V’ville to put budget up for second vote

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

At its second special meeting since May 21, when voters defeated a $16,788,172 proposed budget for the Voorheesville school district, the board last Wednesday voted to present a second, revised budget for district approval.

On Tuesday, June 18, from 2 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the high school, residents will say yea or nay to a $16,729,172 budget for the 2002-2003 school year. The $59,000 decrease in spending will yield an estimated 0.62 percent tax rate for residents, compared to the 8.4 percent tax rate estimated that went along with the defeated budget.

Should June 18 vote be defeated, the district will be forced to go to a contingency budget of $16,649,743, which will mean a tax rate of 5.81 percent.

Based on a home assessed at $150,000, the tax bill for residents will equal $9,130.33.

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The district plans to apply $86,000 to the revised budget proposal, and keep $43,148 in reserve.

A contingency budget brings restrictions with it, particularly as to what a district can purchase and how its buildings can be used. Community groups, for instance, might have to pay to use the school facilities, and new uniforms and equipment for sports teams could not be purchased. Although more state aid has become available to the district since the first budget vote went out, audits by Questar BOCES’ state aid planning office and the Voorheesville administration are yielding different sets of numbers, concluded after two different analyses. For the budget to be voted on June 18, the district estimates that it will receive $5,369,669 from the state, an increase of $112,000 since the first vote went out on May 21.

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Three longtime town employees retire

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Last Friday, May 31, was officially Barbara Asprion Day in Bethlehem, thanks to a proclamation by Supervisor Sheila Fuller to mark the final day in office of the executive secretary who has served three town supervisors for the last 16 years.

Asprion is the third veteran town employee to have retired in recent weeks — including two senior police officers. Taking her place, starting this week, is Jo-Jo Mary Dragon, previously employed in the town building department.

Asprion came to town service in 1986 from previous employment as a dispatcher for Bennett’s Plumbing and Heating.

“I knew town hall was a really nice place to work and would be a great place to finish out my career,” she said last week. “This was a wonderful place to work. Everyone’s very friendly and happy, and there’s very little animosity. It’s like a big team, everyone helping everyone else in the other office. It was a hard decision, but it’s time.”

The retirements of Sgt. Joseph Sluers, a member of the 43-member uniformed police force since 1969, on April 26, and Detective Joseph Mastriano, a 24-year veteran, effective May 17, leave two unfilled vacancies.

These are two that are tough to fill,” said Chief Richard LaChappelle. “We have some awful good people in this department, and these are among the best.”

A candidate for one of those vacancies, forwarded to the town board for consideration at its May 22 meeting, was withdrawn shortly before that meeting when the candidate accepted an appointment with another department.

LaChappelle has appointed Sgt. Paul Roberts to assume Sluera’s responsibilities overseeing administrative services, including records and telecommunications. Sgt. James Kerr will take on Roberts’ responsibilities in the patrol division. The town board promoted Officer Robert Markel to sergeant to fill the vacancy in that rank after Sluers departure.

A one time patrol officer, Sluers transferred into administrative service a quarter century ago.

“Since the police station moved from Adams Street, I had started there just prior to the move,” he recalled. “I was responsible for getting our hand records moved and situated.”

Sleurs later oversaw the department’s transition to computerized record keeping, and the establishment of the 911 computer-aided dispatch and automated reporting systems. The most complex piece of that puzzle, he said, was the town’s rapid residential development over the last 25 years: geocoding and numbering all of the town’s lots and buildings for computer-aided dispatch.

“When it first started, everyone hated the computer,” he said. “Now if they go down for a day, everybody misses them.

“It’s been the guy in a position of responsibility who held a lot of our administrative systems together,” said LaChappelle. “You’re not going to find another Joe Sluers soon.”

Like Sluers, Mastriano also started out as a patrolman for 14 years before his promotion to the detectives bureau. As technology has changed the functioning of the police department, it has changed the nature of detective work as well.

“We’re seeing a lot more plastic crime, computer crime identity theft,” he said.
Man charged with DWAI

A fender-bender in North Bethlehem on Tuesday, May 28, led to the arrest of an Albany driver, charged with driving under the influence of drugs, and his passenger, charged with possession of marijuana.

The accident at the intersection of Monroe and North Bridge streets was reported to Bethlehem police shortly after 6:30 p.m. Police responding at the scene found a vehicle driven by Mitchell K Nolan-Schou, 22, of New Wood St., Albany, that had apparently struck another vehicle in the intersection.

Neither driver nor Nolan-Schou’s passenger, Jasmine Franette Tice, 20, of 415 Green Hill Court, Albany, was injured. But Nolan Schou, who told police he was en route home from a picnic at Thacher Park at the time, underwent field sobriety tests, and was arrested for driving while ability impaired (DWAI) by drugs, and ticketed for failure to observe a stop sign.

A search of the car allegedly turned up several containers of marijuana and related paraphernalia, and Tice was issued a summons for unlawful possession.

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Police report on town accidents

BY JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

No injuries were reported in three recent vehicle accidents involving several public vehicles — a Bethlehem Central school bus, a town police car and a tow truck.

• A police car sustained heavy damage in an accident on a rain-dampened Wemple Road shortly before 4 a.m. on Friday, May 24. While engaged in a high speed chase of another vehicle southbound on River Road, Officer Scott Gaul looked attempted to make a turn onto Wemple and skidded into an embankment on the shoulder of the road. The vehicle then crossed the roadway and struck several trees before colliding with one head-on. Gaul went suffered no injuries in the mishap.

• River Road was the scene of another accident about 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27. Kevin Eggleston of 44 Mountain Road, Ravena, was aboard a town mowing tractor operating along the shoulder of the road just north of Beaver Dam Road when he was struck from behind by a car driven by Grant E. Ford, Jr., 65, of 27 Sand Creek Road, Colonie. Ford told police he did not see the mower because he was behind another vehicle that abruptly swerved at the last moment to avoid colliding with the tractor. Eggleston sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

• A Glenmont resident was injured in a motor vehicle accident on May 13, when she apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

Megan P. Leary, 18, of 508A Feura Bush Road, driving westbound on Kenwood Avenue, apparently drifted off the shoulder and struck a utility pole just west of Hoyt Avenue, near Maple Park, at about 6:30 a.m.

Both the New Scotland and Albany County paramedics and Delmar ambulance responded at the scene, and Leary was transported to St. Peter's Hospital for observation and treatment of chest pains, and later released.

No charges were filed.

• A similar accident occurred just before 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 49 of 219 Van Wies Point Road, Glenmont, was westbound on River Road when his passenger-side front tire caught the edge of the narrow roadway and caused him to lose control, drive off the road and strike a tree.

Bethlehem Ambulance transported Carol to Albany Medical Center for observation and treatment of head lacerations.

• Two vehicles were involved in a collision near the Toll Gate restaurant on New Scotland Road on Sunday, May 19. An eastbound car driven by Wendy Lee Allen, 32, of 11 Colonos Place, Albany, slowed to turn into the Toll Gate parking lot. Turning partially into the westbound lane, Allen’s vehicle was struck by another driver operating along the shoulder of River Road, when his passenger-side front tire caught the edge of the narrow roadway and caused him to lose control, drive off the road and strike a tree.

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• Two passengers in Krasher’s vehicle, his wife Florence, 48, and father Joseph, 81, were both treated at the scene for minor injuries, transported to Albany Medical Center for observation, and later released.

Allen was ticketed for failure to yield right of way.

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Vandals run rampant over holiday weekend

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Bethlehem police faced a wild Memorial Day weekend with numerous criminal mischief and burglary complaints reported throughout town.

Much of the activity reported between Friday, May 24, and Tuesday, May 28, involved damage to vehicles by rocks and bottles thrown through windshields. Several incidents were reported in the overnight hours of May 25-26 on several Delmar streets including Adams Place, Bennett Terrace and Odox Road. Three cars sustained broken windshields, and a garage window was smashed with a large rock.

In one incident shortly after midnight, an Adams Street resident chased two suspected vandals, reportedly teen-agers, but a subsequent check of the area by police was unable to locate them.

The proximity of the incidents makes it “more likely” they were related, according to Officer Timothy Boche.

“It’s pretty disturbing,” he said. “Give kids a snow day and a four-day weekend and just look what they do with it.”

Across town, on Center Lane in Glenmont, the vehicle storage lot of Robert Wright Disposal was burglarized sometime over the weekend, for the second time in recent months. The windshields of several trucks, a van and a demolition crane were smashed. At Glenmont Elementary School, someone climbed onto the roof of the building and smashed two skylights — damage discovered Monday by a janitor.

Also reported over the weekend were break-ins at three construction trailers — one at a site on Elsmere Avenue near the Delmar bypass and two on Hauray Lane in Glenmont. Losses in the incidents of tools and equipment totaled more than $8,000 and $9,000 respectively.

A business on Booth Road was burglarized somewhere in mid-afternoon on Saturday, May 25, with more than $3,000 in checks and $1,600 in currency stolen.

Town, police union OK contract

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

The town of Bethlehem has approved a new contract for 2002-04 with the Bethlehem Police Officers Union.

The pact was ratified unanimously by the town board at its May 22 meeting — just two days after the union rank-and-file voted for it by an overwhelming majority.

Councilman George Lenhardt said, and was representing the town, and the union’s bargaining team, led by president Scott. Anson and attorney Richard Walsh, agreed on a 3 percent raise retroactive to Jan. 1 for the department’s uniformed officers, to be followed by alternating 2 and 3 percent raises at six-month intervals.

The base salary of a probationary officer, for example, will rise from $34,263 a year under the previous agreement to $39,732; a five-year veteran officer from $45,954 to $53,218; a first-year sergeant from $55,520 to $64,003. Base pay for a lieutenant will rise from $61,184 to $70,950 and for the chief from $69,279 to $80,337.

“A better negotiation this time did go more smoothly,” Lenhardt said. “There was a willingness on both sides to approach the negotiations. It was all business.”

Vandals ran rampant over the holiday weekend.

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

The Bethlehem school board has appointed Sandra Morley as assistant principal of the middle school.

Superintendent Les Loomis said: “Sandra is an experienced and dynamic teacher who has shown tremendous abilities in a lot of ways in the past. Her recommendations are outstanding and we are happy to have her to hit the ground running.”

Her schedule for last Saturday, June 1, supports Loomis’s statement. She was director and coordinator for Freiholzer’s Run race in the morning. Three thousand area children from age 2 to 13 participated in either the 100 meter race or the 200 yard dash. Youngster received a T-shirt with a No. 1 and a certificate for participation in one of the five events in running events in the United States.

Morley then changed hats and shoulders into the Freiholzer’s Run Women’s Run later in the day. In this race, contestants will compete for friendship and fitness relationship. Morley also has been director of Freiholzer Adult Training Program for 32 years.

With a bachelor’s degree in physical education from SUNY Cortland, she started her teaching career in the Mansion middle school system in Westchester County in 1981. She was returning to the community and her first love, addition to teaching physical education in grades seven and eight, she has been coach of varsity field hockey, soccer and fencing.

Morley’s ability to make a difference started early in her career. Because of her teaching and coaching accomplishments, she was inducted into the Mamaroneck High School Athletic Hall of Fame, was named Westchester-Putnam County Field Hockey Coach of the Year in 1981 and earned several athletic appreciation awards from the Mamaroneck district.

Morley then moved the Guildedale in 1985 to teach physical education at Averill Park Middle School. Her supervisor, Wayne Bertrand, district director of health and physical education, said: “Sandra Morley is an asset to any organization. I can say enough about her work ethic and her approach oriented, very centered on the kids and has shown outstanding leadership skills in the district, community and the state.”

She was president of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, has been on the group’s board of directors since 1993 and currently serves as the New York State representative. Her resume states she serves “as a clinician, keynote speaker and consultant for local, state, regional and national organizations and workshops in the areas of physical education assessment, professional advocacy, study skills and academic programs for at risk students.”

Morley has a master’s degree in exercise physiology from Adelphi University and New York State University at Stony Brook, and a certificate from College of Liberal Arts in North Adams. She has also done graduate work at the College of Education at State College and at St. Lawrence University.

Shari Keller, former principal of Mohawk House at Farnsworth Middle School, was Morley’s regional administrator who served as an administrative intern from 2000 to 2001.

“Shari is just an incredibly exceptional person,” said Keller. “She is highly motivated, energetic, well organized and respected in the district community, as well as statewide educational communities.”

Morley said: “I have heard great things about the staff at the Bethlehem Middle School. I am excited about going there, and I am looking forward to becoming part of that team.”
Here's to the bride & groom on their wedding day.

In spite of our 10-year-old Cormac's worry that he would miss even one moment of all the excitement, our family went for Plan B and got a room at a hotel. This was an enormous relief to 12-year-old Christopher, who doesn't take well to a steady diet of socializing. The pool also gave the four grandchildren a place to play away from Grandma's newly-seeded back lawn (the final portion of the house renovation project), and an activity other than running to the corner store that employed nearly all of us during our year at home.

When we return home, we all turn too easily to our mother, who serves as our pillar of strength in good times and bad. At 63, she has more energy than the rest of us combined and never seems to be tempted to ramble through her cupboards for cookies, peer in her fridge to see if we can pick up more of her market's great carrots or run to the store ourselves for one more extra cigarette. "What would your family do without this corner store?" our Aunt Katie asks, and in that brief, the demise of the corner market is a great loss to our society — and a wonder to our California sister-in-law Holly.

They really let you kids buy cigarettes to bring home to your parents? she asked once, shocked at the notion.

"Well, sure," we said, "but they did draw the line at selling beer." After we worked our way through the tensions that define a family, we settle in for conversation, and the stories that are our living make us laugh and fill the room with a sense of commonality.

On this weekend that is about Tom and Vicki, the stories should be about him, and we remember when we didn't figure him out, as we did call his sweater his "neighbor." Our mother finally realized that the peculiar appellation came from watching Mr. Rogers ask kids to be his neighbor at the exact moment that he pulled on the sweater cardigan his mother made for him.

In the ways of families, the stories move on to the end. We remember the time the neighbor's dog crawled under our porch to warm up, and after Dad rescued them, Peter sat for hours in the neighbor's yard, returning scampering puppies to the box that had become their home. When Pat was 4 and tired of winter, he reported that our mother said something that "Springing just around the corner" was, in fact, not even remotely true.

At their wedding, Tom and Vicki lighted candles to honor our father and Vicki's mother, whose departures from this planet mean that we have their last birthday to sit along for far too soon. While the candles burned, the lawns around the Highgate Manor lawn in Vermont were quiet, and as we thought about the people who meant the most to us, our eyes turned to Christopher, Cormac, our room and Kokoal, the grandchildren bidding their time to go explore the creek running behind it.

In that moment, as Tom and Vicki stood facing us, the green promise of our early summer was an absolute backdrop to the beginning of their lives together. Joy shone in their faces in a way we have never seen before, a future full of hopes and dreams.

The rest of us gently held the past that the sunshine wove around us, and the newest couple in the family wrote the first page of their own story.
Firefighters cited for rowdy behavior

BY JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

A social event — partially funded by taxpayer dollars — and the behavior of members of three Selkirk volunteer fire companies that allegedly turned raucous has led to disciplinary action against two firefighters.

At a public disciplinary hearing at the Glenmont fire station on Tuesday, May 28, before special hearing officer William Young, assistant chief John Biscone and Michael G. Weddell faced charges of misconduct under the department's bylaws, and could face suspension or expulsion from the company.

The charges, brought by the district Board of Fire Commissioners, stem from the departmental Installation Dinner and Annual Muster, held on April 13 at Albany's Italian-American Community Center.

The hearing, attended by roughly 40 district residents, pitied by motions to dismiss the case by attorneys Arnold Proskin, representing Weddell, and John Biscone, representing Wagner. They argued that the district lacked authority to conduct the hearing, what is essentially a private function for the department — although the three companies had already been disciplined, without benefit of hearing, by the chiefs of Selkirk's three fire companies.

The installation and muster is an annual event honoring the elected officers of the fire district, with a cost estimated at about $10,000, the banquet is paid for by a $3,000 donation by the district board, the remaining costs being divided among the three fire companies — which are also partially funded by taxpayer levies.

Its formal purpose is an annual "general meeting" of company members as required by General Municipal Law, and formal installation of officers. But those officers are now suspended and officially installed in December, leaving the formal purpose largely overshadowed by its social aspect.

Conflicting testimony from more than a dozen witnesses was presented in the hearing by attorney John Clavardoni, representing the district, and by Biscone, offering differing accounts of the actions of the accused firemen. The district board alleged public drunkenness, coarse language, one of the accused dancing partially to escort him out, a near-brawl.

The district commissioners drew up charges and called the disciplinary hearing. Biscone and Proskin said their clients did not dispute the punishment, but both moved to dismiss the commissioners' charges for reasons of sufficient evidence.

They also challenged whether the district board, the official governmental arm of the fire service, as opposed to the fire companies, the "firematic" and social bodies, had authority to discipline off-duty misconduct.

Young will rule on the dismissional motions before making a recommendation to the commissioners on the substance of the disciplinary action. He ordered an expended transcript of the proceedings and gave attorneys until June 7 to file motions and responses. Should either issue his findings by June 14.

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Be a good neighbor

The spree of incidents of vandalism over Memorial Day weekend is disturbing. And with vacation season coming up, it's likely there will be more acts of senseless destruction in the coming weeks.

It's a good idea to practice the good neighbor policy, and be on the lookout for your own property and that of your neighbors.

If you do plan to be away, have lights both inside and outside put on a timer. Your should also notify Bethlehem police, who will periodically check your property for the time you are away.

In addition, have your mail stopped. Bulging mailboxes are a green light to potential thieves or vandals.

And don't leave unlocked vehicles in the driveway. Every year during the warm weather, a number of residents fall prey to those who view an open car as an invitation to take or destroy whatever is left inside.

Best laid plans...

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Kenholm Pool group welcomes new members

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to inform the community that there is a pleasant alternative to the town park. It is the Kenholm Pool Association that is conveniently located off Kenwood Avenue on 78 Dunbarton Drive.

The Kenholm pool has convenient parking right next to the pool. This makes loading and unloading your gear hassle-free.

At the Kenholm pool, there is a small fenced-in kiddie pool right next to the larger pool, which makes it very easy to keep track of your little ones.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

About eight months ago, The Spotlight published a letter regarding our experience of a lifetime. This past summer, we traveled with the international leaves little hope for their future. conditions that the people may would like to help, with We hope not only to treat would be much appreciated.

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Some weeds peskier than others

Invasive plant species are a

brous problem, costing billions of dollars to economic losses and also crowding out native plant species, according to The Nature Conservancy.

Typically transplants from
distant places, these plants may look pretty, but their beauty is deceptive.

Among the most harmful invasive plants are purple loosestrife, kudzu, giant salvia, multiflora rose, tree of heaven and water chestnut. Purple loosestrife, particularly endemic in New York, is an example of what can happen when a plant intended for limited use escapes its intended purpose. An ornamental plant promoted because of its bright purple flowers, purple loosestrife was once limited to gardens, but now chokes wetlands and infests roadways all across the Northeast.

Free of the natural checks and balances of their native lands, these alien invaders establish themselves in new areas, then proliferate and persist to the detriment of native species. They board light, water and nutrients, and can even alter entire ecosystems by changing soil chemistry. These invasive species also negatively affect animals that had relied on the native plants for food.

The threat to native plants and animals posed by invasive plants is exceeded only by the threat of habitat loss.

"Taking the time to remove invasive plants on your property and replace them with non-invasive varieties brings new energy to the old adage, think globally, act locally," said Steve McCormick, president of The Nature Conservancy.

"Customers look for plants that establish quickly, withstand environmental stresses and generally grow without much care," said Wayne Mezitt, vice president of the American Nursery and Landscape Association. "Unfortunately, these characteristics can also be features that make plants invasive.

To learn how to identify and remove invasive plants, log on to www.nature.org.

This information was provided by The Nature Conservancy of New York State.

Annual garden tour set in Slingerlands

On Wednesday, June 15, from 4 to 8 p.m., five homeowners in the Slingerlands area will open their gardens for the eighth annual Bethlehem Garden Tour, sponsored by Bethlehem First and the Bethlehem Garden Club.

Tickets are on sale on the day of the tour from 3 to 6 p.m. in the southern part of Price Chopper Plaza, Slingerlands. Tickets are $10 per person and driving maps and garden descriptions will be available.

The tour will be held rain or shine.
Delmar man hopes to help street kids

Editor, The Spotlight:

Nearly three months ago, I decided to dedicate my first years after college to work with street children in Brazil. As a student of international affairs at George-town University, I had just re-turned from a yearlong study-abroad program, which had given me the opportunity to live in Ecuador, Chile and Brazil.

My most recent experience in South America, among people and places far removed from my hometown of Delmar, was both beautiful and traumatic.

To be sure, South America delights with breathtaking mountain vistas, push shopping malls and vibrant and rhythmic dances. But throughout the continent, the omnipresence of poor children begging, crying, working and sleeping in the streets proves impossible to ignore. My limited interaction with these children always provoked multiple sensations: pity, fear, sadness, helplessness and anger at society.

I began to realize that concrete solutions to the problem of street children in Brazil really do exist. While doing research for a paper, I came across a Brazilian non-governmental organization (NGO) called Projeto Axe, which was consistently cited in academic research on the topic and had won an esteemed human rights award in Brazil. Projeto Axe is based in the poor northeastern state of Bahia that is home to a significant number of Brazilian children who live and work on the street. The NGO's mission is to provide a safe haven, where kids can learn and form the skills necessary to reintegrate themselves into their schools and society. The organization maintains programs in health and arts-based education, literacy, job training, legal advocacy and family outreach.

I decided to contact Projeto Axe to see what work opportunities that might be available. The director responded quite favorably. At this point, I hope to play a small but positive role in this complex issue.

Projeto Axe and I hope that my distinct perspective and abilities — along with simple novelties like my accent — could provide a useful spark for the program. One of the directors and I decided that I would join the organization for about a year to teach and to assist in the creation and management of a program to help the older students navigate the transition to move away from Projeto Axe and look for stable jobs or higher education opportunities.

Due to the nonprofit nature of Projeto Axe, the organization is unable to provide significant funding for this endeavor. In search of financial support, I developed an official grant proposal that details the specifics of the project and the $8,500 budget. I received $5,500 in grants from the Georgetown community, which included donations from alumni, the university’s Center of Social Justice and the Lena Landregger Award for Excellence in Community Service. I have secured enough funding to ensure that the project will move forward, but I am still seeking about $1,000 to support a 12 to 16-month endeavor.

My hope is that members of the Bethlehem community will decide to become partners in this initiative. The Bethlehem Lions Club has already responded with a contribution. I am seeking additional grants, of all sizes to be tax-deductible when directed to a nonprofit organization. The contributions will demonstrate the impact of their contributions. When I return to the states, I will provide a Power Point pre-certification to each contributor, detailing the most noteworthy aspects of the program.

I truly hope to incorporate the Bethlehem community into this partnership. Anyone who would like to become a sponsor can contact me at 439-5044 or at sherrin@georgetown.edu. I will promptly send a detailed grant proposal about Projeto Axe, my capacity and the initiative.

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The library has a brand new supply of the latest reading craze — graphic novels. Besides being a uniquely American art form, graphic novels represent a fast-growing, visually engaging genre which combines powerful images with text on important and often serious young adult themes. These fast-paced, exciting and fun reads are cutting out a place as an important medium of young adult section, you can find

- "9/11: Emergency Relief" (and more human interest)
- A classic adaptation of "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville
- "Pedro and Mc Friendship, Loss and What I Learned" (a moving story about AIDS featuring the young actor from MTV's "Real World")
- Superhero tales about Spider-Man and X-Men
- "The Dark Knight Returns" (and other Batman adventures by Frank Miller)

Nimbleshare members are displaying their handiwork in the community room through June 18. We invite and encourage you to stop in and see this beautiful exhibit, which includes the quilt the group recently completed to be raffled off to benefit the Library Friends.

The next meeting of this group of fourth through sixth graders will be in October.

And as an important medium of public culture, you can find

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To Life garage sale scheduled June 15

To Life, a local group dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, June 15, (the raindate June 22) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale will take place at the offices of Prudential Manor Homes, at 205 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

You can support To Life by donating household or buying items from the garage sale. To donate any items, excluding appliances, clothing or tires, bring them to the Prudential offices June 10 through June 14, any time from 6:30 to 8 p.m. To volunteer, or to request information, contact Marcia Preussier at 478-0809, or at mahr28@aol.com.

Daylily sale to meet at extension

The Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society will meet on Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

This month, Cathy Rogers will be discussing ornamental grasses. Meetings are open to the public.

For information, call Christil Schmidt at 271-1733, Jim Healey at 438-1819, Harriet Mooradian at 766-2113, or Melanie Mason at 587-2156.

Elm Avenue Park opens June 8

The Elm Avenue Park pool complex will open for the summer on Saturday, June 8.

The pool will be open daily through Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends.

Residents age 7 and older will need an updated photo ID card to enter the pool complex.

ID cards can be obtained or updated at the Parks and Recreation office, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Mara Ginsberg of Delmar, president and founder of To Life — a non-profit breast cancer education and support organization serving women and families in the Capital District — is the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Community Service Award from the Psychological Association of Northeast New York.

The award was presented at the association's annual awards dinner. The award is presented each year to a local psychologist and a community member whose work has made an outstanding contribution to improving the emotional well being of individuals in need of supportive services.

"Mara was chosen to be this year's recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her work with To Life," said association President Elect Nadine Lindner. "Through To Life, Mara has provided a haven for women seeking information and services as they fight breast cancer. The Psychological Association applauds her personal dedication to the psychological and educational needs of the people she helps, and the innovative and imaginative ways she fills a sorely lacking community need."

For information about To Life, call 518-438-5975, or visit the To Life Web site at www.Tollie.org.

Hall gallery contains lifetime of photographs

"A Lifetime of Photographs" is on display in the northwest hall this month. The lifetime and the photographs belong to John Hotchin, a retired physician who has been fascinated with cameras since his boyhood in England.

Hotchin remembers his enchantment with the shutter of his first camera, a gift from his father when Hotchin was 4.

"Regrettably," he said, "I managed to wreck the camera in my destructive search for what actually made the noise."

Early photos of relatives ("a remarkable collection of boring photographs of singularly disguised-looking people") and wartime adventures (he served as a surgeon lieutenant in the Royal Navy) led eventually to a fascination with photographing the natural world.

In service of his avocation, he explored the camera's technical variations and innovations. He discovered that photography "makes one really look at things, developing appreciation for the incredible beauty of this planet." Hotchin emigrated to the U.S. to run the state Health Department's Virus Laboratories from 1957 to 1967. He states that following this truly fun career he began the hard work of retirement and multiple hobbies. Some of the fruit of that hard work is hanging on the wall in our lobby.

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Mother-daughter book club to meet

"Bridge to Terebithia" by Katherine Paterson will be discussed at the next Mother-Daughter Book Club meeting on Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

Copies of the book are available at the youth services desk. The program is designed for daughters in grades five and up and their mothers or caregivers. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. To register, call 439-9514.

Students win awards

At the recent Mendelssohn Club vocal competition, Hannah Lewis, a junior at BCHS, received the Misenhimer Encouragement Award for exhibiting "outstanding singing potential."

Peter Marler, a BCHS sophomore, won first place in the Beginning Male division.

Lewis also won first place in the New York State Music Teachers Association Hedy Killian Competition at Union College and was a first place winner in the Burat Hills Oratorio Society Vocal Competition.
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"She is very bright and a quick study," said Whipple. "High expectations for her performance cannot be measured by her age or accomplishments to date," he said. "She is an absolute natural with the computer and she has earned the respect of our teachers. Combined with a strong intellect, she is a very effective package. One of her greatest skills is to stay focused on an issue and not the emotions behind it."

According to Friedman's résumé, she was hired by Guildelerd as a high school English teacher in 1993, teaching ninth and 11th grade language arts curriculum. She designed, organized and taught a new interdisciplinary course for at-risk students, implemented internships for future teachers and reviewed and recommended new literature for the curriculum.

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Her academic performance of Friedman certainly bears out the intellect comments. A grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, where she received her NYS School District Administration Certification in July 2001, preceded receiving a Master of Arts in English from Union College in 1998—again with a 4.0 GPA. She graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs English and was in English, magna cum laude with a 3.78 GPA.

In case you wonder how she has packed so much into a short time, Friedman's educational focus has changed this year as she became an administrative intern in the high school and acting dean of students.

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Guildelterd teaching associate Amy Mans, also a high school English teacher, said, "Johanna is smart and has so much energy. She has raised the level of enthusiasm for teaching in the high school staff. She will be a great loss here, and Guildelterd is getting one of the best."

Friedman, 27, will earn an annual salary of $75,000.

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Bethlehem advances to state semifinals

By ROB JONAS

For the second time in four years, the Bethlehem girls lacrosse team is going to the state tournament.

The Lady Eagles scored the finals six goals of the game to defeat Section I champion Suffern 13-7 in last Saturday’s Division I regional final at Shenendehowa High School to advance to Friday’s state semifinals in Cortland.

“They gutted it out,” Bethlehem coach John Battaglino said. “I labeled this team at the beginning of the year as relentless, and they’ve proven me right. They are relentless.”

Suffern (20-2) scored twice on free position restarts to tie the game at 7 in the second half before Bethlehem (20-4) took over. Katie Wagoner notched the go-ahead goal less than a minute after Suffern’s Julie Foote tied it, and Brianna Bubbeck tallied a short time later off an assist from Kristin Link to give the Lady Eagles a 5-7 lead. From that point on, Suffern never challenged.

“We knew it was anyone’s game,” said Wagoner, who finished with two goals and four assists. “Basically, (Battaglino) told us to take the game. We had to pick up the (ground) balls and connect on our passes.”

“We didn’t play crisp (on offense) until the second half, but we found the right time to do it,” Battaglino said.

Jon Greenberg scored on Suffern’s first shot to give the Mounties an early 1-0 lead, but Link responded with a goal to tie the game for Bethlehem. The two teams traded tallies before Wagoner gave the Lady Eagles their first lead midway through the first half on an unassisted goal.

Crysti Foote had two unassisted goals for Suffern, but Bubbeck responded each time with free position tallies to keep Bethlehem in front. Greenberg tied the game at 5 late in the half, but Amy O’Donnell converted a pass from Link into a goal to make the score 6-5 at halftime.

Like she did in the first half, Link got the Lady Eagles going by leading off the second half with an unassisted goal. The Eagles sisters each scored on their free position restarts before Wagoner’s second goal of the afternoon put Bethlehem ahead for good.

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Take a seat with new patio furniture

By ANDREW GREGORY

You’ve just spent all spring working on your new patio or deck. It turned out exactly like you had pictured, and now your home is complete.

Well, almost complete. Now that you have a great area for family gatherings, you need some patio furniture to sit in.

The good news is that there are several local stores that carry a wide array of patio furniture. Home Crest, Woodard’s Victoria Collection is elegant and contemporary in its wrought iron styling. This collection features dining, swivel and coil chairs, gliding love seat and an adjustable chaise lounge.

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If you’re looking for wicker patio furniture, look no further than Huck Finn’s Warehouse on 25 Erie Blvd. in Albany. If you’re looking for wicker patio furniture, look no further than Huck Finn’s Warehouse on 25 Erie Blvd. in Albany. Huck Finn’s said more homeowners are choosing wicker.

“Your four-piece sets which sell for $500 have been selling very well so far this season,” Vnucci said. Individual wicker chairs and rockers are also available, ranging from $44 to $88.

The popularity of wicker furniture can be attributed to its country look. If you have a wood deck, chances are that the look of wicker furniture will naturally blend in with its surroundings.

“Our customers simply love the simplicity and comfort of wicker furniture,” Vnucci said. If you don’t have the time to go and pick up your order, Huck Finn’s can deliver you new wicker furniture right to your patio.

For information, call 465-3373.
New products jazz up that old bathroom

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

If your bathroom’s looking old and tired and you cringe at the thought of taking a toothbrush to the gray grout, maybe it’s time to think about updating your home’s comfort station.

At Delmar’s Kitchens and Baths By Design, owner Tony Lontrato and his staff maybe it’s time to think about updating your home’s comfort station. Baths By Design, owner Lontrato said, but now people are choosing a mixture of both.

Whirlpool tubs have also become popular, but Lontrato cautioned people to be careful of what they purchase.

“People are choosing toilets, sinks and showers that are white or biscuit-colored.”

Fixtures like faucets had been all chrome or all brass, Lontrato said, but now people are choosing a mixture of both.

“Colors are out these days,” Lontrato said. “People are choosing toilets, sinks and showers that are white or biscuit-colored.”

While those materials might cost three times as much as Formica, they last forever.

“If you’re growing old, you’ll get tired of these before they wear out,” Lontrato said.

“An old lady once told me, ‘I’ve lived 80 years, and I’ve had it with my bathroom. Now I can have it as fancy as I want it.‘”

People are moving away from tiles in the shower, since they require nearly constant maintenance.

Staff at Precision Glass and Aluminum at 115 Freemans Bridge Road in Scotia recommend a contemporary look with custom-made shower enclosure.

“We do custom shower-door work that ranges from a single door to a large glass enclosure,” said Tom Lyons, who owns the shop with Wayne Peper. Precision’s showroom enclosed showers have become very popular recently, they’re what you see in showrooms or design magazines.”

In addition to glass-enclosed showers and glass shower doors, Precision Glass and Aluminum offers glass tabletops, mirrors and garage and closet organizers, made of both aluminum and wood.

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Take preventive care to prolong carpet life

By ANDREW GREGORY

Ever feel like you’re getting stepped on day after day and no one cares about you? Hopefully, you don’t, but chances are your carpet does.

Caring for your carpets is no easy task, but with a little know-how and good advice from carpeting experts, you’ll soon be able to whip your carpet into shape.

According to Cindy Childrose, sales manager for Total Flooring Plus at 1997 Central Ave. in Colonie, said vacuuming is a key prevention method. “Vacuuming reduces soil accumulation and prolongs the life of your carpet,” Childrose said. “It’s a good idea to vacuum at least once a week.”

Another key preventive measure is having walk-off mats at frequently used entrances. These mats absorb heavy soil particles which could be tracked on to your carpets. “Careful movement of your furniture can also help sustain your carpets’ durability,” Childrose said.

People will often move heavy couches or chairs quickly, leading to snags or tears. If you do decide to rearrange your living room, using the right kind of furniture rests will prevent matting. “Matting occurs when there is a noticeable depression in the carpet. Fixing this problem may require pad replacement, which can cost you both time and money,” Childrose said.

Color fading, caused by prolonged exposure to natural sunlight, can be prevented by closing your blinds or curtains. “While people enjoy natural light in their homes, it can harm their carpets,” Childrose said.

Treating spills and stains is a serious matter when considering the maintenance of your carpet. “If a spill should occur, try working from the edge of the spill towards the center. You should also avoid over-wetting the stained area,” Childrose said.

It is possible to fight spills before they even happen. Carpet padding is now being manufactured with an upper plastic membrane that contains stain fighting enzymes.

Depending upon the type of spill, a damp cloth may not do the trick. It is possible to fight spills before they even happen. Carpet padding is now being manufactured with an upper plastic membrane that contains stain fighting enzymes. Broken down.

While selecting a pad with this feature may not seem worthwhile, it is invaluable in the fight against stains,” Tyler said.

But what if you have a pre-existing stain that you’d like to eliminate? NFR Manufacturers have a stain removal spray which is available for sale at Total Flooring Plus for around $15. This spray uses the same enzymes as the carpet pad.

“Our spray works exactly like the enzyme pad. The results are phenomenal,” Tyler said.

While some carpet messes can be remedied by stain removers and preventative measures, it might be time to replace your carpeting.

But before you decide to replace your current carpet, you should be aware of the tell-tale signs of a damaged carpet. Major seam distresses, large snags, constant puncturing, and mats are all tell-tale signs of a permanently damaged carpet. If you have one or more of these problems, it may be a good time to install new carpeting.

There are several ways to go about the installation process. Attaching the carpet to the floor boards with tacking strips is the most widely used process. Most contractors prefer to use this method because the carpet will remain taut for a longer period of time,” Tyler said.

However, if you don’t want to risk damaging your floor boards, direct gluing will also do the job. This will reduce the chances of splitting or splintering. A more efficient, and most of all, quick way of gluing is to glue the carpet pad to the floor and then gluing the carpet to the pad.

“The advantage of pad gluing is that your carpet will be closer to your pad which can help in the fight against stains,” Tyler said.

Whether your carpet is cotton or synthetic, maintenance and replacement should be a serious consideration for any homeowner. Snags and serious folds may actually lead to minor injuries. You can avoid future headaches by taking care of your carpet now.

Take preventive care to prolong carpet life
Making the most out of your closet space

By DONNA J. BELL

You don't have to buy a new home to get more closet space; sometimes it just takes a little planning, a few stor-
age devices and perhaps an expert to make that too-small closet fit your life.

"The first thing to do is go in the closet and get rid of what you have not worn for several years," said Tom Barber, vice-president of Closet Crafters at 25 Craft Ave., off Central Avenue in Albany.

"You'll be surprised how much space you make by getting rid of that." In addition, many people use their closets to store out-of-season clothing, file cabinets, holiday decorations, odds and ends and a myriad of items that don't belong in a clothes closet. Find alternative places for those items to reside. Then you should create an inventory of the items you want to store in that closet. It might be time now to call for a free consultation from a professional organizer, who Barber said has been trained to help you make the best of your space.

It doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg to bring order to your closet; Barber said a closet organizer can cost as little as $150 up to thousands of dollars depending on your needs.

A few simple devices such as shoe cubbies or rods to hang items at different levels could give you space you never knew existed.

• Rods holding these shorter-length clothes can be hung one above another, thereby layering more into the closet. If you put shoes in cubbyholes, you can squeeze in even more room because you can stack each shoe on top of each other.

Professional organizers will then look to place the clothing you wear the most in the front of the closet. Again, for most people the long, formal dresses will be worn least and will be placed by the back. Business clothing would come next, and then leisure wear. On the tops or the bottoms of the closet you will store clothing only used rarely or seasonally.

The devices such as dividers, shelves, and modular units that make the closet work better are available in a wide range of prices. Home improvement centers sell the cheapest versions and usually need a lot of assembly.

A professional will come in for a free consultation and totally install your closet; of course, you pay for the convenience. After you get one closet organized, watch out, its efficiency may send you searching out other closets and spaces in your homes to organize.

Tips for the first-time painter

Painting your home is an exciting and challenging project, especially if you are doing it for the first time. Whether you're painting one room or an entire house, the look and mood of a home can be determined by the paint job. The colors you choose, how well the paint is applied and how you have prepped the surface all determine the outcome. Like most projects, painting requires a lot of preparation, guidance and proper clean up. For the first-time painter, who might be less concerned about the details and more concerned about the color and final results, there are some simple instructions and tips that will help you execute and complete your painting project with ease.

Here are some basic guidelines to get you started:

• Discuss your paint options with an informed salesperson. Paints are formulated for special needs. By making sure you have the right type of paint for your project you can save time and energy and eliminate the need to re-paint the area.

Some of the many different paint finishes are: fl at, eggshell, satin, semi-gloss, gloss.

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Keep that garden going all summer long

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

There's nothing like late spring to get a gardener's heart-rate growing. All the digging, all the planting, then comes the waiting.

Whether it's lettuce or lilies, there are things you can do to keep enjoying your garden all summer long, and to make sure you get the crop you want.

At Engel's Farm Market on Albany-Shaker Road just west of the Northway, Ed Engel and his brother John are the seventh generation of the family to run the farm market. When Engel offers advice, it comes from a lot of years of experience.

"We grew everything you could think of here," he said. "We have carrots, tomatoes, beans, peas and sweet corn."

Add to that his wife Cindy's baked goods, and the convenience store that the Engels opened at customers' request, and you've got the best of summer's bounty right in front of you.

"Nelson Rockefeller used to pull up in his car," Engel recalled, "no motorcade, no security, and roll down his window. 'Hello, young fella, give me a dozen ears of corn,' he'd say."

You might not get politicians pulling up to your house to buy your crop, but Engel offered some advice to home gardeners.

"You can buy plants at a garden store unless they've gone to seed, and put them in the ground throughout the summer," Engel said. "When you're planting vegetable seeds, read the package and figure out how many days you need to grow them in."

Frosts tend to come in September, Engel said, which will end most growing seasons. Some plants, like lettuce, prefer cold weather, and could be planted in August, when the heat of the season ends. Likewise, look for fall corn. Tomatoes will survive frosts if they're covered with cloth, not plastic. Before the frost hits, though, you'll need to get your veggies to survive the summer's sun.

"Water at the correct times," Engel said. "Don't let the plants wilt too badly, but you don't want to overwater them, either. If the plant is turning yellow, it's had too much water. You want your foliage to be a nice, dark green."

Fleck dead stuff from the plants and keep the debris off the ground, Engel advised.

Dean Plummer at Delmar's Price-Greenleaf added that the debris included woods.

"The weeds will take all the moisture and nutrients from the soil," Plummer said.

If the idea of being bent over to pull weeds from the ground doesn't appeal to you, Plummer suggested using a weed preventer like Preen, or Preen and Green, which combines an herbicide with a fertilizer.

"You have to use that after your plants are in," Plummer said. "Don't use it at the same time that you plant your seeds."

Landscape fabric, at $13.99 for a 3-foot-by-50-foot roll, covers the ground, and after you cut holes to put your plants in, will let air, water and fertilizer through, but keeps weeds from coming up.

Plummer agreed that there's still plenty of time to plant vegetables.

"If you plant too early, you don't really get a jump on the season," he said. "Anytime throughout mid-June is good for planting vegetables."

Watch the corn, though; it needs almost three months. Fertilizer will help both vegetable and flower gardens grow.

"Read the labels," Engel said. "I still learn a lot by reading what's on the product."

Plummer advised fertilizing a vegetable garden about once a month.

"Most products will tell you what to use and how often to use it," said Sandy Brousseau, assistant greenhouse manager at Olsen's on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

Even before that, she recommended, do a little work on your soil, be it in a new garden or an established flower bed.

"You could add a little peat humus, composed cow manure or even topsoil," she said. "That will help the soil retain moisture, especially in an area with sandy soil."

Brousseau also recommended keeping gardens raked out and cleaned out, which keeps gardens pest-free.

"Don't do anything about bugs unless there's a terrible problem," she said.

If you've got to be a problem, Brousseau recommended a cold one.

"Put a cup in the ground and fill it with beer," he said. "The bugs are attracted to that.""}

Don't do anything about bugs unless there's a terrible problem.

Sandy Brousseau

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Refinishing cabinets can create spiffy new look

By DONNA J. BELL

Face it, new kitchen cabinets can be expensive. New, standard modular cabinets are around $100 per linear foot. Those costs can be doubled for custom cabinetry, and that's with a standard finish option. Interested in a designer look with a hand-painted finish? The cost can be doubled again.

Without $20,000 to plunk down for a new kitchen look, it may be a better alternative to refinish existing cabinets. The nice thing about refinishing your existing cabinets is not only the cheaper cost, but the opportunity to be unique or match the rest of the kitchen.

The first step is to decide what look you want. You could peruse magazines, visit kitchen centers or make an appointment with a designer or an expert refinisher.

Home buyers should check

- It is crucial for potential home buyers to remember that not everything catches the eye when it comes to homes.

- Federal programs these days heavily promote home buying. Many families are taking advantage of low interest rates along with other incentives, and are shopping for new homes.

- Prospective purchasers must be fully aware of what they are getting into when buying a home. For example, a recent study found that as many as 44 percent of consumers call a plumber within one year of purchasing a new home. Many homes may have an attractive facade and price, but bear problems that can prove to be costly. Problems that lie beneath the surface of a home, such as faulty plumbing or water leakage, often do not become evident until after the house is acquired.

- To help avoid such unexpected and costly problems, experts at Roto-Rooter offer potential home buyers helpful tips and a "Plumbing Checklist for Home Buyers." Many home buyers look to professional home inspectors to examine prospective homes. Roto-Rooter also recommends these guidelines:

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Patio rooms make warm weather enjoyable

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

Eating an evening meal out of doors after a long day at work can be very relaxing. Unless you find yourself on the menu for swarms of biting bugs like mosquitoes. Insects can be taken by the menu for swarms of bare arms and shoes without is on the same level as the bug repellent. But it is more any house. They are built so socks and without the odor of shirts, socks and the use of patio room can be adapted to at work can be very relaxing.

According to Smith, "A patio room can be adapted to any house. They are built so the flooring of the patio room is on the same level as the first floor of the house. Built on footings, duct work can be extended from the air handling system to heat it in the colder months if a year-round facility is desired. Even if not heated, a patio room can extend the outdoor season from April to Thanksgiving. "The frames are aluminum with baked on enamel and strong enough to handle the snow loads we experience in the Northeast," Smith said. "Further, the glass is strong safety glass and will crumble into very small pieces if broken. The structures have screened widows that can be opened to circulate fresh air during mild weather. Since each room is custom-designed, it takes four weeks to prepare the room for installation, which takes a total of about four days to complete."

Awnings are a good addition to a home to protect open patio space against inclement weather and screen people from the dangers of direct sun light. Awnings can also be used to cover windows to make a house cooler in the summer heat. "Awnings come in 160 colors and many patterns," Smith added. "The material is an acrylic fiber that holds colors five times longer than canvas. We have had awnings up over 12 years that still look new." Smith noted he has installed awnings up to 40 feet wide.

According to Smith, "Awnings can be stationary or retractable. Retractable awnings can be fitted with sensors that automatically lower the awning at certain temperatures or at the start of precipitation. Sensors are also available that gauge wind strength and will retract an awning during high winds. The material is impervious to weather conditions and can be rolled up wet with no ill effects, where canvas would deteriorate if packed up wet," Smith said.

Custom made awnings can be produced in about three weeks. Smith said this is the busy season for his business—he is booked through the third week of July. So if you are contemplating a patio room or awning, you should contact a vendor soon if you want to enjoy it this summer.

Fertilizer isn't always what doctor orders for proper lawn maintenance

Most homeowners know that fertilizer can improve the look of their lawns. But surprisingly, fertilizer isn't always the best thing for a lawn. That's because fertilizers can increase the acidity of soil. A healthy lawn should have a pH of 6.5 to 6.9, or close to neutral. If the soil is already too acidic due to natural soil conditions, acid rain or glass clippings, fertilizer can actually make matters worse, through a process called nitrification. An effective way to neutralize acid in the soil is the application of lime. This natural substance also adds calcium and magnesium, which are essential for healthy root growth. Lime helps lawns resist insects, fungus and drought damage. Lawn lime is often applied in the spring, but it offers long-term benefits and can be used in any season. It comes in three basic forms: pulverized for gardens, granular for lawns, and fast-acting, dust-free lime-stone products. These products are available at most lawn and garden centers, home centers and hardware stores. For information, call 1-800-526-1753.

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How to cope with common plumbing problems

By RONALD E. CAMPBELL

A residential plumbing system can be divided into three functions: supply of water, discharge to drain away waste and excess water into a septic system or sanitary sewer system and a vent system to carry away sewer gases from the system.

Water is fed into a residence under pressure. This is true either from a municipal system or when pumped from a well on the property. The pressure ensures a strong flow of water when your faucets or garden hoses are opened.

The concept works well as long as the water stays in the piping provided for the supply or discharge process. But if the drain system develops a clog, or if there is a rupture in the supply side of the system — which, remember, is under pressure — the water starts flowing into your basement or other living area at an amazingly rapid rate.

It is important for homeowners to locate the shut-off valve where the water enters the home to be able turn the water off rapidly in the event of a leak. The mess and damage in a flooded home can be costly to correct.

When leaving a home for an extended period, like a vacation, it might be wise to turn the water off. If an absence occurs during the cold winter months, a homeowner may also want to learn how to drain the water system and winterize the traps.

If the heating system fails while a homeowner is away, water pipes can freeze and burst. In two-story homes, the upper levels will freeze first, so the flood will start in the upper areas in the event of a burst.

Another vulnerable area on the supply side of the system is the spot where two hoses from the hot and cold water supply pipes feeding the washing machines. The valves should be turned shut when the washer is not in use to relieve pressure on the hoses, and the hoses should be replaced every few years to be safe.

When a drain doesn’t drain, “Do not use over-the-counter products to clear a clog in a drain in your system,” said James Fobare of Fobare & Sons Construction at 13 Galvan Drive in Scotia. “It only makes the clog worse by cleaning the pipes in front of the obstruction and then sends more material into the clog. Use a plumber to try to break open the clog, and if this does not work call a licensed plumber. The use of over-the-counter preparations to break up a stoppage in the drain only creates an acid condition that is dangerous for the plumber who will eventually clear the system.”

Fobare added that if the first doesn’t work, trying a second preparation can cause an eruption of material from your system and still not free it up.

“It is a good idea to drain a hot water heater once a year to clear a build up of minerals in the tank. Drain until the water from the tank runs clear. If no water runs out when the drain is opened, it means the tank is totally full of water and should be replaced,” he said.

Fobare said there have been radical changes in toilet construction in recent years.

They are more efficient and use 1.5 gallons of water to flush instead of the 3.5 gallons required by older models. For a family of four, this means a savings of over 9,000 gallons of water a year from just one household,” he said.
Various finishes can transform beat up walls

By DONNA J. BELL

What do your walls look like? If they are white, off-white or beige covered with harvest green and gold wallpaper from the 1970s, it's probably time for a change. It's color and texture that is in now, baby. With everything from chicken wire and plaster to deep and vibrant color schemes to faux painting, the walls of homes are losing their plain Jane look. Many people, however, are daunted by the fact that in order to change your current walls you either have to repair or refinish your current walls.

Wallpaper? You need to remove it all including the top coat and the paper backing which means having to spray the wall surface with a mixture of hot water and a small amount of liquid dishwashing detergent, or with chemical wallpaper remover. Once the paper has separated from the wall, start scraping it off with wallboard taping knife.

How about removing a texture from the wall? Most people leave that up to a professional like Robert Golderman, the owner of Best Walls and a master craftsman since 1966. "Just because a wall is texture doesn't mean it has to stay that way," said Golderman. Most people don't believe you can take the texture down. But Golderman's expertise is not only in bringing textured walls down to a smooth sheen, he can also repair any "wall or even complete a major plastering or entire house jobs.

Paneling? No problem, Golderman can make it look like it was never there. Or, if you want the reverse, texture on smooth walls isn't a problem for him either. "If the homeowner doesn't like the surface, or they want it pristine, or have serious water damage I can give them something that used to be an eyesore and make it looklike new," Golderman said. Golderman even has a technique that leaves no dust. Once you have your walls ready for their new look the sky is the limit on what you do with them. A faux finish can make your walls look like marble, a Spanish villa, or even suede. It takes paint, patience and practice; the look can turn your home into a showcase. Faux finishing will surprise the novice, because with a little practice, most anyone can create a work of art using common supplies; like a feather for a marbled look or some plastic wrap for a "crinkled" look.

Adding texture to your walls can be accomplished with anything from plaster to sand in different grades and colors to even chicken wire.

Push that look one level more and you can try stenciling or decorative painting. While stenciling is an art most beginners can try, for a complicated look you should hire a decorative painter.

"You can put on just a simple border, like flowers, or have something very involved like a wall-sized mural with houses, lakes and trees," said Sue Black, a member of the Society of Decorative Painters, and local chapter, the Capitoliors. It adds a hand-painted personal touch and something no one else has in their home. Black said that the best thing about having your own decorative art is that it can be influenced by your own personal tastes. Love roses? Stenciled roses can drape across an archway. Is your husband an avid fly fisher? His study can feature a running brook, wildlife and of course, a fly fisher. "It can be whatever you envision," Black said. Depending the level of involvement and time the project takes, it could cost you anywhere from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand to hire a painter for your home.

Adding texture to your walls can be accomplished with anything from plaster to sand in different grades and colors to even chicken wire; it can be a complicated job, the type Golderman relishes. "You can do a great-hand textured look on a wall," Golderman said. "It will look like it's always been there."

You can see examples of Golderman's handiwork on his Web site at www.bestwalls.com. So what are you waiting for? Your dull, boring walls are screaming for attention, so go grab a paintbrush.

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- Check to see how fast the toilet flushes.

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Water supply piping

- Turn on the water in the bathtub and the kitchen chimney. Surface. Before you paint, reduction in volume, the ment in the house, make is sink.

- Check the main line connections work properly.

- Use a flashlight to check exposed pipes for signs of leaks and recent repairs.

- Find the main line cleanout and be sure it is accessible.

Water heater

- Check the date of the water heater (the first four digits of the heater's serial number are the month and year it was made). Typically, the operating life of a water heater is between seven and 20 years, depending on water conditions and frequency of usage. Hard water conditions significantly reduce the life of water heaters.

- If the water heater vent ties into the chimney, verify that the chimney is lined. To check, look to see if a metal liner sticks out of the top of the chimney. In the lower level of the house, make sure there is a drip tee sticking out of the chimney.

- If there is not a basement in the house, make sure the water heater vent is a "class b chimney" or at least six inches away from wood.

Other vital tips

- Make sure the garbage disposal and dishwasher connections work properly.

- Use a flashlight to check for signs of water damage inside cabinets. Check washing machine hoses for rupture and turn valves on and off to test for leaks.

Paint

- from $5 and hi-gloss, enamel, and moisture and mildew-resistant. The right finish depends on how you want it to look. It is also important to consider the amount of traffic moving through the room and the potential for dirt and grease to come in contact with the painted surface. See a local paint dealer for professional recommendations.

- Prepare your painting surface. Before you paint, make sure that the surface is clean of any dust or dirt. Repair any cracks or holes with spackle, available at hardware and home improvement stores. Once the paste is dry, use sandpaper to smooth out the surface.

- Choose a tape that is safe for your surface. Tape off areas where you do not want paint — moldings, ceilings and floors. Using a good, high-quality painting tape will ensure that the paint stays off the areas you do not intend to paint, yet the tape will remove cleanly without damaging surfaces. There are many types of painting tapes but for most interior surfaces such as drywall and wallpaper, it is best to use a tape specialized for delicate surfaces.

- Protect your work area. Use double-sided painting tape to prevent paint from getting onto floors and furniture. Drop cloths are easy to install and can be custom fit to the area that you are painting. For added convenience, some brands offer a variety of drop cloths with a pre-taped edge that makes hanging them fast and easy.

- Dispose of your paint properly. If you have a substantial amount of paint left, call local schools or shelters to see if they have a need for paint. If there is a small amount of paint left, make sure it is disposed of correctly. Before throwing away your latex paint, take the lid off and allow the paint to dry. Dried latex paint can be thrown out with regular garbage pick up. Oil-based paint should be taken to a hazardous waste collection center. If you are not sure of proper disposal, call the sanitation or health department for instructions.

- With the above guidelines, your first-time painting project can be enjoyable and successful, no matter how large or complex the project seems. As long as you have the right tools and instructions, you can create a beautiful paint job that will add a whole new dimension to your home.
Heinbuch Butler wins local horse show

Delmar's Caroline Heinbuch Butler was the grand champion of the Krakill Stable's Horse Show April 27 in Albany. Heinbuch Butler rode "Buster Bay Butler" to the overall title at the show, which featured riders from Delmar, Slingerlands, Elsmere and Glenmont. Division champions are as follows: Under age 18: Caroline Heinbuch Butler. Over age 18: Marie Triller. Walk/Trot under 18: Sarah Spinelli. Walk/Trot over 18: Mary Ann Newell.

Umar, Berglhefa lead local track contingent

By ROB JONAS

Bethlehem's Rafiq Umar and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's C.J. Berglhefa each won two individual events at last Friday's sectional qualifier for the state track and field championships in Johnstown.

Doping two severe thunderstorms, Umar won the Class A long and triple jumps to advance to this weekend's state meet at Rush-Henrietta High School in suburban Rochester.

"Most of all, I'm thankful to God to win both events," said Umar, who competed at the state indoor track meet earlier this year in Syracuse.

Umar set a Berkshire record in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 11.5-inches and then edged out teammate Zach Maskin for the Class A title in the triple jump with a leap of 45 feet. Maskin was second with a jump of 44 feet.

"I didn't expect to do as well as I did in the long jump, so I'm thankful for that," Umar said.

Berglhefa took the Class B titles in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and then helped the RCS 4x400 relay team win its event by five seconds over Johnstown.

Other local qualifiers for the state meet include Bethlehem's Darnell Douglas (400) and Emily Malinowski (steeplechase), as well as Stephanie Przybylowicz of RCS (discus).

The state track and field championships begin Friday and conclude Saturday.

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2) All new lawn installations that are watered from the public water supply must comply with the odd and even watering restrictions as stated above. Property owners should consult with the builder or landscape to try to select grass seed that is drought resistant and consider using straw mulch (or other methods recommended by the lawn installer) that will help the grass seed succeed with the odd/even water restrictions.

3) New swimming pools - permit for any new pool to include construction that water to fill the pool is trucked in from a private source.

4) Existing swimming pools may be filled using public water supply.

5) New underground sprinkler systems installed in 2002 (unless permit for system was issued prior to declaration of emergency in January of this year) can be used until the emergency water restrictions are lifted.

The Town prohibits the use of the public water supply for nonessential uses, such as but not limited to: No washing down of driveways or walkways. (Use a broom or leaf blower). No washing of the exterior of buildings, unless required as preparation for painting.

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Alice May Lenhardt

Alice May Lenhardt, 78, of Slingerlands, died Saturday, May 25, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

In Ellenville, she was a receptionist at the former Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Slingerlands before she retired.

Mrs. Lenhardt was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Albany, the American Legion Blanchard Post Auxiliary, the China-Burma-India Association, auxiliary and a past president and honorary member of the Slingerlands Fire Department auxiliary.

She was the widow of Earl H. Lenhardt.

Survivors include three sons, George H. Lenhardt and Earl G. Lenhardt, both of Slingerlands, and Dennis A. Lenhardt of Delmar; two brothers, Charles Bennett of Albany and Walter Bennett of Petsal, Miss, a dear friend, Frank E. Staible of Slingerlands; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or the Scholarship Fund of the Slingerlands Fire Department, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159.

Bertha Verstandig

Bertha D. Verstandig of Delmar died Thursday, May 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Germany, she emigrated to the United States in 1914.

She and her late husband opened the Delmar Nursery in 1942 and later a florist shop at the Four Corners. In 1958, they moved to their current location on Delaware Avenue and changed the name to Verstandig's Florist.

Mrs. Verstandig was a longtime member of the Bethelheim Professional Women's Club and the Bethelheim Historical Association.

She was the widow of Alonse P. Verstandig.

Survivors include a son, Robert J. Verstandig; a daughter, Rita Reus; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 1107 Union Ave., Albany, or Hospice of St. Peter's, 301 Carpenter Rd., Colonie.

John Nick

John R. Nick, 81, of Slingerlands died Monday, May 27, at his home.

Born and educated in New York City, he was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Nick was a foreman in the tool-grinding department for the Ford Instrument Co. in Long Island City before entering the service.

He earned graduate degrees from Columbia University, St. John's University, Fordham University and New York University.

He was a physics teacher for the New York City school system for 25 years, retiring from aviation High School in 1976.

He was a communicant of Historic St. Mary's Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Marriam Nick; a daughter, Cathryn M. Doyle of Slingerlands; two brothers, Eddie Potter of Long Island; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Historic Church of St. Mary's in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Center for the Disabled, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Barbara Jean Gagnon

Barbara Jean Gagnon, 63, of Delmar died Tuesday, May 28, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mrs. Gagnon worked for Fuller Brush in Albany.

She was a member of Delmar Reformed Church for more than 50 years.

She was the widow of John Gagnon.

Survivors include a sister, Marjorie Batiste of Delmar.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 10 Automation Lane, Colonie 12105.

Edwin 'Ted' Potter


Born in England, Mr. Potter emigrated to the United States in 1930 and became a citizen in 1936.

He worked for the Watervliet Arsenal. He was a machinist and retired as an engineer-mechanician after 30 years of service.

During World War II, he was a night watchman at the supporter and Civil Defense volunteer.

Mr. Potter was a member of the Elsmere Fire Co. for more than 25 years, serving as captain, first lieutenant and captain. He served as fire commissioner for 12 years.

He was a member of Delmar Reformed Church, serving as deacon, elder, corresponding secretary of the Consistory, recording secretary of the Great Consistory and member of the Offering Banking Committee.

He enjoyed making miniature furniture.

He was husband of the late Beatrice Potter.

Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Leonard of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Kenneth F. Potter of Orillia, Ontario, Canada; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Delmar Reformed Church.

Arrangements were by the Moyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

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Lorenz, Seguin engaged

Renae Lorenz, daughter of Kathleen and Robert Lorenz of Clifton Park, and Glenn Seguin, son of Denise and Larry Becker of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Shenendehowa High School and Stepinac High School and son of Denise and Larry Becker of Slingerlands.

The future groom is a graduate of Iroquois High School and Christian Brothers Academy and Siena College.

He is an operations manager for Windsor Development Group.

The couple plans a July 27 wedding.

Local resident earns college scholarship

Carley St. Lucia of Delmar was awarded the James G. Murphy Memorial Scholarship at Boston College’s All-Sports Banquet on May 1.

The Murphy Scholarship is presented annually to a student-athlete who demonstrates academic excellence and outstanding athletic prowess.

St. Lucia is a freshman women’s lacrosse player who started 16 of the 17 games that she played in this year. She was third on the team in scoring with 37 points (28 goals and nine assists).

St. Lucia also collected 30 ground balls and won 31 draw controls.

Selkirk student presented first-year award

Erica Brunner of Selkirk was presented with the Bradley R. Evers ’94 Outstanding First-Year Student Award at Moving-Up Day ceremonies held recently at St. Lawrence University.

The Bradley R. Evers Award is granted to first-year students who best exemplify qualities of good citizenship at the university.

Summer Ensemble Workshop

We are now accepting applications for our summer ensemble workshop. Over a 2 week time period, students will be placed in 4-5 piece ensembles and work on a variety of topics, with the focus being on playing with other musicians. Some of the topics covered will be tempo & groove, intonation, laser focus, instrument tone, and fiddling skills. The last 2 days will be a recording session in our state of the art recording studio, where the ensembles will be recorded onto a CD for each student to take home.

Theworkshop is from July 19th - July 26th, Mon. - Fri. 12:30 - 3:30.

For more information, or to register, call or see our music store for details.

Registration Deadline is July 8th

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Battery Assessment

To tell the condition of a car battery, look through the side of its translucent case and see if one cell has substantially less electrolyte than the others, an indication that the cell has gone bad. Many maintenance-free batteries have no access to the electrolyte to check the level of each cell. Most, however, have a built-in sight gauge that consists of a plastic window that sticks down into the battery just below the normal level of the electrolyte. At the bottom of this is a small chamber containing a green plastic ball that floats in the dense electrolyte when the battery is charged. When the battery is discharged, the ball sinks and only the dark electrolyte is visible.

HINT: If the battery test window in a maintenance-free battery reveals a light or yellow color, it is time to replace the battery.

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BCHS Graduation Celebration Committee seeking donations

The Bethlehem Central High School Graduation Celebration Committee is still in need of additional monetary donations to finance the after graduation event on Friday, June 28, from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m.

Send donations to Lisa Plummer at 24 Huntersfield Road, Delmar 12054.

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Free music abounds this summer

By DEV TOBIN

The quality and quantity of live, free music outdoors is one of the best things about summer in the Capital District.

When the season gets going in earnest later this month, there will be four, and sometimes five, free concerts a week on the area's major outdoor music stages.

Albany hosts three of these stages — the Empire State Plaza, Tricentennial Park and Washington Park lagoon — with three different promoters providing some of the top talent to come to the Capital District all year.

The state Office of General Services sponsors the At The Plaza series, "another spectacular season of outstanding concerts and festivals," according to OGS Commissioner Kara King of Bethlehem.

The Fourth of July festival, beginning at 4 p.m., features the region's largest fireworks show as well as performances by the United States Air Force Band of Liberty and Albany Pro Musica.

On July 12, the Fleet Bluefest returns from noon to 10 p.m. for its seventh year, bringing blues legend Bo Diddley and rising stars like Jimmie Vaughan, Sue Foley and Kenny Neal on three stages throughout the plaza.

The plaza crowds will love rock 'n' roll on July 17, as Joan Jett and the Blackhearts will play their classic anthems. Boston alternative rockers Antigone Rising will open.

Classic 1970s pop takes center stage on July 24, as America and the Average White Band play songs that many will be able to sing along with.

The African-American Arts & Cultural Festival on Aug. 3 from 1 to 10 p.m. will feature Oleta Adams, Michael and Regina Wiliams and the Martin Luther-King Interdenominational Mass Choir.

On Aug. 7, Cracker, with singer David Lowery and guitarist Johnny Hickman, will mix rock, country and alternative-jam energy.

The Hudson River Bank & Trust Food Festival on Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. will, of course, feature lots of food, but also music all day, topped off by 1970s Southern rockers Marshall Tucker Band.

The plaza season winds up, at least for now, with saxman Sam Butera and the Washington Park Blues Band on June 13, the Fleet Bluesfest on June 20, Skip James on July 7, Derek Trucks on July 14, Bo Diddley and the Wild Magnolias on July 21, Rory Block on Aug. 4 and Yerbu Buena on Aug. 11.

Finally, the Guilderland Performing Arts Center schedule in Tawasentha Park on Route 146 features national and local acts on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., including Out of Control Rhythm & Blues Band on June 13, the Old Songs Festival Preview on June 20, Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band on July 11, Richie Havens on July 25, Trout Fishing in America on Aug. 1, The McKrells on Aug. 15 and Terrance Sinien on Aug. 22.

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Seminai county rockers Poco perform on July 25, with Stony Creek opening.

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This year's schedule includes Steve Earle on July 8, Femi Kuti on July 15, Bamboleo on July 22, Dasu on July 29, Liquid Soul on Aug. 5 and Otis Clay on Aug. 12.

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**Sun. 6/9**

**BETHLEHEM**

**SPEAKER AT UN CHURCH**
Scott Miller, Swave learned to fly, US Special Commission weapons inspectors in Iraq, next Sunday, Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, 439 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8603.

**FAMILIES FIRST**
Support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Bethlehem Public Library, 420 Delaware Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. 439-4603.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**
Children choir, 1st, 6 p.m. seniors, 7 p.m. 85 Elm Ave., 439-4504.

**A MEETINGS**
St. Georges Community Church, 449 New Scotland Road, noise, and Delmar Returned City Club, 439-8929.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**
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**FIRST AMERICAN MEETING**
First United Methodist Church, Bethlehem, 9 W. - 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7860.

**CHADBARD CENTER**
Friday service, discussion and kibbutz at 90 Elm Avenue, Information, 439-6200.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**PIONEER CLUBS**
For children grade 1 through junior high. Middlesex Free Church, Route 125, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**
United Pentecostal Church, Route 9, New Salem. 7 p.m. Information, 765-4110.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS**

to Begin Today through Labor Day, closed Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School St. 765-2412.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

187 OLD SOUTHWEST ROAD, LLC

The articles of formation of Limited Liability Company are hereby filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 21, 2002, and became effective on said date.

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company ("Company") is 187 OLD SOUTHWEST ROAD, LLC. The principal office of the Company is located at 187 Old Southwest Road, Albany, New York 12205.

SECOND: The Company is formed for any lawful purposes. Purpose:
The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of Albany County, New York ("SSNY") and to do any act or thing necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of the LLC.

THIRD: The Secretary of State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the Company upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail any copy of any process against the Company to: Albany, New York 12205. Process against the LLC may be served.

SIXTH: The Secretary of State shall mail any copy of any process against the Company to: Albany, New York 12205. Process against the LLC may be served.

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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4. The name and business address of the sole member of the Company is: 187 OLD SOUTHWEST ROAD, LLC.

5. The Limited Liability Company is絕
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State shall mail any copy of any process
against LLC to: Albany, New York 12205.

6. The Limited Liability Company shall mail any copy of any process against it to: Albany, New York 12205. Process against the LLC may be served.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF DUKEMAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Qualification of Dukeman Enterprises, LLC, a limited liability company, is hereby filed with SSNY on 1/27/2002. Process against the LLC may be served.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF NASHBAND USA, LLC A NEWS-PAPER PUBLISHING COMPANY

Notice of Qualification of NASHBAND USA, LLC a news-paper publishing company was filed with SSNY on 5/25/2002. Process against the LLC may be served.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF ORTHOASSIST, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Qualification of OrthoAssist, LLC, a limited liability company was filed with SSNY on 5/25/2002. Process against the LLC may be served.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONSULTING & TRAINING COMPANY, LLC

Notice of Qualification of the Middle of the Middle East Consulting & Training Company, LLC was filed with SSNY on 5/25/2002. Process against the LLC may be served.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is WATERFRONT PROPERTIES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 30, 2002. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or 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. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. (June 5, 2002)

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spending a lot more time in court," he said. "I won't miss that." Yet despite its changing character, he said, "We still have basically good rapport with the community. I think the community still respects the police department, and I think we've done a great job for them."

LaChappelle called Mastriano "one of the most knowledgeable, effective investigators I've ever met — a man of integrity and great ability." No replacement has yet been appointed to fill his position.

"We're down at least one or two in the detectives division," he said. "Replacements will be made once the manpower is available." Eligible officers are being canvassed to determine their interest in the post, he said, and internal transfers can take place once two previously appointed officers complete training in the regional police academy and join the force full-time later this month.

Like Sleurs and Mastriano, Aspron has seen great change from her vantage point as the first face many visitors to town hall encounter. "When I first came to town hall, the basketball stripes were still on the auditorium floor," she said. "A lot of town hall is still as it was. But the job has changed. There's been a lot of growth, and that means a lot more phone calls in the supervisor's office."

A town resident since the age of 5 — her dad, Bill Frazier, was a former New York state prosecutor employee — she attended Bethlehem schools and raised four children here, two of whom followed her to careers in town hall.

Her responsibilities have included booking rooms for a host of community organizations and fielding the phone traffic prompted by emergencies from the Elsmere landslide to Hurricane Floyd.

"That October ice storm of a few years back, that was probably the busiest it has ever been in this office," she recalled. "I worked the switchboard for a few days straight, then came in here to catch up. The phone rang non-stop."

She's proud of her share in the accomplishments of the supervisers she has served. "We've done a lot to improve pedestrian safety around town, and water's been a constant issue. It's been wonderful to serve here. I can honestly say I've never once gotten up in the morning and thought, I don't want to go to work today. I never once dreaded coming in."

"She's not only been an assistant, she's been a confidant," said Fuller. "I've worked with her for nine years, and these nine years have been wonderful dealing with the issues, handling the phones, dealing with the people who come in looking for help. She's always been very professional, very pleasant. I'm sure everybody will miss Barb."

None of the three will have trouble filling their newfound leisure time. "I love to travel, and I love to putter," said Mastriano. "I'm not going back to work soon, that's for sure."

Sleurs, who stayed with the department long enough to see two of his sons join him there — Brian as a dispatcher, Craig joining the patrol division a year and a half ago — has said that, immediately plans: "I'm just going camping for awhile."

"He'll also be keeping his hand in as enforcement officer — effectively, chief bailiff and court security — serving the Town. "Court part-time. He briefly resigned the post in order to begin drawing his police pension benefits under the state retirement system, which was reappointed in April by the town board."

"I've always worked closely with the judges on the bench, and I've really enjoyed that part of my work," he said. "So, I'm staying with it."

As for Aspron, "I'm going to be doing a little travelling and spending time with my children. All of them are still in the area, and I'm very, very proud of all of them."

"I guess you kinda know when it's time to close one door and open another, so to speak," she added. "I feel very bad about going, but I haven't had any second thoughts."

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