388.

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Voorheesville Public Library

The Library Club for grades four through six meets Thursday, June 8, to assemble Summer Reading Club packets. This is the final session until September. Pick up time is 5 p.m.

It's all aboard the Voorheesville Express on Tuesday, June 13, when youth librarian Joyce Laico tells train stories to preschoolers and their families at 7 p.m.

The ancient world of caravans, shepherds, farmers and artisans comes to colorful life in the earthy and deeply affecting tale called The Red Tent by Anita Diamant which is the topic of the final book discussion until September. Copies of the book are available when you sign up at the reference desk for the June 28 meeting.

After the American Bar Association program in May, the library stocked up on some helpful pamphlets and forms regarding living will and health care proxies.

If you are in need of such information, ask the reference librarian to get it for you from the vertical file.

This month, American Indian artifacts and carvings from the collections of Sue Kuder and Kate Treiber are on display. Joyce D'Antinah's watercolors are in the hall gallery.

On Tuesday, June 13, library needleworkers will hang the annual display. Visit the community room between June 13 and 28 to admire the work of these talented women, known as Nimblefingers, who have been creating these pieces at the library for many years.

Nimblefingers will resume its regular meeting schedule in the fall. New members are always welcome.

The library will be closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday through Labor Day. During the summer, the library will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lifestyles memory writing will end for the summer on June 17. The Thursday Night Poets will continue to meet.

If you missed the first meeting of the bridge group, but would like to join, call the library at 765-2791 for information on the next meeting.

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Students on the honor roll are:

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- Matthew Bolen
- Jessica Best
- Lori Crocoll
- Joelle DeBartolo
- Melissa Andritz
- Carly Assael
- Hudspath
- James Latter
- Brian Legg

Students on the honor roll are also:

**Honor roll grade 10**
- Brian Delmar
- Carly Assael
- Hudspath
- Kayla Ebert
- Brian Legg

Students on the honor roll are also:

**Honor roll grade 11**
- Jessica Best
- Lori Crocoll
- Joelle DeBartolo
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Students on the honor roll are also:

**Honor roll grade 12**
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- James Latter
- Brian Legg

The Voorheesville Community School Foundation is accepting proposals for its first grant. The foundation plans to solicit requests at its May meeting and flyers are being prepared to broadcast proposals to the community. Proposals requesting funding of up to $2,000 will be accepted and groups or individuals can apply.

Specific details, including the need for a project leader, are available from John Schachne, treasurer of the organization, at 765-4881. Friday, July 7, is the final date for submission of proposals. They must be received at 188 Georgetown Court, Voorheesville 12186.

The fund was established last year as part of the Community Foundation for the Capital Region, which is one of a number of foundations that serve local communities across the United States.

**Heldeberg Workshop to celebrate 40th**

Friday, July 28, beginning at 10 a.m., Heldeberg Workshop will host a celebration of its 40th summer of offering "Albany in Learning" to area young people. Anyone with past or current ties to the workshop is invited to attend the celebration.

For information or to be put on the special mailing list, contact the workshop by sending your name and address via e-mail to heldeberg@speedway.com.
**Wet going**

Last Friday’s storm flooded some area roads, like Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, when storm drains were unable to handle the excess water from the heavy rains.

**BC party organizers on track**

Plans are nearly complete for the all-night alcohol-free graduation celebration for the class of 2000 on June 23.

Parent volunteers have been working on it since the beginning of the year. The theme is a secret.

There will be more than 350 prizes — including VCRs, Palm Pilots, Wall Ovens and cash prizes up to $1,000 — plus there will be games, contests, dancing and more.

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Parents of juniors are needed to run the games, chaperone or serve refreshments. Various time slots are available.

To help out, call Louise Tarantino at 439-7272. All proceeds will be used to run the games, chaperone or serve refreshments. Various time slots are available.

Parents of seniors are also needed to help decorate on June 23 and clean up on June 24.

For information, call Mary Parafinca at 429-2272 or Margaret Youngs at 475-7176.

**House tour slated June 10**

The Hudson River shores in the town of Bethlehem are home to a treasure trove of fine architecture, both old and new.

On Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., some of these houses and gardens will be open along Route 144 in Cedar Hill and Van Wies Point.

The 22nd annual house and garden tour is a benefit for the restoration of the historic Ten Broeck Mansion on Arbor Hill in Albany.

The tour includes river mansions, a restored carriage house, newer houses with interesting design, a sculpture garden, old dock locations along the river, and perennial gardens and landscaping that compliment the various homes. There are views from many locations.

Ticket $15 and will be available the day of the tour at the Cedar Hill School House Museum of Bethlehem’s historical association on Route 144. The museum will also be open.

**Good Samaritan Senior Living**

by Lee Barmann

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Conventional wisdom has it that very old people are too frail to withstand the rigors of certain surgical procedures. A study from Mayo Clinic researchers, however, suggests the contrary. The research involved monitoring 31 men and women between the ages of 100 and 107 years, who underwent procedures ranging from cataract surgery to hip replacements. They found that the centenarians who underwent surgery at all showed quick dismissal from the hospital survival rate as people of the same age who did not undergo surgery at all. Quick dismissal from the hospital allowed the centenarians to recover especially well amid familiar surroundings at home.

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P.S. Along with everyone else, older people benefit from less-invasive surgical procedures and recent improvements in drugs that reduce surgery risk.
Section II champion Lady Eagles fall in state tournament

By Noah Feit

In the course of four days the girls lacrosse team from Bethlehem Central High School experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

After storming through the regular season, the Lady Eagles brought an unblemished 17-0 record into the Class A, Section II championship game, held Wednesday, May 31, at the Clifton Commons in Clifton Park.

In the title tilt, the BCHS girls faced off against fellow Suburban Council rival and perennial powerhouse Saratoga High School. In that contest the Lady Eagles overcame an early deficit and rode a strong second half surge to their second straight Sectional crown, topping the Blue Streaks 14-11.

“Because of last year and the way we have played this season the kids had lots of pressure on them to do well,” Bethlehem head coach John Battaglino said. “All year long, all of our opponents two loses on the season (a 16-5 have had their sights set on us, blowout back on April 28, and a we’ve been targets. I think they’ve handled the pressure very well. (In the finals) Even though the officiating gods were not with us, we battled through some tough calls, adverse conditions and really put it to Saratoga.”

In the opening stages of the Section II final, the Lady Eagles did not look like the same team that had handed Saratoga its only two losses on the season (a 165 blowout back on April 28, and a teaser 12-10 struggle on May 4), while compiling a perfect record of their own.

The Blue Streaks jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead and had the BCHS faithful worried that their team’s winning ways were coming to a close. Without hesitation, Battaglino called for a timeout to refocus his troops on the task at hand.

BCHS coach John Battaglino looks on as his team huddles up one last time after losing to Suffern. Jim Franco
THE SPOTLIGHT

All season long, the ultimate goal of the BCHS girls lacrosse squad has been to make a return trip to the state final four and come away with top honors.

A lack of poise at that particular moment against the Blue Streaks would have caused those state championship dreams to go up in smoke.

Heeding their coach’s words of wisdom, the Lady Eagles returned to the field and proceeded to rattle off three straight goals, courtesy of Ellen Lowrey, Susie Breaznell and Jean Laraway, opening up a 3-2 advantage.

In barely over a two-minute time span, the BCHS girls not only gained their first lead, they changed the complexion of the game and re-established themselves the odds-on-favorite to capture the Section II title. Although Saratoga, led by the game’s leading scorer Nicole Rifenbary (five goals) would knot the remainder of the day.

A flurry of goals just before halftime, in addition to another scoring spree early in the second stanza was all the BCHS girls needed to pull away from pesky Blue Streaks before finally finishing them off.

"The beginning of the second half was key. We were winning face offs, getting fast breaks and good ball movement and peppered their goalie with shots," Battaglino said. "We really took the wind out of Saratoga’s sails and got lots of confidence. Then Lindsay Piechnik was great getting us going by winning lots of face offs. Ellen Lowrey was solid getting the ball out of the field, playing offense and defense. Susie Breaznell sacrificed her body going after lots of loose balls, took a real beating but hung tough, and Katie Riegel had some big goals for us." Another key contributor was Carley St. Lucia who recorded a hat trick and led the Lady Eagles scoring parade with her three goals. The other BCHS girls who figured into the scoring column were Breaznell (two goals), Laraway (two goals), Lowrey (two goals, two assists), Piechnik (two goals), Katie, Riegel (two goals) and Emily Riegel (one goal). Junior goalie Stephanie Sherman was solid, but unassuming manning the Bethlehem net, accumulating six saves on the afternoon.

Despite a desperate Saratoga rally in the closing moments which made the score respectable, the confident Lady Eagles easily soared to their second straight Sectional championship.

"The first title was exhilarating, winning it got rid of the monkey off of our backs since we’d lost in the finals the previous two years. But this year I really appreciated it more. I told the girls to take their victory lap and enjoy the moment," Battaglino added.

While the Lady Eagles were flying high after they capped off their undefeated regular season with another Section II title, Battaglino remained grounded, aware that his team would have to keep working to achieve its goal.

Making matters worse for the BCHS girls was that in the Class A Regional game leading to the state final four, played at Clifton Commons on June 3, the Lady Eagles had to face the powerful girls from Suffern (Section I).

"They may be the best team in the state, and I knew that the winner of our game would probably go on to win the state championship," Battaglino said.

Despite a solid start and another great outing once we’d lost twice in the state, Bethlehem saw its winning streak, championship dreams and season all come to an end as the Mounties prevailed, 13-11.

Unlike their last contest, the Lady Eagles wasted no time getting off to a fast start against Suffern. Midway through the first half Bethlehem was ahead of their lowerrate opponents 5-2. Leading the charge for Bethlehem were Piechnik and St. Lucia, each of who ended the game with hat tricks.

Unfortunately, when the Lady Eagles weren’t blistering the back of Suffern’s goal, they could do little to stop the Mounties from returning the favor.

By halftime the Mounties had closed in on Bethlehem, who held a 10-7 lead going into intermission.

In the second half, the Suffern girls continued their assault on the BCHS goal, paced by Tara Santoro’s four-goal performance. The Mountie midfielder tallied two of the biggest goals of the game, tying the score at 8-8 and putting her team ahead for good when she scored with just under seven minutes left in the game.

As time ticked away and the Mounties staved off a BCHS rally, the Lady Eagles were faced with the grim reality that their hopes of winning the state championship were not going to come true.

"We were in the game the whole time but just didn’t get the all around game we were looking for. Losing is very difficult because of the finality, we wanted nothing less than a state championship and we certainly had the potential," Battaglino said.

"It’s upsetting to fall short of your goals, but I’m proud of the effort of this team and what we accomplished. I enjoyed showing them off all season, they were like a trophy case. I am so proud of them and how they continue to handle themselves.

Speed thrills

Fresh off of a fifth place finish in the 160 meter race at the William F. Eddy Invitational on May 20, Bethlehem’s Lee Ansalo put an exclamation mark on a great season by capture first in the 100 meter dash at the June 3, Section II, State Meet Qualifiers. With a 10.6 time, Ansalo boasted an elite field of area runners and prolonged his season, as he will race again this Friday and Saturday at the state championships held at Liverpool High School just outside of Syracuse.

Jim Franco

NS soccer splits pair

The Under-8 New Scotland Soccer Club recently split two games, setting their season record to 8-8.

On Monday, May 22, the Under-8 locals took on Schenectady at Voorheesville Elementary School field and came up with a 2-2 draw. Goals were scored by Britanny Wiley and Sarah Mahar. Zachary Jones assisted on both goals.

Eric Meyer and Spencer Glazer combined for the shutout.

On Friday, May the Under 8 team traveled to Gloms Falls to take on Adirondack and lost 3-1. Zachary Keller scored for New Scotland. Meyer and Nathan Henry combined for 12 saves in goal.

"We love our Schenectady home. Even though we are in the city, we have a sense of privacy and quiet that few neighborhoods can match."
"Then we can have a real clear idea of a direction we can go to stabilize the hill." If the reports don't mesh, she said, "I'll mean going back to take a long look at where we were before. But if the two reports say essentially the same thing and point in the same direction, we may have good news." Stabilizing the direction, we may have good news.

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Glenmont Kmart renovation project under way

By Joseph A. Phillips

A longtime retailer in Glenmont's Town Square Shopping Plaza has launched a major store renovation — while a possible competitor continues to pursue approval to begin construction just a half mile up Route 9W.

The upgrade of the 45,000-square-foot Kmart outlet to the Connecticut-based national retailer chain's Big K format is not directly related to the prospect of a Super Wal-Mart breaking ground at the proposed Bethlehem Town Center, according to store manager Mike Potyrala.

"This was in the works long before that was announced," he said.

Kmart, which has faced reorganization in recent years, largely under the pressure of competition from rival Wal-Mart, launched last month the S340 million second phase of its nationwide renovation program. Phase II will include the opening of 32 new stores and renovation of between 12 and 15, including the Town Square outlet, to the Big K format.

"The wave one stores are doing very well with the Big K format," Potyrala said.

The renovation will feature "wider aisles, raising our shelves, and a brighter, cleaner look. The goal will be to make it more accessible and appealing to shoppers," he said.

The store will remain open throughout the renovation.

"We're a few weeks in already," he said. "The basic construction we hope will be done by the first few weeks of June. Our goal is to have it done, like a brand new store, by July 1 — in time for grand-reopening observances, including store promotions and special events."

"We'll be doing prizing, giveaways, activities for kids, anything to create a little excitement and a great atmosphere for the community," Potyrala said.

Customers were alerted to the changes through in-store signs placed several weeks ago. "We're already receiving positive feedback from customers. They're already excited, as are our staff," he said.

The upgrade will include a modest increase in staffing, though Potyrala could not estimate how many new employees would be hired. Wider aisles, although partly offset by increased shelf space, will result in a slight decrease in product.

"Some assortments will be eliminated, but very few," he said.

Meanwhile, the proposed Bethlehem Town Center, if approved, would put a Lowe's home improvement center and a Wal-Mart Super Center at Bender Lane and Route 9W, less than a half mile from Town Square. That proposal is moving steadily through the approval process.

At the town board meeting on May 24, the board hired consultant Vollmer Associates to assist in the review of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) that will be prepared by the developer, Nigro Cos. Vollmer will review the statement's analysis of traffic, air and water quality, and noise impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

An escrow fund established by the town and funded by Nigro will pay for the consultant.

Meanwhile, the town planning board continues to review the scope of that DEIS, laying the groundwork for the draft DEIS to come before the planning and town boards for review in the coming months.

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BUILDING REMODELING

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New high tech windows can be beautifully efficient

By Leigh G. Kirtley

Replacing your windows is like giving your entire house a facelift.

New windows bring in more light and can make a room seem larger. A bay window, for example, can make a room more spacious without increasing a room's dimensions.

Also, today's high tech windows are far more efficient than 10 years ago.

New windows are draft-free and can protect furnishings from the sun's bleaching rays. "Like giving your entire house a face lift and can protect furnishings from the sun's bleaching rays."

New windows are more energy efficient, saving you money on your utility bills.

"Windows come with two or three panes to form an insulating pocket of air. For added insulation, manufacturers fill the space with inert gases like argon or krypton. Like a thermos for your coffee, the insulation works both ways."

It keeps the sun's heat out in the summer and prevents heat loss during the winter. "Years ago the UV glass was tinted. Now it's all clear glass and you can't tell the difference," said Dick Catalano of Air-Tite Windows.

The advantage in the uniform look is that you don't have to spend the money for high insulating glass in every room. You can put your money into windows that receive direct sunlight and use the money saved in other areas of your home.

"Every window we make is custom made so we can build customers needs," Catalano said. Besides improving the quality of the glass, the entire window structure has improved. "Wood is the best insulator for window frames," said Steven Stiansen, manager for Crawford Door and Window Sales, an authorized Pella sales branch.

All Pella windows are aluminum-clad wood. Of course, you have the option for primed wood on the exterior, and/or interior, ready to be painted or stained. Aluminum and vinyl windows, like the ones Air-Tite manufacturers, are virtually maintenance free.

Air-Tite also gives customers the option of wood windows. With all the new advances in energy efficiency, it's difficult to predict what changes you might see on your next utility bill.

Catalano said that customers are looking for more than just energy savings. "People really see a difference in their comfort level, no more drafts on their necks and rooms don't heat up from the sun," he said.

Once those new windows are in, the first thing you really notice is their beauty and how convenient they are in terms of cleaning and general operation. "One of Pella's most exciting features is a mini-blind installed between the panes of glass. In addition to added insulation, you get the versatility of a mini-blind without the hassles that come with trying to dust it."

"The blinds come in decorator colors and they're fully functional. They close, lower or tilt," Stiansen said. "You can do away with that valance and let the beautiful woodwork show." Mini-blinds are available for just about every window Pella makes including bay windows and sliding glass doors.

If you are not interested in the mini-blinds, you can opt to have the mufling bars the white grills on windows tucked between the panes of glass. With this option and the fact that Pella windows swivel or pivot, cleaning is quick and easy.

When you are looking to replace your windows, don't forget the front door. Air-Tite just introduced an exciting new line of entrance doors from Canada that, like the windows, is virtually maintenance free.

"The door has an operating window in the door or you can have an operating sidelight that raises and lowers like a casement window," Catalano said. Now you can do away with a storm door and just open the window in the door to get the ventilation you need. The doors come in an endless variety of colors and styles to match any décor.

"They can build anything you can imagine," he said. For information on how you can improve the beauty and efficiency of your windows, visit Crawford Doors and Windows on the Internet at www.cbw.com or Air-Tite Windows.

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A sofa's comfort and quality is based on what's hidden, the frame, springs and padding.

- What's the most important room in the house? For many, it's the living room.

- It's a place to unwind, read, listen to music, watch TV and entertain.

- When it comes to decorating, the primary goal for living rooms should be to create a usable and inviting space. Antiques-filled rooms are some common décor mistakes, but the living room should be the heart of decorating. A wall unit, a focal point, is the best place to start. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce. Find out which companies have the best track record concerning customer service and which have the most complaints filed against them.

- Versatile fabrics like washed linen can serve as a room's dominant fixture in spacious, contemporary lofts as well as traditional, antique-filled rooms.

- Soft hues on traditional sofa frames define a collection that is elegant yet informal, and refreshing practically.

To keep your carpet looking its best for years to come, regular maintenance should be one of the goals of your family's decorating plan.

Most carpet manufacturers recommend having carpets professionally cleaned at least once per year—and a-half. In fact, many stain and wear warranties make regular, professional cleanings a requirement for warranty coverage.

- How do you find a carpet cleaner you can trust?
- How do you know you are getting the most for your money?
- To ease your concern and help you search go more smoothly, one of the nation's largest carpet dealers offers the following tips:

- Ask around. Ask your family, friends and neighbors who they use to clean their carpets and who they would recommend to others.

- This is the best place to start. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce. Find out which companies have the best track records regarding customer service and which have the most complaints filed against them.

- Remember, you get what you pay for. Price is no misleading in this industry and can often be used to confuse potential customers.

- Extremely low prices should set off warning signals.

- You want one that will not only continue to look stylish as time goes by, but will be durable as well. Be worth buying the best sofa you can afford.

- Being stingly with space around furniture. If your room is placed off the wall, leave a minimum of 2 feet to 3 feet of walking space around it.

- A bit less space is needed in between chairs and the sofa. This will create a traffic pattern that lets you enter and walk around the room easily.

- Hanging pictures too high. Hold your art at the place on the wall where you think it should be; lower it by three inches.

- Don't underestimate the power of fabric to give a room comfort, style and sophistication. Fabric, after all, is the heart and soul of decorating. It adds an important element of comfort to every room by bringing texture, pattern and color to living spaces.

- Keep your carpet cleanest. It is a place to unwind, read, hang pictures too high, listen to music, watch TV and do puzzles. Never feel uncomfortable at your friends and neighbors who they use to clean their carpets and how they would recommend them to others.

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Help for homeowners deciding to remodel or buy

By Leigh G. Kirtley

Walking through model homes is fun, even if you already own a house. You admire features like pullout shelves in the kitchen, walk-in closets and the whirlpool tub in the master suite. When you get home, you wish your home had just some of those features so you begin to wonder if it’s time to remodel or just move.

Making that kind of comes with many variables. You need to consider if your current home fits your basic needs like space, location and lifestyle. How well do you like the neighborhood? Would you live there another 10 years? How much of your current home would you change? Make a list. If you find yourself wishing for major changes in every room, you might want to look at moving.

If, on the other hand, you would only make a few alterations, remodeling may be the way to go. Consulting a realtor may be your best next step. A realtor can give you a fair market value for your home. Knowing that, you can better decide if moving is a realistic option in terms of costs to sell and move.

Will you make enough money from the sale of your home to buy the house of your dream? Suppose you decide to stay and remodel. How much do you spend? You need to consider two key factors: budget and your home’s value. Again, a realtor can help you. “The old myth about not pricing the other homes in your neighborhood is very true,” said Carol A. North, realtor and owner of CA North Realty in Clifton Park.

At some point someone eventually will sell their house and most people want to recoup some of the money they have invested in remodeling. “There’s nothing that can’t be done to improve just about any home, but you can’t get too excited,” North said. Many people wait until their home is for sale before they remodel.

They paint, take down old wallpaper and replace flooring just to make the house more attractive to buyers. “That’s just too overwhelming and then you don’t get to enjoy what you’ve done,” she said.

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As summer quickly approaches, homeowners will begin to spend more time on their decks and patios planting flowers, dusting off patio furniture, fixing up decks and relaxing in the warmer temperatures.

To help make these activities more comfortable and enjoyable, homeowners have added retractable awnings to their homes. More than 250,000 retractable awnings are currently gracing homes in North America.

"Retractable awnings give consumers options," said home improvement expert Chris Olivieri. "With a flip of a switch, an awning can provide either full sun exposure or much needed shade, adding both comfort and value to a home."

Awnings have long been popular because of aesthetic enhancements they add to a home and their ability to provide shade—a key benefit in an age when the public is increasingly concerned about the harmful effects of UV rays.

In addition to dressing up a deck or doorway, awnings have also been proven to lower indoor temperatures and protect furniture, carpet and drapes from fading.

A leading trade organization found that approximately 40 percent of heat build-up in the home was the result of heat coming through windows.

Retractable awnings are easy to install and don't require outer supports, which leaves more living space on a deck or patio.

In addition, manufacturers offer electronic options, which include sun and wind sensors that extend the awning when the sun shines and automatically retract the awning when high winds threaten damage.

Aesthetically, retractable awnings also are designed to blend in with the lines of a home, creating an attractive outdoor living space. Many fabricators recommend that consumers select a fade-resistant fabric for their awnings.

"Choosing the right awning fabric can offer practical and decorative enhancements to a home," said manufacturer Harry Gobbie.

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New Internet site attracts home repair do-it-yourselfers

When it comes to home repair, Americans love to do it themselves. With the booming economy, more and more people are moving, fixing up and renovating their old homes and new ones to fit the needs of their families. The Do It Yourself or DIY as it's known-market for supplies and tools is growing at a rate of nearly 10 percent a year and is moving online. Nearly $177 million worth of tools and garden supplies were sold via the Internet in 1998. The Internet has become an excellent way to serve the home-improvement customer.

By shopping online, customers can avoid the time consuming experience of shopping in a large warehouse store. They can also have easy access to experts who can answer questions on the best way to tackle home improvement projects.

One new player, Corner Hardware, intends to transform the industry by combining an inventory of products that rivals the big warehouse stores with the shopping convenience of the Internet.

The company has organized its online store around delivering exceptional customer service, expert advice, and a search engine that makes products and information easier to find whether a customer is comparing claw hammers, searching for a particular brand of sander or learning how to install a ceiling fan.

One of the site's most compelling features is 24-hour, live online person-to-person support.

Here, home improvement experts provide advice and answer home improvement related questions.

The site also features articles and how-to guides which are presented in a simple and straightforward way.

They've replaced lengthy product profiles with concise descriptions, streamlined lists and offer informative animated instructions that give customers step-by-step project instructions.

According to Rich Takata, co-founder and CEO of www.cornerhardware.com, the company's commitment to service doesn't stop with the sale.

Orders are delivered how and when the customer desires.

This is in addition to offering answers to questions promptly, locating hard-to-find and special-order items and offering a selection of hardware and home-improvement goods that will soon total 75,000-all of which are listed in their product index.

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"It's got the most durable finish on the market," said Floor and Wall Associate Cliff Tygert of Schenectady's Home Depot, which carries the Pergo brand.

He noted that hardwood can't take the kind of abuse and wear and tear that laminate can withstand.

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Unlike natural wood, laminate can be installed over any surface except soft drainage, said Tygert.

"Keeping laminate looking its best is simple, Tygert said. He recommended using a combination of vinegar and water to keep it clean instead of no-wax or oil soap. "Cleaning is so easy because nothing will stick to it," Tygert noted.

He added that substances from nail polish to cigarette burn marks would come right off without damaging the finish if you clean with acetone.

"The cost for laminate, with backing material, comes to about $50 cents more per square foot than hardwood.

But it can be easily installed. Schenectady Home Depot offers free classes on do-it-yourself laminate installation at 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Ceramic tile is becoming a very popular flooring choice for homeowners, according to Michael McCormick, sales manager at Gentle's Floor Center in Albany.

He expects that in coming years ceramic will surpass vinyl flooring in popularity. "Ceramic is always going to be hard. It's like putting stone down," said McCormick, who added that ceramic, is almost impervious to damage.

Vinyl is less expensive and comes in a huge variety of styles. It also has a one-day installation process as opposed to tile's three-day installation.

For those who want to install vinyl flooring themselves, McCormick stated that tiles are a safer option than sheeting. "If you make a mistake on sheeting, you've ruined the whole piece," he said. As far as picking which material to use in your home, "It's going to be determined by what your lifestyle is and how much you're willing to spend," McCormick said.

Carpet comes in every color imaginable and a variety of styles and pile heights, including Velvets, Saxony (plush), Textured Saxony, Level Loop, Multi-Colored Texture Saxony, Cut and Loop, Traceries or carved Saxinies, Twist, and Berbers.

Berber (loop pile or cut loop pile) carpet is the look right now, according to Bob Oliver, Manager of Mohawk Valley Carpet in Scotia.

"Out of four customers, two or three will want a Berber. It doesn't show footprints and it's a bright, cheerful look," he said.

The most important factors in selecting what type of carpet will work in your home are where it's going to be used, and for what type of application, and how much foot traffic will go through the rooms.

Also important, said Oliver, is selecting professional stores that you trust. Taking home carpet samples is an easy way to determine a particular style or color is appropriate for where you want to have it installed. The national average for the life of residential carpet is 12 years, Oliver said. To keep your carpet in good shape, he suggested regular vacuuming and spot cleaning.

Using soap and steam cleaning can actually do more harm than its worth as leftover soap can attract more dirt. "I've found that the less often you do it, the better you are," Oliver said.

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We've compiled a list provided by the National Association of Home Builders, a nationwide trade group in Washington DC and one of the largest home building related membership organization in the country. So added to the windows and fireplace there is 13,127 board feet of framing lumber, 2,085 squares of insulation used mostly in ceilings and the roof, 4,160 square feet of insulation used mostly in ceilings and the roof, 13,127 feet of framing lumber, 151/2 tons of concrete and 6,212 pounds of nails. That's 150 or so tons. Make's dieting seem 'easier.

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Center, the district's all-kindergarten facility attached to Slingerlands, a success. They also lauded Murphy's roller-skating skills. "A party at Halloween costumes, and quiet ability to ask a recallicant fifth grader if he really felt he'd done his best.

"He runs a tight ship," Meckler said. "There's a lot of respect in the school. There are a lot of high expectations. The kids really like him, and the climate is incredible. He knows all the kids' names, and they love to see him and hear his booming laugh."

Fourth-grade teacher Carol Putnam, who has been at Slingerlands for 13 years, described Murphy as "an excellent principal."

"He's the fairest person I've ever known, and he supports his staff 100 percent. He's also very supportive of the curriculum, and he's great at dealing with the community. No. 1. Teachers and students really are 'always our best,'" she said.

Many staff has always worked hard to help the school live up to its motto.

"He has a talent for picking the right kind of people," Murphy said. "When we're hiring, I look for people who really want to teach, who are cheerful and who work well with other people."

"Good relationships are the key to success," he added. "If people like and respect each other and feel good about coming to work, they'll do anything for you."

Eileen Smith, who was PTA president when Murphy was named principal of the Year, said that the great staff is Murphy's legacy to Slingerlands.

"He's a wonderful person," Smith said. "And when people have ideas, he gives them the freedom to make them happen."

Keeping the school clean has been another of Murphy's priorities over the years.

"We've made a good atmosphere here," he said. "Kids and parents comment on how clean our building is.

Murphy has also worked at making sure the kids' behavior exemplifies the school motto. "The kids here exhibit their best behavior, work hard and treat people nicely," he said.

"I think we've recently seen the fruits of that hard work when the state-wide English Language Arts test results came out," Murphy said. Of 120 schools in the Capital District, the Slingerlands fourth-graders were No. 1.

"I've always pushed on test scores," Murphy said. "I said to the teachers, 'We've got good kids, let's produce with them.'" The Slingerlands P.T.A. invites parents of current & former students, high school and college age Slingerlands alumni, friends and colleagues to join us for a Retirement Reception in honor of Dave Murphy Slingerlands School Principal 1977-2000

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Bethlehem Garden Club is co-sponsoring the event, and its members will serve as tour guides. The tour will feature eight private gardens in central Delmar, with the theme "You Can Do It."

New Scotland book available

The Town of New Scotland Historical Association's book, Images of America: New Scotland Township, is now available for purchase. The book, which has been a year in the making, has been delivered to the association.

There are 220 photographs with captions in the 128 pages of the book. Priced at $18.99 each ($20.49 if mailed), the book will be a family keepsake for the association to open July 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. In an historic building that was formerly a train station and a coal business, the gallery will show work by local member artists, including botanicals by Patricia Kerman and sculpture by Camille Gibeau.

The gallery's owner, Joan Oliver, will display watercolor, collage, prints and mixed media. Other members of the cooperative work in an array of media. An Albany native, Joan Oliver recently returned to the Capital District after several years in southwest Florida, where her award-winning work was displayed widely in public and private exhibits and was selected for the 60th annual National Exhibition of Contemporary American Painting, juried by Hirschhorn Museum Director James Demetrion.

In addition to operating the gallery, Oliver will conduct her grant-writing business from the Adams Street location.

For information, call 475-0077.

Cooperative gallery to open July 8

The Adams Street Gallery, a fine-arts cooperative at 121 Adams St., Delmar, will hold its grand opening on Saturday, July 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets cost $10 each and will be sold the day of the tour from 3 to 6 p.m. at the south end of the parking lot at Price Chopper Plaza off New Scotland Avenue in Slingerlands.

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**Ruth Briggs**

Ruth Olsmitt Briggs, 69, of Voorheesville died Sunday, June 4, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

Mrs. Briggs received a master's degree from SUNY and taught for more than 30 years in the Albany school district.

She founded the Heritage Craft Fair in 1974 and was also an Avon dealer.

She was a charter member of the Heilbronn BPF and the Dollars for Scholars program at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Survivors include her husband Robert Briggs; a daughter, Annette K. Briggs of Voorheesville; three sons, William Briggs of Phoenix, Ariz., Raymond Briggs of Altamont and Robert Briggs of Lakefold, Colon.; two sisters, Evelyn Olsmitt Berger of Voorheesville and Florence Olson Wagner of East Berne; and two grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today, June 7, at the Belley & Son Funeral Home, 9 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville.

Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance or the American Heart Association.

**Agnes O'Brien**

Agnes Maxwell O'Brien, 88, died privately Saturday, June 3, at her home.

Born in County Leitrim, Ireland, she lived on Thurlow Terrace in Albany before moving to Delmar.

She became a U.S. citizen in 1939.

She worked for the New York City Catholic Diocese before she retired.

She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Albany.

She was the widow of Denis Foley and Thomas O'Brien.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Foley of Merrick, Nassau County, and Denis Foley of Delmar; two daughters, Mary Foley of Delmar and Ann O'Brien Curley of Briarcliff Manor, Westchester County; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were from the New Covenant Funeral Home in Colonie and St. Patrick's Church.

Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hamburg.

Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church, 283 Central Ave., Albany 12206.

**Margaret Noonan**

Margaret J. Noonan, 84, of Delmar died May 27, at her home.

Born in Rochester, she was a graduate of Nazareth Academy.

Mrs. Noonan worked for the state Higher Education Assistance Authority as a supervisor in student loans before she retired.

She was a volunteer teacher's aide at Elmore Elementary School and a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

She was the widow of Thomas Noonan.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Noonan Jr., and a granddaughter.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Rochester.

Contributions may be made to the Mohawk & Hudson Humane Society, 30 Oakland Ave., Menands 12204, att. Bob Boyer.

**Alex Bloom**

Alex B. Bloom, 87, of Hague Boulevard in Glenmont died Tuesday, May 30, at Community Hospital of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in New York City, he was a graduate of City College of New York.

Mr. Bloom owned a fabric business in Franklin Square.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He received three Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Albany Jewish War Veterans.

In Franklin Square, he was secretary and vice president of the Lions Club.

Mr. Bloom was a member and captain of the Police Officers Association. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Rosen Bloom; two daughters, Deborah Cole of Hickopotom, Mass., and Gail Glog of Long Island; three sisters, Betty Ginsburg of Long Beach, Nassau County, Helen Bimbaum of Los Angeles, Calif., and Ethel Florian of Little Neck, Queens; and a granddaughter.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burials were in Saratoga National Cemetery.

**Robert Wood**


Born and raised in Dalton, Mass., he was an Eagle Scout. He received a degree in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Wood worked for Albany International for 42 years before he retired.

He was a volunteer fireman.

Wood was instrumental in the formation of the Ravena-Coeymans Selkirk school district.

He was a former president of the Bethlehem Archaeological Society in Albany and former president of the Echo Lake Association in Fayette, Maine.

He was also a longtime member of First Reformed Church in Selkirk.

Survivors include three sons, David Wood of Brewer, Mass., Bruce Wood of Watauga, Wash., and John Wood of Buckley, Wash.; a sister, Grace MacArthur of Kettering, Ohio; a brother, Edwin Wood of Millbrook, Dutchess County; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be on Friday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m. at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 30 Church Road, Selkirk 12188.

**Helen Middleton**

Helen C. Middleton, 89, of Lexington, Ky., and formerly of Delmar, died Tuesday, May 30.

Born in Swanton, Vt., she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Middleton was active in Episcopal church parishes where she lived over the years.

Survivors include her husband, Claude Middleton; a son, John Middleton of Lexington; a daughter, Jeannette Ball of Williamsburg, Va.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Burial was in Bethesda Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Avenue, Delmar 12054 or Bethlehem Senior Citizens 454 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

**Susan Fisher**

Susan B. Fisher of San Diego, Calif., and formerly of Glenmont, died Saturday, May 27, at San Diego Hospice.

Born in Brooklyn, she was a graduate of the University at Albany. She worked for Albany County Department of Social Services Child Protective unit before she retired.

She was a volunteer for Planned Parenthood in San Diego.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel Fisher, a son, Michael David Fisher of Troy; a daughter, Betsy Sickles of Loudonville; a brother, James Paul of Houston, Texas; and two grandchildren.

Services were from the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany.

Burials will be in Bethel Cemetery in Loudonville.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

**Susan B. Fisher**

Susan B. Fisher of San Diego, CA formerly of Glenmont, NY passed away Saturday, May 27, 2000 at San Diego Hospice. The family was former members of Congregation Chai Shalom in Albany.

Susan was born in Brooklyn, NY and relocated to the Capital District in 1976. She was a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany and was employed by Albany County Dept. of Social Services Child Protective Unit from 1974 until her retirement in 1980. Susan was a volunteer to the Planned Parenthood Association, San Diego Chapter.

Susan was the beloved wife of Samuel S. Fisher of San Diego, loving mother of Michael David Fisher of Troy, NY and Betty Sickles of Loudonville, NY. She is also survived by two devoted grandchildren, Samantha Rose and Matthew Paul Sickles of Loudonville; a brother James Paul of Houston, TX; a daughter in law Andrea Habib Fisher of Troy, NY; and son in law, Michael Joseph Sickles of Loudonville, NY.

Services were at the Levine Memorial Chapel, 649 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY on Thursday, June 1, with interment following at Beth Emeth Cemetery, Turner Lane, Loudonville, NY. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Susan Fisher may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

**Death Notices**

**The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is $25.**

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for $25.

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Kwacz, Carotenuto engaged

Kathleen Marie Kwacz, daughter of Debra and Joseph Kwacz of Delmar, recently announced her engagement to Michael Stephen Carotenuto III, son of Dr. Alan and Diane Carotenuto of Delmar, and Ronald Joseph Carotenuto of Halfmoon, and Ralph Joseph Carotenuto III, son of Dr. Ralph and Linda Carotenuto of Delmar, and Marcella Carotenuto of Halfmoon. They are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, where she was a member of Sweet Adelines International. She has been accepted at the University of Michigan where she will major in vocal performance under the guidance of Claire Lee, director of choir and vocal music education.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, where he was a member of Sweet Adelines International. He has been accepted at the University of Michigan where he will major in vocal performance under the guidance of Claire Lee, director of choir and vocal music education.

The couple are planning a wedding in the fall.

Herbach, Stern marry

Nancy Diane Herbach, daughter of David and Sue Herbach of Delmar, and Ronald Bryan Stern, son of Dr. Alan Stern of Boca Raton, Fla., and Nora Stern of Forest Hills, Queens, were married April 8.

The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Scott Shpeen at The Desmond in Colonie. A reception followed.

The matron of honor was Deborah Liebman, sister of the bride. The flower girls were Samatha Liebman, Joy Liebman, and Emma Liebman.

The best man was Garret Stern, brother of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, SUNY Oswego and Loyola of Chicago. She is a financial analyst at University at Buffalo, where she is studying for a master’s degree.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, SUNY College at Buffalo, and University at Buffalo, where he is studying for a master’s degree.

The couple plans an Aug. 9 wedding.

Ferrari, Thomas to wed

Cynthia Ann Ferrari, daughter of Barbara Ferrari of Delmar and the late Richard Ferrari, and Bryan Paul Thomas, son of Delores Thomas of Schenectady and the late Rev. Wilis Thomas, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Franklin & Marshall College and Sage Graduate School. She is a health educator for Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Niskayuna High School, Middlebury College. He is a Web site coordinator for New York State United Teachers in Albany.

The couple plans a Sept. 23 wedding.

BCHS senior wins vocal award

Molly Spooner, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, recently won the third annual Rena Mazzero Memorial Vocal Award. Ms. Spooner was selected by Capital One Bank, a member of Sweet Adelines International.

Sweet Adelines International is an organization dedicated to vocal music education.

Sponsorship competitions for students from the Capital District, all of them pursuing a course of study in vocal music, performance or teaching.

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Raymond and Alida Roohan

Raymond and Alida Roohan of Delmar were guests of honor at a 50th anniversary party given by their children on May 13 at St. Mary's Church in Colonie.

The couple were married May 13, 1950, at St. Terese of Avila Church in Albany.

Raymond retired in 1989 from corporate marketing at General Electric. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and American Legion.

Will Cushing of Delmar, a graduate of Saint Mary's College of Maryland, will attend Yale University School of Medicine's Physician Associate Program in August. Cushing was the first recipient of the Hooughton College Highlander Scholarship, given in recognition of scholastic, athletic and community service achievements.

He was also named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges and was a NAIA Scholar-Athlete. He is an American soccer player.
As with previous seasons, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center provides a diverse group of entertainers for their summer season. Rock legends from the 60s through the 90s will appear on the SPAC stage. In addition to the pop music attractions, the schedule includes Lord of the Dance and a touring production of "Grease." Concluding the season in early September will be Nickelodeon Festival which offers entertainment for the entire family.

The Beach Boys have been entertaining fans for over three decades. Bringing unique harmonies and a California sound to pop music the group is known for hits like "California Girls," "Good vibrations," "Help Me Rhonda," and "Wouldn't It Be Nice." In the late 1980s, the group topped the charts once again with "Kokomo." The Beach Boys will be appearing at SPAC on July 28.

Sting will appear at SPAC on July 2. An 80s rock icon, who wrote and sang with the group The Police, Sting has had an impressive solo career in the years following the group's break-up.

Grease is the word when the popular musical comes to SPAC on July 9. Cindy Williams and Eddie Mekka, stars of the TV show, "Laverne & Shirley" will perform with the company. Williams takes on the role of Miss Lynch while Mekka, who played Shirley's boyfriend Carmine on the show, plays Teen Angel and DJ Vince Fontaine. Join Danny and Sandy and their friends from Rydell High in an evening of song, comedy and romance.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers have crammed a lifetime of ups and downs, fortune and misfortune into their dramatic rock careers. The group appears at SPAC on July 30.

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
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Under Section 203 of the Limited LIABILITY COMPANY ACT, this certificate of organization is hereby filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York to be effective as of the date and time set forth below.

THE NAME OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: The Pink Elephant, LLC

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THE REGISTERED AGENT OF THE COMPANY: CT Corporation System

THE OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH MAILING MAY BE DIRECTED: 30 East Broadway, 14th Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11201

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The name of the LLC is "BETHLEHEM TRANSGAST LTD.", and the address of the LLC is 2511 State St., Albany, NY 12206. The LLC shall have perpetual duration.

The character and purpose of the LLC is to engage in the practice of general and orthopedic surgery.

The LLC shall engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in the City of Albany, County of Albany, New York, USA. The LLC shall have no principal place of business in the state of New York.

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2nd Place • Joe Phillips • Best Column
2nd Place • Marcus Anderson • Best Graphic Illustration
3rd Place • Donna Bell • Best Column
3rd Place • Jim Franco • Best Sports Feature Shot
Honorable Mention • Health Care • Best Special Section Cover Story
Honorable Mention • Jim Franco • Best Sports Action Photo

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Moving

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management staff and a hearing officer assigned to the unit.

The move was necessitated by consolidation of the agency's Office on Technology, creating a demand for more room.

"We're just a little too big to keep all of our people in Agency Building 3," said PSC Chairman Maureen Helmer.

Their functions, largely independent of the PSC's regulatory operations, made the consumer affairs units logical candidates for a move out of the central offices, she said.

"It had a lot to do with who has to be in the agency building together, and who it was most convenient to have in another building," Helmer added.

In the search for additional facilities, the agency placed a high priority on an easy commuting distance from Empire State Plaza in choosing Delmar.

"The convenience to downtown Albany was very important," said Helmer. "Obviously, under normal circumstances the commute is very fast."

Unless, of course, the main access route is closed to traffic.

The PSC was originally scheduled to announce the move in mid-May. The Elmser landscaping temporarily postponed that, but Helmer said it did not threaten to delay the move.

"Not at all," she said. "Obviously, this is going to be a temporary inconvenience for our work force, as well as for everybody. But no, it really didn't provide any reason for hesitation for us to come down there."

"That is because there are other pluses to the new location besides an easy commute, Helmer said."

With a 24-hour call center operation, a safe place for employees arriving and departing at all hours was particularly important.

"Delmar everyone believes to be a very safe and secure community," she said. "And it's a lovely area as terms of convenience for the people who will work there. There are plenty of places to shop and places to go. It's just a very nice area."

Those were welcome sentiments to the ears of Delaware Avenue merchants, said Marty DeLaney, president of the Chamber of Commerce who last week hailed the PSC's move.

"We're all really excited about this move because of the expected impact on business in that area," DeLaney said. "Employees moving into that area is a real shot in the arm. Everyone's just so pleased to have all those people coming in that the merchants are offering all kinds of welcoming discounts and specials."

The chamber also announced its plans for a public welcome party on June 21 to include ribbon-cutting ceremonies involving Supervisor Sheila Fuller and town officials.

Clarksaville School to open time capsule

Clarksaville Elementary School in searching for former students, now in their 30s, who were in grade school in 1976-77 to participate in the Year 2000 Time Capsule in 1976.

The capsule was buried to commemorate the U.S. bicentennial. It will be opened at a celebration on Friday, June 9.

Foreword a spot, call 768-2318.

Father Festival set at Delmar library

Children in kindergarten through third-grade and their fathers and mothers are invited to "A Father Festival" Saturday, June 17, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 427 State St., Delmar.

Activities include stories, songs and craft. To register, call 439-5914.

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