**DOT zeros in on bypass proposal**

**By KRISTEN OLBY**

The long-awaited extension of state Route 85, known as the Slingerlands bypass, is inching closer as the Department of Transportation (DOT) narrows in on a proposed plan. But not everyone is happy with the highway plan that's been roughly 10 years in the making.

On Jan. 28, the DOT presented its preferred plan, referred to as an alternative 3F, to the public for review. The plan would extend Route 85 from Maher Road — where the current highway makes a sharp turn around the former Blue Cross Building — to LaGrange Road, creating a loop behind Price Chopper Plaza that would bring traffic to Cherry Avenue Extension.

“Traffic data indicate approximately two-thirds of the existing bypass traffic uses the Cherry Avenue Extension toward Delmar while the remaining one-third turn toward Slingerlands,” said Jeff Pangburn of Creighton Manning Engineering who worked to design the plan for DOT.

The new traffic pattern would reduce traffic along New Scotland Avenue by 57 percent, according to DOT.

The first phase of the project would create a four-lane highway beginning at Blessing Road and extending south to Cherry Avenue Extension. The second phase of the project would create a four-lane highway from Blessing Road north to the Albany city line.

I made the call to find out about the franchise and it just kind of snowballed. The more I thought about it the more excited I got, I said, ‘I just want to do this,’” said Pearlson. Cookies By Design is one of 280 stores in 43 states but the only shop presently located in the Capital District.

When choosing a locale for her gourmet coffee house, Roberta Bastow knew she wanted her coffee shop to be somewhere near Albany. It’s an ideal location. Not only is the commute short but her coffee shop would be the only one of its kind in the community.

“There’s no Starbucks in Delmar and there’s nothing else like it so I decided to do myself,” said Bastow. A Perfect Blend will feature a bar area.

**New businesses open at 4 Corners**

**By KRISTEN OLBY**

A specialty cookie shop and a doctor’s office have both opened their doors for business in the last week at Delmar’s Four Corners — and a third business is slated to open this April.

Cookies By Design took its first custom cookie basket order at its Delaware Avenue shop on Jan. 21. Doctors at the Center for Integrative Health & Healing on Kenwood Avenue began seeing clients just this week. And, the building that once housed The Delmar Bootery is undergoing massive renovations to become A Perfect Blend coffee shop.

The more I thought about it the more it was simple as that,” said Pearlson. The more I thought about it the more excited I got, I said, ‘I just want to do this,’” said Pearlson. Cookies By Design is one of 280 stores in 43 states but the only shop presently located in the Capital District.

When choosing a locale for her gourmet coffee house, Roberta Bastow knew she wanted her coffee shop to be somewhere near Albany. It’s an ideal location. Not only is the commute short but her coffee shop would be the only one of its kind in the community.

“There’s no Starbucks in Delmar and there’s nothing else like it so I decided to do myself,” said Bastow. A Perfect Blend will feature a bar area.
Governor names Glenmont man to post

Gov. George Pataki has named Richard M. Platkin as counsel to the governor, a senior staff position with oversight of a broad array of policy matters. Platkin will replace James McGuire, who announced that he will be leaving the administration to join the private sector.

"Richard Platkin has provided wise, intelligent counsel in many of the major decisions I have made to move our state forward," Pataki said. "He has a sharp, creative mind, an incredible work ethic and the highest ethical standards. I am proud to have him as a senior member of my staff and have every confidence he will continue to serve the people of New York well in his new role."

Platkin joined the governor's office as law clerk in September 1995. He was promoted to senior assistant counsel in 1997, and to deputy director counsel to the governor in December 1998. In these positions, he had responsibilities for a broad array of public policy areas, including education, state budgeting and finance, insurance and pension law.

"A 1993 graduate of Albany Law School, Platkin was class valedictorian. While at Albany Law School, he served as an executive editor of the law review. He has a bachelor's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute."

Prior to joining the governor's office, Platkin was legal counsel to the Hon. Roger J. Miner on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He has also served as an attorney in private practice. Before receiving a law degree, he was a computer engineer. He was responsible for the design and technical development of an important, software-based automatic fingerprint identification system. Platkin, 39, lives in Glenmont with his wife Laurie Conway.

Local man to head PSC

A Glenmont man will serve as the chairman of the state Public Service Commission.

Gov. George Pataki recently named William M. Flynn to lead the agency in its ongoing efforts to ensure greater competition among utilities and phone companies to maintain the reliability of the state's power grid.

"Through his work at NYSERDA, Bill Flynn has played an important role. I am confident he will be an effective part of our team as we work to meet the challenges ahead," Pataki said.

Flynn currently serves as president of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and will, pending Senate confirmation, succeed Maureen Helmer as chair.

Helmner resigned from the commission effective Jan. 31.

Since joining NYSERDA in 1998, Flynn has held the positions of vice president, treasurer and secretary to the board.

Flynn holds a bachelor's degree from LeBough College and a law degree from the University of Dayton Law School.

From 1995 through 1998, he served as first deputy attorney general, chief of staff and special counsel to Attorney General Dennis C. Vacco.

He worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of New York from 1990 to 1994 as assistant U.S. Attorney and executive assistant to the U.S. Attorney.

Flynn was also an anti-drug coordinator and executive assistant for Congressman Bill Paxon from 1989 to 1990 and served as an associate in the Erie County District Attorney's Office from 1987 to 1989.

In Clarksdale, The Spotlight is sold at Clarksdale Area Mall and Stewart's.

Virginia Plaisted, D.D.S.
Complete Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

A growing practice with emphasis on New Technology and Continued Education to better serve our valued patients

Welcoming New Patients Now Participating With CIGNA & Delta Dental

Virginia Plaisted

74 DELAWARE AVENUE, DELMAR • 439-3299
The Voorheesville Elementary school board heard at its most recent meeting that students had collected and packed phone cards, videos, books, games, snacks, and introduced 150 boxes. The classes also wrote notes and drew pictures for the soldiers. News of the arrival of the boxes in Afghanistan came from a local source: Jennifer Delaney, a Voorheesville grad who went on to graduate from West Point and is stationed in the Middle East.

Some of her bumbles from West Point are stationed in Afghanistan when they received the packages, they remembered that Delaney is from Voorheesville and called her - there is a way to work the soldiers in Afghanistan? What can we do to help them get care? When they received the packages, they were amazed. "It's pretty easy. This year, it was more challenging than last year," Delaney said.

"Last year, all students scored in Level One (highest ranking), but it was a pretty easy test. This year, it was more challenging than last year," Delaney said.

Principal Ed Diegel said that Voorheesville students fared well on the New York State Social Studies Assessment administered in November, though not as well as they have in the past.

The board next discussed the fee schedule structures for Voorheesville elementary school use, school board president John Cole spoke in favor of our old policy of charging Voorheesville school facilities, including the gym, soccer and baseball fields.

Some recommendations regarding the fee schedule included setting a minimum fee, and negotiating depending on the level of use. For instance, football field rental would cost more than other sports.

School business official Sarita Winchell noted that the custodial knowledge gained in social studies from kindergarten through fourth grade through fees were equitable and were recommended by the board annually.

Three three diving towers, diving boards and seven lifeguard chairs that were mounted into the concrete will also be replaced.

"Through winters here, the concrete has leaved, there are a lot of cracks, so it makes it a hazard for children to stick their toes in and for the elderly who may not be so stable on their feet," said Nan Lanahan, parks administrator.

The work is expected to begin just after the park pools close for the season on Sept 1. The project will also improve filtration piping and drainage near the pools.

"It’s not a partisan position," he said. "This isn’t coming out of our caucus. It’s a public health issue." Republican David Young, who represents much of Delmar in the legislature, concurs on the latter point. Since Local Law G was introduced, he has polled his constituents and spoken to business owners throughout his district.

"About every single one of the people who have spoken to me about this were for the smoking ban," he said. "And I’m inclined to support it also. After a recent public hearing, someone said something that stuck a chord with me, that leaned me toward supporting it. Allowing smoking in public gathering places is really setting a bad example for children and young people."


town pools to get facelift

By KRISTEN OLBY

When you visit Elm Avenue Park this summer of 2004, you will see a new and improved facility. The three aging park pools, abandoned when they received the facelift in the fall at a cost of about $375,000.

The new pools welcome roughly 80,000 swimmers each summer and after 30 years of use are beginning to show their age. Aging concrete has become a safety concern, and the project calls for new concrete to be poured.

"Through winters here, the concrete has leaved, there are a lot of cracks, so it makes it a hazard for children to stick their toes in and for the elderly who may not be so stable on their feet," said Nan Lanahan, parks administrator.

The three diving towers, diving boards and seven lifeguard chairs that were mounted into the concrete will also be replaced.

The work is expected to begin just after the park pools close for the season on Sept 1. The project should be completed during the fall with any final adjustments made in the spring of 2004.

In sync

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

As both the proprietor of a local bowling alley, and as a public official - commissioner of the state Office of General Services, overseeing public spaces like Albany’s Empire State Plaza - Ken Ritter has a unique perspective on the ongoing debate over non-smoking legislation pending in the Albany County Legislature.

"The time is coming when this legislation is going to pass," he said. "In my business, I’ve seen that less and less people are smoking all the time." And he added, "This idea is garnering support from outside groups who believe in a state-wide non-smoking ban. His boss, Gov. George Patuoli, has publicly endorsed the concept.

"Is which is not to say, speaking strictly as a business owner, that Ritter favors Albany County acting alone."

"It’s going to happen, I wish the counties would let this alone and let the state pass it," he said. "If Albany County goes at it (without other counties doing the same), I think this could be a very expensive proposition."

"Yet, change may well be inevitable," Democratic-Conservative county Legislator Gary Domawelche of Albany introduced Local Law G of 2002 in November, proposing a near-total ban on smoking in “all areas available to and customarily used by the general public in all businesses and non profit entities” throughout the county.

Domawelche said that it has "overwhelming support" from both sides of the aisle and has rebuffed any effort to amend its provisions. "It’s not a partisan position," he said. "This isn’t coming out of our caucus. It’s a public health issue." Republican David Young, who represents Delmar of in the legislature, concurs on the latter point. Since Local Law G was introduced, he has polled his constituents and spoken to business owners throughout his district.

"About every single one of the people who have spoken to me about this were for the smoking ban," he said. "And I'm inclined to support it also. After a recent public hearing, someone said something that stuck a chord with me, that leaned me toward supporting it. Allowing smoking in public gathering places is really setting a bad example for children and young people."

Organizations like the American Lung Association have enthusiastically supported Local Law G. And on Jan. 29, it was endorsed by the county Legislature’s health committee and scheduled for consideration by the full Legislature next Monday, Feb. 10.

But Young said, "Not all of us (legislators) are on the same page about this yet." He admits some discomfort about the proposal’s all-or-nothing approach. "I really believe in someone, one’s own choice, and if smoking’s bad, it’s your own decision," he said.

Smoking is already banned from all county public buildings, but Local Law G adds a laundry list of "all enclosed spaces" - and enforces them. From public conveyances to restrooms, retail stores to restaurants, spectator facilities to bowling alleys to bingo halls; bars, public meeting places, waiting rooms, public hallways, entry ways and elevators.

Hotels and motels would be required to set aside 50 percent of their floors for no-smoking accommodations. The only other exemptions: private residences, retail tobacco stores and rooms for private social functions, but only where seating arrangements are strictly under the control of the sponsor.

"This is an employee-driven, employee benefit bill," said Domawelche. "If you look at the facts of how second-hand smoke kills more than 3,000 people a year, I think it’s more than reasonable."

County Legislator Mary Lou Bartolo-Collins, a Democrat who chairs the health committee, is also a small business owner - and an asthmatic.

"My heart goes out to small business people," she said. "But smoking is a major factor in the business I own. I don’t want to start thinking of people’s health."

As Local Law G has worked its way through public review, she said she has heard no outcry from smokers, estimating turnout at several public hearings at roughly 20 to 30 in favor of the legislation.

Opposition has come principally from businesses, concerned that a unilateral Albany County ban would drive business to neighboring counties that do not impose it. Sugar Martel, president of the Albany-Rensselaer County Tavern Owners Association, summed up his and his colleagues’ feelings about the proposal.

"What we’re trying to do is generate support for our proposal, and not go to local 100 percent smoking ban, in the dining room of any of our restaurants and taverns," he said - but has sought exemption for bar areas, a position that has been publicly endorsed by Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings, among others.

"We just feel that Local G is totally unreasonable. It’s taking away people’s right to make a choice," Martel said. "You know before you walk into a restaurant or bar whether you want to walk in there. Isn’t that your choice?"

Ringer says the notion has been proposed to set aside designated, enclosed "smoking areas" in businesses like his would be impractical. "I think that could be very expensive," he said. "I don’t know where in my health care costs that I don’t have a whole lot of room to do it."

He says many business owners have found better solutions themselves without the coercion of legislation.

Maryann Kreseke and her daughter Mackenzie enjoy dancing at Beihellem Public Library last Saturday.
The ‘to do’ list grows overwhelmingly long

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

There are things we have to do, the things we should do and the things we want to do. Unfortunately, what we have to do and what we should do often takes so long and requires so much energy that it sometimes feels like we never get to the third thing. There’s a picture in my college alumni magazine that prompted my first February meltdown, giving me the feeling that I’m not getting to all the things I must do and don’t stand a chance of getting to what I want to do anytime before the children leave for college.

Blessed beyond all belief to have attended a small school in beautifully mountainous Vermont, the quarterly magazine’s photos are a reminder of a simpler, more hopeful place. In the picture, I will probably Scotch tape over the place I must spend a lot of time — my kitchen sink — a lone creosote bush across pristine white snow, yellow clapboard houses nestled up against mountains whose fr trees hang heavy with snow. This picture makes me ache.

I only work part-time, my children have eschewed the frenetic over-scheduling that is the Zeitgeist of their era, and we’ve had more snow this winter than in any of the eight since we moved here from Manhattan’s urban jungle. And yet, I haven’t been out on my cross-country skis even once. I wish I could report that this is due to sloth and indolence; that I’ve put off outdoor activity to wallpaper the kitchen or that I’ve read five novels since Christmas.

This winter is another one of those times where I’m not really sure what I’ve done all day, but it has taken me all day to get it done. Part of the curse of February is that by now, I’ve been inside too long and am starting to feel isolated from, and inferior to, the rest of the world. I just know that there are people who manage to work all-time, carve out quality time with their families, cook delicious wholesome meals, keep the house clean and go to the gym at least three times a week. How do they manage to do everything they’re supposed to, while I am running down to the cellar to get clean clothes out of the dryer just seconds before the kids need them? Feelings of inadequacy grow stronger each time I read a child-rearing magazine or nearly any part of the newspaper.

Advances in medicine and technology may be wonderful, but sometimes, week like this, too many people are engaging in too many studies just to tell the millions of us who are doing the best we can that we need to do it better.

For a while, it was easy to follow most of the advice. As babies, the kids settled into easy feeding and sleeping routines, and they got loads of fresh air while Mommy took a long walk with them in the stroller. As they got older, they only watched PBS, they drank diluted apple juice, easily ate their five fruits and vegetables.

But some of the advice got crazy to follow. I was delighted to read to the children, nearly all the time, and that has paid off well. I knew that they were supposed to see me reading, but two things have drawn a toddler’s undivided attention to his mother — her being on the telephone, or her reading anything to herself. I’ve already moved on to the point where the rules of toddlerhood have changed, and now, little ones aren’t supposed to watch any TV at all. Thank God I’m old enough that I could turn on “Sesame Street” guilt-free, and cook dinner without the clutter of pans on the floor behind me. That clutter of pans needs to be getting healthier, for the current thing we’re all on the lookout for is childhood obesity. There’s a PTA meeting to address the hope that I’m missing this week because in my triaged world of have to/should/want to, I left the church and the radar. This is a topic that cuts close to the bone — or maybe far better from the bone is a better analogy. Food has always been a huge delight to both Chris and me, and it is a love that we have passed on to our children. Every few weeks, we support our weight-loss industry in our children and admit that we eat because we’re庆祝ing, eat because we’re sad, eat because we’re frustrated or eat just because it’s Tuesday.

No doubt there will soon be legislation banning ice cream trucks, and the exercise police will escort us from our beds for a morning run.

We may end up living longer but enjoying it a whole lot less. So into my day of getting the kids up and off school, making sure the bed has been changed before they go to bed at night, teaching them the basics of right and wrong, doing all things that draw us closer to the bone money, keeping the oil changed in the cars and the bills as paid as they’re going to be, adding up more high-fiber, low-fat meals that won’t elicit retching noises from the young Emerils in my house. Listen closely, though, for late at night, you’ll hear the rustling sounds of a desperate woman who has hoarded boxes of Girl Scout Thin Mint cookies. After all, what if the unthinkable happens, and next year, we’ll be consuming Girl Scout veggie platters?

George W. Frueh
Fuel Oil • Kerosene • Diesel Fuel

Call for today’s prices
Cash Only Prayer Line 439-1050
移动 Cash Only Prayer Line 439-1335

Contemporary Shopping & Services

Nominees Wanted!
Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is looking for
Citizen of the Year
Business Person of the Year
Information@bethlehemchamber.com

技术上，我会尽力将文档内容转换为自然语言的文本表示。
Honor roll grade nine
Justin Bullis, Shannon Carpenter, Marie Carroll, Ryan Cross, Patrick Dare, Brianne Datri, Brittany Davis, Amanda Ellis, Jacob Ellis, Cody Haack, Miles Hamilton, Jamie Hotaling, Robert Hummel, Jason Ingram, Chris Jones, Cole King, Matthew Koon, Elizabeth Leafeve, Karen Lenus, Garrett McCluskey, Francisco McFarlane, Jamie Nates, Anthony Northrup, Kari Phlipott, Krista Reynor, Alicia Rosa, Randall Ross, Molly Saloviz, Erin Salis, Max Smith, Zachary Smith, Ashley Snow, Johnathan Snyder, Cortney Tavel, Danielle Van Hoesen, Rachael Vatalaro, Julianna Visconti, Colleen Wolfe and Devan Zeleznak.

Raven-Chiropactic
JEFFREY P. RIKER, D.C.
JOHN R. RIKER, D.C.
Faith Plaza, Route 9W, Ste. 3
Raven, NY 12143
Telephone: (518) 756-7200
Monday – Wednesday – Friday: 7:30 – 12:00; 3:00 – 6:00
Tuesday: 3:00 – 6:00; Thursday: 7:30 – 9:00

Free Checking Free Flying
Open a SimplyFree Checking account—the one that starts free and stays free—and get a voucher for free companion airfare. It’s nice knowing one local bank gives you a head start on your next vacation. Offer expires March 31. Visit your local branch or call 800 211-1979 x101.
Schools suffer

The state is in dire fiscal straits. Gov. George Pataki did not mention it while romping to re-election last year, but his proposed executive budget for 2003-04 could not avoid the fact that state revenues have been in a free fall for more than a year.

Facing the largest state deficit ever, Pataki had vowed not to increase "job-killing" taxes, but his budget maintains scheduled income tax cuts for individuals and businesses that were enacted in the good old days.

But one sure effect of Pataki's plan to cut $1.2 billion in aid to public schools would be to dramatically raise property taxes, which may not "kill jobs," but will certainly wound homeowners, business property owners and residential and commercial renters. For most, the property tax hikes will far outweigh the income tax cuts.

Property taxes in New York are already remarkably high, not just compared to Southern states with third-rate education systems, but also compared to neighbors like Massachusetts.

Now our taxes will be higher by several hundred dollars a year, striking hard at suburban pocketbooks that are already strained by sharply higher insurance, college tuition, health care and energy costs and sharply lower returns on investments and savings.

The Legislature, as it does every year, will not cut school aid as severely as the governor proposes. But the resolution of this most difficult budget will surely occur well after the April 1 "deadline" and the date later in April when school boards adopt their 2003-04 budgets.

School districts have just begun putting those budgets together, and if they use the governor's figures for state aid, those budgets will probably carry $1.5 billion extra in their budgets. School administrators and boards must work hard to find efficiencies in their budgets, but education is a people-intensive enterprise. Cutting classroom staff for budgetary reasons will do nothing to prepare students for the future.

In 2002-03, the state provided $8,630 per student. For a broad range of residents, too often, school board meetings are attended almost entirely by school employees and parents - two important constituencies, but groups who are generally not interested in limiting spending.

One thing is clear - the state's refusal to adequately fund public education means that local taxpayers will be paying a lot more in taxes for the same or less in services, not just next year, but for the foreseeable future.

Our gas pains could be a lot worse

By PEG CLEMENT

The writer, a Delmar resident, is a senior associate for the State University of New York Center for International Development.


I pull into our neighborhood Mobil, pick one of the four empty pump islands, wave my little wand at the Pegasus horse for automatic registry of my credit card, wait four seconds. Pumping, I get bored reading the Welcome to Bob's Mobil Gas Station flier ads scrolling in the little window.

Two minutes later, $20 dollars poorer. I pull out of the station, nervous on E I drive past Stewart's and note the $1.49 sign. This is my ritual once a week. Oh, I might choose Bob's. Trustless car wash one day or stop to squeeze the brown road-

But in December 2001, living abroad in southern Africa, I couldn't fill up my car with gas - petrol - for love nor money.

In December 2001, living abroad in southern Africa, I couldn't fill up my car with gas - petrol - for love nor money. (Well, maybe for money.

Zimbabwe was (and still is, I understand) dry. The government seems to have mucked up all its oil and fuel contracts with Libya, Malaysia and South Africa. Bad credit. All 58 stations in the nation's capital, Harare, were routinely empty for much of the time I lived there. Here, we're a gas station with no cars driving in, out or around, we're happy - no waiting. There, it cost $4 a gallon, and return in the morning. Buses did not run. The town seemed to be populated by people balancing jetty cans on their heads.

Today, a year later, the fuel shortage is even worse. I read recently online about Julie Atkinson, a Zimbabwean whose father died on Christmas, already a terrible event to have to live abroad in southern Africa, I couldn't fill up my car with gas - petrol - for love nor money.

People slept overnight in their cars, or left them in the lines to walk several miles home and return in the morning. Buses did not run. The town seemed to be populated by people balancing jetty cans on their heads.
Dog park lighting was poor decision

Editor, The Spotlight:

After town officials announced a 4 percent town tax increase, Supervisor Fuller, Councilwoman Davis and Councilman Plummer voted recently to approve the installation of tower lighting – stadium-type luminaires at the town dog park.

In these tough fiscal times, are there not other more deserving projects? For example, the children’s park is in dire need of repairs.

Yet, a Ms. Davis-led majority, voted 3-2 to go with the lights at the dog park without any notice to the people most affected by the decision. Ms. Davis and the others handled the lighting issue is bad government and poor leadership, and further suggests that they are only concerned with pandering to their friends and special interests, while sacrificing the valid concerns of other residents.

Two years ago, when the idea of a dog park first arose, the town Parks Director Dave Austin immediately contacted the residents of Park Edge Lane. Mr. Austin was obviously sensitive to the people most affected by the conversion of pristine park land into a regularly trafficked congregation center for some dog owners.

We met with Mr. Austin and shared our concerns. A committee was formed (for which I was appointed), our concerns were addressed, rules were proposed and eventually adopted. Sadly, as I knew then, without town ordinances enacted, the rules would never be enforced.

Since then, without warning or notice to the affected residents, Councilwoman Davis has spearheaded the purchase of picnic tables, the construction of a water system for dogs and their owners (which changed the purpose of the park from a dog run to an activity center), to the recently installed huge blue porta-potty which every resident of Park Edge Lane looks at every time we leave our neighborhood.

Councilman Plummer and the others demonstrated political arrogance when they did not have the common courtesy or decency to contact Park Edge Lane residents about the lighting proposal, and then rambled it through the town board meeting recently. These actions, after several neighbors, including myself, had complained to the town about various concerns at the dog park, were contrary to what was reported in a recent Spotlight article.

Moreover, all landowners know that before you can physically change the structure of your home or property, you must notify the town and, equally important, you must notify all neighboring residents who may be impacted by the project. It is statutorily required and is sound good government.

Did Ms. Davis and the others think that lighting a dark area of the park next to a residential street, which has no streetlights, would not affect the aesthetic quality of the life for the residents of Park Edge Lane, who now will see our windows to the glow of the lighted dog park? Nice job.

Ms. Davis, Ms. Fuller and Mr. Plummer obviously do not agree.

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for length, style and clarity. Letters must include the writer’s name, address and phone number.

Writing to the Editor: The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 12054. Letters can be faxed to 439-8093.

Injured animal caretakers need help from community

Editor, The Spotlight:

Before we know it, spring will be upon us.

For wildlife rehabilitators, this means the busiest time of the year. Rehabbers are deluged with abandoned/injured fledged birds, baby opossums and squirrels.

Providing adequate care for so many animals is a problem faced by almost all rehabilitators.

You can help.

If you have any old cages or aquaria that you are no longer using, I urge you to donate it to the Audubon Society of New York. We will then distribute them to local wildlife rehabilitators.

We have an office right in South Bethlehem at Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary.

To make a donation or to learn more about how you can help, contact me at 767-9651, ext. 15.

Fred Realbuto
Audubon Society of New York
director and licensed wildlife rehabilitator
Smoking ban, like wars on drugs, would fail

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you for your thoughtful editorial on Albany County’s proposed smoking ban. I especially appreciate your comparison with Prohibition which, as you put it, “was a miserable failure that fueled the rise of organized crime.”

You also note the prospect of the smoking ban being “costly for taxpayers in the long run.” I hope you will note that the War on Drugs fits the same description.

Surveys show 75 to 80 percent of the American people think it is a failure. Former Secretary of State George Shultz said that the drug war “is financing a gigantic criminal network.” It is also costly. Federal spending on the drug war is $19 billion. The vast majority of spending is at the state and local level, pushing nationwide expenditure well over $100 billion a year. Some argue the costs are far higher. The typical taxpayer has spent at least $15,000 on the drug war over the years.

In discussing the drug problem, many people are concerned about what might happen if we end the drug war without solving the drug problem. Prohibition offers another lesson. In 1933, our nation ended alcohol prohibition with no solution to the alcohol problem. We still have no solution to the alcohol problem, even 70 years later. Alcohol causes far more problems than all illicit drugs combined, killing 10 times as many people each year. And we all agree that repeal was the right decision.

Paraphrasing your conclusion: “Gives the economic straits of the state and country . . . why (keep) another drain on government coffers? Banning (drugs) in such a draconian fashion might be politically popular, but it has been costly for taxpayers in the long run.”

Warren Redlich
Guilford

Peace vigil was inspiring

Editor, The Spotlight:

What an inspiration it was to join with our neighbors at the Peace Vigil Jan. 24 at the Park. But the frozen toes will only make it more memorable for me. My mother, and my children—three generations of Delmartians, united in the cause of peace.

Thanks to the organizers; I’d like to all who were there and to those at Delmar Reformed Church who allowed us to warm up.

Now may the spirit of our gathering join with the determination of all those who stand in opposition to the administration’s plan for a morally abhorrent, fiscally irresponsible, and totally unnecessary war.

Deb Adler
Delmar

Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, accuracy, style, and length. All letters must include the writer’s name, address, and phone number.

Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 1830 Sandusky St., Delmar, N.Y. 12054. Letters can be faxed to 518-438-2324.

Schuyler Bakery, Inc.

Get your VALENTINE’S DAY EXCLUSIVES

♥ SHAPED CAKES

VALENTINE CUP CAKES

DECORATED SHAPED COOKIES

EVERYDAY SPECIALS

TWO DOZEN DONUTS $6.00 Box

Photo-Picture

Cakes Now Available

637 3rd Avenue • Route 32
Waterford • 272-0142
District should consider building new schools

Editor, The Spotlight:
I’ve been following the articles in The Spotlight and the school district’s Highlights newsletter on the current planning efforts to accommodate growing numbers of students in the district.

Certainly, Bethlehem is growing and the future planner’s hope is that the region’s most desirable developable land close to the Albany area. With the arrival of Semtech and Tokyo Electron, residential development in this area can only accelerate, if not explode.

While the Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee is ostensibly reviewing a number of options, it may be deemed for school space, it is in reality fixed on the addition of up to 57 classrooms to our already too large schools.

I am lost to understand why the option of building new schools is not part of this discussion and believe this is unfair to the community. I wonder if others share the same frustration.

The district has projected future classroom needs for six to 10 years into the future, and estimates that the additional classrooms under its current plan would be built by 2017. By then, we will likely need a similar number of new classrooms.

Will we then add them, too, to our overflowing schools? Are we going to then lurch forward in the stop-gap way, from crisis to crisis, never addressing the underlying issues? This will be a waste of time, money and effort.

We need to take a serious look at the long-term costs of the district’s short-sighted approach. Gone are the days when school districts in growing areas can get away with projecting growth above a few years at a time.

Add a year’s time frame is a much more effective range of time for planning purposes and typical for communities to better plan that communities often use to guide future growth and development. We need to take the long view. Let’s not stick our heads in the sand.

There are other good reasons not to let our schools to become too large. Study after study has shown that students do better academically and socially at smaller schools where students don’t feel so anonymous. School administrators report that there’s more parental involvement at smaller schools, especially when they are neighborhood schools.

If we don’t address the underlying problems now, the “Little House on the Prairie” mental illness that afflicts our society in the developing world today will be with us tomorrow, as development doesn’t prompt, professional attention. While the Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee is currently assessing needs for an upcoming bond issue. Much of this discussion centers around providing adequate classroom space for increasing numbers of students. While this is a high priority, so is children’s safety.

The traffic flow around Hamagrael school has reached a dangerous state. The lack of a safe area for dropping off children, along with inadequate parking, has led to hazardous morning chaos. There is no supervision for children waiting outside, and they are not allowed to enter until 9:05.

Car traffic is prohibited from the driveway from 9 to 9:15, leaving parents and caregivers with few options. We may park on a narrow, congested road and risk escorting our child through traffic to one of two sidewalks accesses. Or we may attempt to deliver our child directly to one of these sidewalks entrances, if there isn’t a car parked illegally on the crosswalk. One entrance interferes with incoming bus traffic. The other is often either blocked by parked cars or unuseable because of dog droppings and neighbors’ lawn refuse.

The alarm board and the committee to act to correct this before a tragedy occurs. A safe drop-off area, possibly with some needed parking spaces, could be created at the end of the playing field. We should be on the inside of the stand of trees, the visual effects would be lessened.

Funding for the board and the committee to act to correct this before a tragedy occurs. A safe drop-off area, possibly with some needed parking spaces, could be created at the end of the playing field. We should be on the inside of the stand of trees, the visual effects would be lessened.

Martha Markhan Drophin Delmar

Resident is grateful for help

Editor, The Spotlight:
A little after midnight on Thursday, Nov. 21, due to a severe reaction to an antibiotic, I called Delmar Ambulance to St. Peter’s Hospital.

I wish to thank the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department, its EMTs and paramedics, the Bethlehem Police Department and the hospital and emergency room staff at St. Peter’s, for their prompt, professional attention and medical expertise.

We are very fortunate to have the high quality of skilled, trained and proficient volunteers of local fire departments who so willingly give their time and skills.

We are also grateful that we have local facilities to handle such critical situations. We truly appreciate all those who were there.

Thank you.

Phyllis and John Coons
Feura Bush

Safe drop-off needed

Editor, The Spotlight:
The BC Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee is currently assessing needs for an upcoming bond issue. Much of this discussion centers around providing adequate classroom space for increasing numbers of students. While this is a high priority, so is children’s safety.

The traffic flow around Hamagrael school has reached a dangerous state. The lack of a safe area for dropping off children, along with inadequate parking, has led to hazardous morning chaos. There is no supervision for children waiting outside, and they are not allowed to enter until 9:05.

Car traffic is prohibited from the driveway from 9 to 9:15, leaving parents and caregivers with few options. We may park on a narrow, congested road and risk escorting our child through traffic to one of two sidewalks accesses. Or we may attempt to deliver our child directly to one of these sidewalks entrances, if there isn’t a car parked illegally on the crosswalk. One entrance interferes with incoming bus traffic. The other is often either blocked by parked cars or unuseable because of dog droppings and neighbors’ lawn refuse.

Funding for the board and the committee to act to correct this before a tragedy occurs. A safe drop-off area, possibly with some needed parking spaces, could be created at the end of the playing field. We should be on the inside of the stand of trees, the visual effects would be lessened.

Martha Markhan Drophin Delmar
Kids invited to magic house party

On Feb. 18 at 10:15 a.m., kids in kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Magic Tree House Party — based on the series of books by Mary Pope Osborne. We’ll travel back in time with stories and activities. We might go to the ancient world of mummys from Mammies in the Morning, make volcano fun from Vacation Under the Volcano, or test our skills with the gods from front of the Olympics. Come prepared for fun. Sign up at the reference desk.

Do you know how to plant a peanut butter sandwich? Carol Anne Margolis will help us do just that in this way cool plant science program which will introduce the scientific genius of George Washington Carver. If you are in grades two to five, sign up for this fun program that will be held on Feb. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Baldie and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie is the topic for the adult book discussion on March 5. This enchanting and gentle story is about two city boys, who for the crime of being doctors' sons, are banished to a remote mountain village to be "re-educated," as were hundreds of thousands of middle-class Chinese in the time of Mao's famous Cultural Revolution. Their attachment to each other and to their intuition and will keep them from despairing, since they do not know if they will ever be allowed to return to their families.

Through an incredible piece of luck, they obtain books by European writers — Balzac, Flaubert, Dumas — translated into Chinese. When they tell these magical stories to the villagers, they become local heroes. Luo, one of the boys, adores the tailor's daughter and longs to transform from a simple country girl into a sophisticated young woman with his tales, a venture which has unexpected consequences. Copies of the books are available at sign-up at the reference desk.

Kids in grades two through five will meet on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. for discussion of Steak Away by Jennifer Armstrong. Parents are welcome to attend.

Food for Fines is going on at the library now through Feb. 28. Return your overdue items with a canned good or nonperishable food item for a fine reduction. Food donations will benefit the New Scotland Food Pantry.

Business club to host antiques appraisal

The Bethlehem Women's Club will sponsor the third annual Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Deleware Reformed Church on 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Bring you antiques or collectables to find out the value of your treasures.

The cost is $9 per item or three for $25.

Proceeds will benefit the club's scholarships fund.

Hot chili and baked goods will be available for sale.

Fiber, offers information on how to get rid of junk mail, make sense of plastics recycling, and dispose of hazardous materials. Artistic Fluorescent tubes. Upcoming special programs are also highlighted.

Upcoming programs for adults

This Friday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m., Fickert Potterry owner Lisa David will talk about "It All Starts with a Lump of Clay." Albany Symphony Orchestra members Jennifer Eicher and Krista Caldicott, aka The Erith Chamber Players, join Albany composer Ray Espinoza for a performance of American music on violin and harp on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. Dr. Ronald Straum discusses evidence for diet, exercise, vitamins and herbal supplements to reduce the leading cause of death for U.S. women.

Call 518-939-0141 to register for these programs.

Upcoming programs for children

Films for preschoolers will be presented this Friday, Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m. "One Zillion Valentines," "Mop Top," "Whistle for Willie" and "Nancy Nurtures" will be shown. Next Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 12 through 14, school-age children can drop in at the youth services "hearth" and "flowers" headquarters to make Library hours and create a Valentine card collage.

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 4 p.m., storyteller Leah Gelby will have a variety of sweet and silly activities in store for preschoolers and their families in "Hearts and Hugs."

Call 518-939-0141 to register.

Louise Greco

DAR announces antiques show

The Tawasentha Chapter of the NSDAR's 2nd annual Antiques Show and Sale will be held at the American Legion Hall, 1075 New Scotland Road in Albany on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A donation of $5.40 per person or $45 with a discount coupon is requested.

The show is invitational, featuring selected dealers with a wide range of antiques.

Furniture, clocks, strawware, woodware, tinware, glass, china, quilts, linens, jewelry, books, prints, dolls, toys and Shaker furniture will be available.

Appraisals of small portable items will be available by Dennis Holtzman for a small fee.

The chapter's Calico Kitchen will offer a varied menu.

Proceeds from the show benefit the educational, historical and patriotic objectives of our chapter.

It will award about $3,000 to schools, student scholarship, veterans and other local programs.

For information, about the show, call Marion Jewell, show manager, at 439-4142 or Claudia Englishard, show coordinator, at 449-5851.
Baseball registration set for kids

New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold registration for spring baseball on Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 11 and 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

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

The program is for boys and girls age 5 to 12 years before August 1, 2003. The season will start on April 29 and 30 and culminate with the Kiwanis Baseball League picnic for players and families on June 7.

For information about T-ball, call Molly Beatty at 765-3068.

For general baseball questions, call Lew Scheldauer at 765-2906.

Site-based committee states meeting

An open meeting of the site-based committee will be held on Monday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons.

The committee is considering restructuring the valedictory/salutary recognition process.

For information, call John Bub at 765-4357, Linda Pasquali at 765-4990 or Deb Baron at 765-9371.

State park to host ice fishing contest

The 12th annual ice fishing contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 6 to 1 p.m. at Thompson's Lake State Park.

The day's events will include fishing competitions, food and outdoor fun.

Registration is $6 per person and proceeds go to the Natural Heritage Trust, which directly benefits programming at Thacher State Park, Thompson's Lake State Park and Thacher Nature Center.

The event is open to the public. For information, call 872-1237.

Continuing ed sets registration dates

Registration for continuing education programs will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 10 and 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Registration forms can also be mailed in and will be opened after the last person registers on Feb. 11.

Classes will start the week of Feb. 24. Registration forms can be picked up at the high school main office.

Kiwanis sponsor blood pressure clinic

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. at SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue. Screening is open to the public.

Garden club to meet

The next regular meeting of the Helderview Garden Club is on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Woman's Outdoors Community Center in New Salem. Food orders due Feb. 10.

New Scotland Extra Helpings food co-op will be accepting food orders until noon on Monday, Feb. 10, for the Thursday, Feb. 27, delivery.

Forms and menus can be picked up at New Scotland town hall on Route 85 or at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road.

Dollars for Scholars to hold drawing

Dollars for Scholars will hold a drawing for a $500 Hershey bar on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Tickets will be sold at all home basketball games and can also be purchased in the high school guidance office.

Tickets are 50 cents each or four for $1. All proceeds will go to Dollars for Scholars.

Thacher Nature Center offers program

Join Angie Berchielii for a program on animal signs in winter at Thacher Park Nature Center.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, with an indoor presentation and conclude with a walk to find animal signs around the nature center.

For information, call 872-0800.

Parenting classes set at elementary school

Voorheesville Elementary School is holding a series of three programs on Systematic Training for Effective Parenting.

The classes will be held at the school library on Wednesday, Feb. 25, Wednesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Child care will be provided. For information, call Suzanne Paulson at 765-2382, ext. 518.

Tips on eliminating mail order catalogues

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is recycling coordinator for the town of Bethlehem.

I have received too many catalogues since the holidays. Now, it is sales and new spring clothes.

Catalogues are not always on the Direct Marketing Association's mailing list that pertains to the unwanted solicitations we receive.

When you purchase something, the name is put on a list that services all related catalogues.

If you order garden supplies from your favorite company, suddenly every garden supply company has your name.

Cut back on catalogues by remembering to request that they not sell your name and address when you place an order. Sometimes there is a box to check on the order blank. Use the 800 number attached to those surplus catalogues, talk to customer service and with the catalogue label in hand, request that your name be removed from the list.

Labels contain both a source number and a customer number that enable the company to track you.

If a phone number is not available, you can use the order envelope. Write customer service on the envelope and include the catalogue label with your name address and code numbers with a removal request.

Once accomplished, the catalogue volume will decline and last several years.

My initial experience worked extremely well, but now it's time to process the go through the process again.

Last week, there was an incorrect telephone number to get your name off credit cards.

The correct phone number is 1-888-567-6868.

Albany County Rural Housing Alliance Inc.

First Time Home Buyer Education Class
February 5, 6, 12, 13
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
at the
Cornell Cooperative Ext. Bldg.
in Voorheesville
FREE to the public & dinner will be provided
Must attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion.
OK to make up classes.

Issue Date: March 5
Advertising Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 12 noon
ads requiring a proof must be submitted Monday, Feb. 17 by 3 p.m.

Call your advertising representative today!

Corinne Blackman—Advertising Manager
Andrew Gregory • Dan O'Toole
Michael Parmelee • John Salvione • Cindy Yusko

439-4940 • FAX 439-0609

Spotlight Newspapers

The Capital District's Quality Weeklies

125 Avernow St., Duanesburg, NY 12054
The Spots: Colonie Spotlight, Loudonville Spotlight, Guilderland Spotlight
Niskayuna Spotlight, Schenectady Spotlight, Rotterdam Spotlight & Clifton Park Hoffman Spotlight
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, New York will receive sealed bids for a 2004 four-wheel drive Crew Cab Pick-Up truck, for use by the Police Department of the Town of Bethlehem Police Department located at 1050 State Street, Suite 3A, Bethlehem, New York 12039. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 1050 State Street, Bethlehem, New York 12039, on the 16th day of February 2004, at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of said purchase is to be used by the Police Department of the Town of Bethlehem Police Department located at 1050 State Street, Suite 3A, Bethlehem, New York 12039, registered with the NYS Secretary of State, for the performance of all lawful activity. The office of the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such proposal to: c/o Secretary of State, NYS, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12232.

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Kathleen A. Newkirk

February 4, 2004

TOWN CLERK
**Eagles**
(From Page 13)

And sue were our go-to players. This year, everyone’s been stepping up at different times.”

The task for Bethlehem as it closes in on a Suburban Council title is not to fall into the same trap as it did after it beat Colonie last year, when it lost its last three games.

“Something we just said (after the game) was this was not the end, this was a new beginning,” Foley said. “We want the No. 1 seed going into Sectionals.”

Bethlehem returns to action tonight, Feb. 5, when it hosts Niskayuna.

---

**Tournament champions**

The Bethlehem Little Lady Eagles sixth-grade team won the recent Martin Luther King Tournament in Averill Park. The team is, from left: Front—Emily Rudolph, Paula Gadomski, Megan Olson, Jackie McHugh, Becca Simone and Taylor Teal. Back—coach Bruce Olson, coach Dave Lawler, Alivia Richter, Shauna Agranit, Melissa Lawler, Allison Schreiffer, Alex McCullough, Mysha Sims and coach Dave Gadomski.

---

**OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m. to Noon

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

85 Elm Ave., Delmar


Morning programs: 4-year olds M, W, F; 3-year olds Tu, Th

For further information, call 439-3022, or visit our website at www.bethlutheran.org
Eagles knock off Garnet Raiders

By ROY JONAS

The Bethlehem girls basketball team has its sights set on victory. Now, it has to avoid a letdown.

The Eagles used an aggressive full-court press and a balanced first half, especially during a scoring attack to defeat Colonie Central 50-39 last Friday in a battle of undefeated Suburban Council teams.

"We just wanted to prove to everybody -- but mostly to ourselves -- that we are the team to beat," guard Sarah Homer said.

Bethlehem's defense provided the spark. The Eagles forced seven steals in the first half, especially during a 14-0 run from the middle of the first quarter to the early stages of the second quarter that gave Bethlehem a 21-7 lead.

When the Garnet Raiders did break Bethlehem's press, their shots were contested by an aggressive rebounding and backcourt defense from the Eagles.

"I don't think Colonie just misses shots," Bethlehem coach Kim Wise said. "They're a good team. They're capable of scoring at any time."

EAGLES PAGE 14

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP)

The name of the Limited Partnership is Partners of Albany, LP. The Limited Partnership was filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the Limited Partnership may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The name of the Limited Partnership is Partners of Albany, LP. The Limited Partnership was filed with the SSNY on 12/19/02. The address to which process may be served is 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. All persons served shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Partnership to the Limited Partnership at the above address. The Limited Partnership was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is SCAFFOLDING, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is ROYAL ROYAL APARTMENTS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is BAMBINO, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is WHITNEY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is EAGLESON MINING, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is DODGE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is O'TOOLE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is CHAMPION, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is BROWNS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is SPIEGLER, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is RAB EPS DEVELOPMENT, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the New York State Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 12/19/02. The address to which process against the LLC may be served is the SSNY Office located at 126 Clermont Ave., Ste. 200, Albany County, New York 12203. The LLC was formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/02.
Monday, Jan. 27

**BOYS BOWLING**

**BETHLEHEM 24, COLUMBIA 8**
Bethlehem leader: Jeff Young 235 game, 658 series.

Co-ops 175.

**VOORHEESVILLE 14.5**
Voorheesville leader: Stephanie Scaccia 268 game, 732 series.

RCS 25, MECHANICVILLE 7
Ravena leader: Shawn Harris 227 game, 690 series.

**GIRLS BOWLING**

Columbia 31, Bethlehem 1
RCS 22, Mechanicville 10.

Wed., Jan. 29

**BOYS BOWLING**

**BETHLEHEM 23.5, NISKAYUNA 8.5**
Bethlehem leader: Matt Young 229 game, 614 series.

RCS 20, LANSINGBURG 12
Ravena leader: Shawn Harris 220 game, 633 series.

**WRESTLING**

RCS 55, SCHALMONT 27
Individual winners: Ravena — Eoin Catroll (112 pounds), George Matthew’s 27

**ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULES**

Siena College men’s basketball assistant coach Neil Berkman is the featured speaker at this year’s St. Matthew’s Sports Night Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the

**LA MOUNTAIN 119, JAKE ELLIS (125), CURTIS GRAHAM (130), HERB TOMPERSN (140), DILLON RUSTON (145), LARRY LA MOUNTAIN (152), JOE BLENDELL (189), JEFF CORRELL (215), BRIAN HART (275).**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 30**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**VOORHEESVILLE 42, RCS 34**
Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Brittany Baron 21 points. Ravena — Katie Stott 10 points.

**HOCKEY**

**Saratoga 8, Bethlehem 0**

**WRESTLING**

**BETHLEHEM 51, BURN HILLS 25**
Individual winners: Bethlehem — Andrew Olinzok (103 pounds), Logan Cusson (125), Matt Curtin (135), Andrew Wilbur (140), Dan McKay (145), Pete Privaters (152), Bill Courtney (171), Dan Keefe (189), Arthur Bernard (215), Chad Languish (275).

**LANSCIBILITY 51, VOORHEESVILLE 30**
Individual winners: Voorheesville — Jay Spaulding (96 pounds), Zack Fluster (119), Matt O'Brien (160), Matt Robinson (171), Stefan Cardina (189).

**FRIDAY, JAN. 31**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**COLONIE 73, BETHLEHEM 46**
Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Andrew Dolan 17 points, Matt Robinson 14 points.

**COHOES 53, VOORHEESVILLE 48**
Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Fran Catellier 13 points, Mark Carson 11 points.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**BETHLEHEM 50, COLONIE 39**
Leading scorers: Bethlehem — Kaizlin Foley 14 points, Sarah Homer 12 points, Sue Kelly 10 points.

**VOORHEEsville 67, COHOES 45**
Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Jacke Markert 22 points, Michelle Nadratowski 16 points, Brittany Baron 15 points.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 1**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**VOORHEESVILLE 61, BJKW 53**
Leading scorers: Voorheesville — Mark Carson 16 points, Brian Carey 15 points, Dan Meliwski 10 points.

**HOCKEY**

**BETHLEHEM 7, TROY/COLUMBIA 4**
Scoring: Bethlehem — Andrew Kelleher 1-3, Joe Hughes 1-2, Jim Mohringer 1-2, Brian Maher 1-1, Jeff Kattren 1-1, David Farber 1-0, Evan Call 0-1.

Saves: Bethlehem — Matt Gunther and Jordan Murray combined for 16 saves.

**Sunday, Feb. 2**

**BOYS BOWLING**

**LEAGUE MEET AT HVCC**

Individual winners: Bethlehem — Jan Marro and Emily Cohen (55-meter dash), Roxanne Wegman (3,000), Johanna Marvin (long jump). Ravena — Brianna Dresler (long jump — tied with Marvin).
looking out onto Delaware Avenue and a lounge complete consultant," said Bastow. The atmosphere we're trying to create . design, product display and, of course, provided plenty of instruction on how to make a great cup of coffee.

Once renovations to the interior are complete, Bastow hopes to be pouring her first pot of java for customers in early April.

The Center for Integrative Health & Healing began officially treating patients this week at its office located in the Keystone-Builders building. A native of Delmar, Dr. Ronald Stram chose the four corners locale because of its hometown feel.

“We wanted that feel of a neighborhood, of community," said Stram. “We felt blessed when the Keystone building became available.” Keystone-Builders has moved its office to the rear of the Kenwood Avenue building.

Three physicians and five practitioners work at the center specializing in Integrative medicine, reiki, acupuncture, massage therapy, hypnosis, psychotherapy and nutrition. The health care team strives to establish a personal relationship with each patient.

“It's sort of the old time physician/retailer style when you knew your doctor cared about you because he listened," said Stram. Integrative medicine works to create a balance of mind, body, and heart and spirit. “Integrative medicine compliments both alternative and traditional medical practice to come up with treatments that include all modalities that are most safe and effective,” said Stram.

The center is open Monday through Friday and is currently accepting patients.

**Slingerlands man named to post**

The AIDS Council of Northeastern New York has appointed Peter Mansson of Slingerlands to the position of director of resource enhancement and public relations for the 15-county human service agency.

Previously the development and special events coordinator for the AIDS Council, Mansson’s new duties include enhancing the resources and visibility of the AIDS Council through the identification coordination of donations and public awareness campaigns.

The AIDS Council of Northern Eastern New York is a nonprofit community service agency that supports a wide variety of programs designed to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS and the issues faced by people living with the disease, while also promoting risk reduction and HIV preventiion education.

**Four Corners efforts begin to bear fruit**

By KRISTEN OLY

If you stroll through Delmar's Four Corners intersection - where Kenwood Avenue meets Delaware Avenue - you'll probably notice this historic district has a different feel than it did just a year ago.

Once considered the commercial hub of Delmar, the intersection became an eyesore over a 20-year period as stores were vacated, buildings became dilapidated, and pedestrian traffic dropped off. A grass roots effort to revitalize the area began in 1998 when a volunteer group of townpeople and business leaders known as the Four Corners Group sought to rejuvenate the area.

Its efforts are paying off with the intersection seeing a dramatic turnaround - two new businesses have opened their doors in the last week, and a third is slated to open in April. The idea of getting started was to bring back the pride in that area, and that's really what it's all about taking pride in what we have. We have some very historic buildings there," said Marty DeLaney, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

This spring, the town of Bethlehem and the state Department of Transportation will team up to begin a $300,000 streetscape-improvement project on Delaware Avenue that will resurface the road, adding curbs, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping.

A Victorian-era clock is also slated to be erected this fall on a small corner lot at the intersection. The Four Corners Group kicked-off its $30,000 fund raising effort for the clock on Friday.

“We already have $6,000 and we haven’t really started yet, so we’re hoping that the town will come together and everybody can take pride in it. It’s not just the Four Corners clock, it's the town of Bethlehem clock. We're really looking forward to it,” said Christine MacCarr, who operates MacCarr's The Village Butcher at the intersection.

“Once the Four Corners clock is erected, more to the cause will receive a working, miniature replica of the clock,” said Bolduc.

The Four Corners facelift is also due, in part, to property owners who’ve spruced up their storefronts. Steve Bolduc, who owns Bolduc's Bootstrap, on Kenwood Avenue, was one of the first to give his office space a new look six years ago.

“I think it was a great thing to do for my building because it increased the business and brought in business," said Bolduc.

After renovating his own business, Bolduc purchased 386 Kenwood Avenue, an office building, the building, now home to Chelsea Cottage, a 30-car, off-street parking lot that has been paved, providing customers with easy access to shops.

The restoration work has spread like wildfire throughout the area. “It became almost a domino effect. We’d like to look that good too,” said Sundling.

When the Delmar Bootery moved out of its Delaware Avenue space in 2000, the building sat vacant for more than a year. Former Delmar Bootery owner, Steve Sundling decided to invest in the building, now home to Chelsea Cottage.

“It was a major, major construction project,” Sundling said as she thumbed through pictures of the gutted building. “The only thing that remained was the 65-foot Beid fle wall and fireplace that my father had built in our house in 1952.”

After six months of construction work and $300,000 invested, both buildings were completed.

“The renovation building creates a lasting legacy in honor of Sundling’s parents, while benefiting the community. “It was very important for me to give back to the town and to elevate the image of the Four Corners toward down Delaware Avenue.”

Across the street at Delmar Marketplace, construction on a new building facade wrapped up in January, and another building façade job that had been put on hold is planned for the spring.

“It was important for me to make the town attractive, to clean it up a little bit,” said MacCarr. “I’m hoping that it brings some business and continues on down Delaware Avenue.”

Many property owners feel confident the Four Corners facelift will continue to make a comeback.

“Hopefully, its going to bring the public back to this area of town, thinking there’s a lot of potential here,” said Bolduc.
Scott Winterhoff and Kristin Santangelo

Santangelo, Winterhoff engaged

Kristin Santangelo, daughter of Gerald and Marilynne Santangelo of Rochester, and Scott Winterhoff, son of the Rev. Warren and Linda Winterhoff of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of SUNY Buffalo. She is a teacher at Queens Gymnasium Elementary School in Queens, New York.

Bethlehem Lutheran offers presentations on women's health

A series of lectures and presentations on women's health issues will be offered the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. The free series has been organized through St. Peter's Hospital. On Feb. 10, Dr. David Wolinsky will discuss Reducing Your Risk for the No. 1 Killer of Women—Heart Disease.

The Bethlehem Neighborhoods for Peace will meet on Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. at The church will also sponsor a Time of Reflection, Meditation and Prayer, using the prayer labyrinth with its answer. Register for each session by calling the church office at 439-5906.

Peace group schedules meeting

The Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace will meet on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall. The meeting will include guest speakers from Voices in the Wilderness and a discussion about future organizing efforts.

The Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace will meet on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall. The meeting will include guest speakers from Voices in the Wilderness and a discussion about future organizing efforts. The film, "Greetings from Missile Street," will be shown, and producer Tom Jackson will answer questions.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo. There is no charge for this community service. Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed. For information and submission forms, call 439-4848.

Invitations

Paper Mill Delaware Plaza 439-4123

Photography

Personal Portrait/Photographic Services. 469-4511

Jewelry

Handcrafted Wedding Rings & Attendant's Gifts.

The Spotlight

February 5, 2003 — PAGE 17

Orchestra to perform

Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Peter Cannistraci, will perform a free program of classics, pops and showtunes at its winter concert on Monday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Instruments for the orchestra are being provided for all levels of ability, and are suggested to join. Auditions are required. The orchestra performs several concerts throughout the year in a number of locations in and around Delmar.

For information, visit the Web site at www.timesunion.com/communities/dco.
John Oliver Moore

John Oliver Moore of Voorheesville died Friday, Jan. 31.

Born in Warsaw, N.C., he received his bachelor’s degree from Wake Forest College.

He was a warrant officer in the Army Air Forces Medical Corps during World War II.

From 1944 to 1951, as an officer and a civilian, he continued his research as chief of Crash Investigation.

Later in his career, Mr. Moore became the director of research and development for the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

He was a fellow of the New York Academy of Science, a member of the Committee on Drugs and Alcohol of the National Safety Council, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Society of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

He received the Metropolitan Life Award for Merit in Research in Accident Prevention in 1967.

He was a member of Knox Reformed Church and an active member of the Kiwanis Club of the Heldebergs.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Louise Moore; six children, John Moore of New Albany, Ind., and Janice VanEtten, a daughter; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Moore was a leader in aircraft and automobile crash injury research. He was also a pioneer in the driving recorder education programs while at the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Knox Reformed Church.

Arrangements are by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Mary DeGroodt

Mary DeGroodt of Delmar died Sunday, Feb. 2, at st. Peter’s Hospital in Albany.

She was a member of Unioneville Reformed Church and sang in the church choir.

She is survived by her widow of Donald E. DeGroodt.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Behrens of Delmar; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a daughter, Kim Dunston of California; a da...
Your Chamber of Commerce WELCOMES YOU TO THE TOWN OF BETHELHEM EST. 1793

Member Directory 2003

We're giving you the business!
Welcome...

Greetings from the Board President

On behalf of our more than 650 member businesses and individuals, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2003 Business Directory, designed and printed by our hometown newspaper, The Spotlight.

Since 1957 your Chamber has been an advocate and resource, providing services to our members and the community, serving as the voice of business and leading the way toward planned economic development making our area a better place to live, work and play.

If what you are looking for isn’t in this directory, contact us at 518-439-0512 or info@bethlehemchamber.com and we’ll help you find it!

Board of Directors

A - Ambassadors, Awards and the Annual Meeting
B - Business After Hours, Recognition, Breakfast Meetings, Brochures
C - Committees, Counseling for Business, Customer Service Programs, Celebrations
D - Directory of Membership, Development (Community and economic)
E - Educational Partnerships with Local Business
F - Festivals, Fund Raisers and flyers that advertise member businesses
G - Grant-seeking for Community and Chamber Projects
H - High-Tech Headquarters, Holiday Party
I - Information Center Entrepreneur
J - Job Promotion and Creation Activities
K - Kickoff for Community Projects
L - Legislative lobbying
M - Making Lists of Members, Mass and Member to Member Discount Programs
N - Newcomer Welcome, Networking Opportunities, Newsletters and News Releases
O - Orientation Programs for New Members
P - Planning, Program of Work, Publishing and Promoting our Community
Q - Quality Management in the Workplace
R - Retailers, Recruiting Business, Recognition Projects, Retail Promotions, Ribbon Cutting
S - Seminars, Seminars, Membership Services
T - Thank-you Programs
U - Unites Community Organizations for important Projects
V - Visitor Center, Volunteer Coordination for Community/Chamber
W - Welcome Promoting our Chamber and Community to the World
X - Xenials
Y - Youth Employment Service Programs
Z - Zoo for Our Community’s Quality of Life — It’s what drives the Chamber!
An advocate for business in the Bethlehem and Southern Albany area

The Bethlehem Chamber is now in its 46th year providing services and programs to meet the needs of business people in the area. Ideas for programs come from their members and the community at large. The Chamber refers hundreds of inquiries to its members each year, and answers all kinds of questions about the area. The chamber is often the first place contact is made whenever someone is looking for information about our town. Policies and procedures are set by an eighteen-member board of directors made up of a cross section of local business and professional people.

An important new service is CertifiChecks, a gift certificate program that lets people purchase gift certificates that can be used JUST LIKE CASH at over 75 participating locations. This means that anyone who has a gift to buy for a hard to buy, please person can let the recipient choose where he or she uses the gift certificate! CertifiChecks come in denominations of $5, $10, $25 and $50 and are easy to order either at CertifiChecks toll free telephone number, 1-877-770-4438 fax or at www.bethlehemchamber.com

Another great service is a free listing and 500-word business description on the bethlehemchamber.com web site. Now anywhere, any time, information is available about businesses: where they are, what they offer who to call. The Chamber also offers a printed directory of members, available free of charge to anyone who asks.

Chamber members for many years have been offered discounts on all kinds of services. Web site hosting and design, long term care discounts, incentives for payroll processing, discounts at a local optician, and many more. The chamber staff, too, offers group Dental and Health Insurance to make it easier for business people to concentrate on running their business.

CertifiChecks come in denominations of $5, $10, $25 and $50 and are easy to order either at CertifiChecks toll free telephone number, 1-877-770-4438 fax or at www.bethlehemchamber.com

Sponsor the Bethlehem Town Clock and you'll receive a Commemorative Cast Miniature of the Street Clock

BETHLEHEM TOWN CLOCK Sponsorship opportunities

$150 - Donation receives an operating miniature without customized plaque.

$250 - Donation receives an operating miniature clock with brass plaque with Town Logo and your name on the clock at the Four Corners.

$500 - Donation receives an operating miniaturized clock personalized with donor's inscription and your name inscribed on the full size clock at the Four Corners.

$750 - Donation receives an operating personalized miniature clock on a desk set and your name inscribed on the full size clock at the Four Corners.

Please Accept my Sponsorship of the Town of Bethlehem Clock at the Four Corners

In the Amount of $______

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Regardless of amount, all donors will receive a certificate suitable for gift giving. For any questions regarding this project, please call: Rosanne O'Meara (518) 439-1674
"With Success Comes Growth"

Thanks for a phenomenal 2002! Watch our office expand to accommodate our thriving real estate business in 2003.

During the renovations, our temporary location is next door at 212 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Call 439-9600 today!
**Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Website</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Antonio Delmar</td>
<td>NY</td>
<td>33x637</td>
<td>518-439-0878</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nancy 569</td>
<td>239 Delaware Ave</td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td>518-439-8191</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-7644</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bethelinh Community</td>
<td>Church</td>
<td>Frank Way</td>
<td>518-439-3135</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-3135</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National</td>
<td></td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td><a href="http://www.bccdelmar.org">www.bccdelmar.org</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Congregation Christian</td>
<td>Church</td>
<td>David Garcia</td>
<td>518-439-7977</td>
<td><a href="http://www.BCCdelmar.org">www.BCCdelmar.org</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bethelinh Community</td>
<td>Church</td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td>518-439-9029</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-9029</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emco Construction</td>
<td>John Shuff</td>
<td>2050 Western Ave</td>
<td>518-439-2720</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-7075</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Scotland Communici</td>
<td>ons, Inc</td>
<td>Jim Leder</td>
<td>211 Delaware Ave</td>
<td>518-439-7220</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First Century Church</td>
<td>P.O. Box 139</td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td>518-436-3544</td>
<td><a href="http://www.bccdelmar.com">www.bccdelmar.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Church</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Methodist Church</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Solid Rock Church</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unity Of Faith Christian Church</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John F. Roe</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First United Methodist Church</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>428 Kenwood Ave</td>
<td></td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td>518-439-9976</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-9976</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>387 Krumkirk Road</td>
<td></td>
<td>Albany NY 12023</td>
<td>518-436-7740</td>
<td>FAX: 518-436-7740</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Absolutely Clean</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18A Maple Road</td>
<td></td>
<td>Voorheesville NY 12186</td>
<td>518-765-3043</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carmella's Cleaning</td>
<td></td>
<td>Carmella Grillot</td>
<td>518-439-2623</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-2623</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kathleen Fuhrman</td>
<td></td>
<td>Forest Park Rd</td>
<td>518-439-8788</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-8788</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kelly Keener</td>
<td></td>
<td>319 Elm Ave</td>
<td>518-439-0261</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-0261</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Child Care Services**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Website</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bethlehem Preschool</td>
<td>Catherine Halayko</td>
<td>327 E. Main St</td>
<td>518-436-4901</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>PO Box 1157</td>
<td>FAX: 518-436-476</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>School's Out Inc</td>
<td>Bonny Curry</td>
<td>229 Delaware Ave</td>
<td>518-439-6300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tendercare Child Center</td>
<td>Antoinie Calhoun</td>
<td>836 Elm Ave</td>
<td>518-436-0169</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Schenectady NY 12158</td>
<td><a href="http://www.bethelinhpreschool.com">www.bethelinhpreschool.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Community Organizations**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Website</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Albany Co Assoc Of Retired Citizens</td>
<td></td>
<td>334 Krumkirk Rd</td>
<td>518-459-0750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Scotia NY 12077</td>
<td>FAX: 518-459-0750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Albany County Stop DWI</td>
<td></td>
<td>112 State St Room 1300</td>
<td>518-447-7707</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Albany NY 12027</td>
<td>FAX: 518-447-7709</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bethlehem Basketball Club</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tom Verde</td>
<td>73 Meadowbrook St</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td>FAX: 518-430-0569</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bethlehem Price Chopper</td>
<td></td>
<td>1355 New Scotland Ave</td>
<td>518-439-7148</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Slingerlands NY 12159</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-7148</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bethlehem Central Teachers Assoc</td>
<td></td>
<td>Roberts Run</td>
<td>215 Delaware Ave</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td>518-478-0617</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>FAX: 518-478-0617</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bethlehem Democratic Committe</td>
<td></td>
<td>Matthew Crumb, Chairman</td>
<td>215 Delaware Ave</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Glenmont NY 12077</td>
<td>518-626-0015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>FAX: 518-626-0015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bethlehem Memorial Post, Veterans Of Foreign Wars</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>404 Delaware Ave</td>
<td>518-439-8056</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Chiropractor**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Website</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Delmar Chiropractic</td>
<td>Dr. Lee Masterson</td>
<td>396 Delaware Ave</td>
<td>518-439-7644</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Delmar NY 12054</td>
<td>FAX: 518-439-0191</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Contact our Capital Region sales representatives at 1-800-993-7299 and visit our Web site at www.cdphp.com**

NYSHAP Report Card – July 2002
Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce / 2003 Membership Directory

First Care
Family Practice & Minor Emergency
Open 7 days/weekdays 9am - 7pm, weekends 9am-5pm
Dr. S. Michael Fuhrman, D.O.
Board Certified Family Practitioner
Hypertension, Routine Medical Care, Diabetes
We do it all on site: X-Rays • EKGs • Minor Surgery
Accepting all major insurances including
CDPHP, MVP, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Empire & United Health & GHI
363 Delaware Ave., Delmar • 439-9911

Addie’s Trinkets
A collection of jewelry sold to raise funds for breast cancer organizations.
“Working to end the legacy of Breast Cancer for our daughter’s generation.”
Always available at:
Avery’s Willow Creek Treasures, Robert’s Gift Shop—Glenside,
Peruwick’s Gift Shoppe Latium and Clifton Park, Grandma’s Gift Shop, Saturn’s Market Place—Glass Fasts, Dona Fitness Amsterdam, The Shopper—Saratoga,
Pilgrim Candles Co., The Red Wing Antiques, Lancaster Antiques-Hospital-Trip St. Peter’s Hospital-Albany, Somthing Old/New—Singerlinds.
Nick Furna Farm—Duanesburg, Liz’s Closet-Albany
Retail stores still needed

There is only one thing worse than finding a lump in your breast — it is NOT finding the lump!

Bethlehem Town Board
108 Fort Delaware Road
Shenandoah 12159
518-475-0578
The Original Applebee’s
42 SH 143
Westervelt 12193
518-797-3145

Financial Services/Insurance/Investment
Albany Financial Group
143 North Broadway
Albany NY 12208
518-478-4216

Atkins Preservers Inc.
P.O. Box 340
Shenandoah 12159
518-475-1910

LINSICO/PRIVATE LEDGER CORP.
Gary Banta
1778 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-478-2957

Bryant Asset Protection
Mark Bryant
A. W. Schermerhorn
54 West Broadway
Delmar NY 12054
518-478-3161

Edward Jones Investments
Jerry Pitz
316 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-475-7641

Richard Lud, CMFC
4 Caldwell Avenue
Shenandoah 12159
518-797-4596

Miller Associates
Gordon Miller
108 Country Club Drive
Wheatley Heights 12193
518-797-9020

Morgan Stanley
Dave Pickett
30 South Avenue Street
8th Floor
Albany NY 12207
518-432-8174

Valley Financial Services
Peter Hyes
795 North Broadway
Red Hook NY 12571
877-795-6149

Fire Craft Gallery
Darrett Thayer Inc
Larry & Susan Marcus
257 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-478-9847

Fire Department
Delmar Fire District
120 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-475-7310

Delmar Volunteer Fire District
P.O. Box 35
Delmar NY 12054
518-475-7319

Delmar Volunteer Fire District
518-475-7324

Facts
we’re helping small businesses build strong foundations
We have an entire program built around successfully meeting the challenges of growing small businesses. For information, call our Delmar Branch Manager, Rosanne O’Meara at 439-1874.

Member FDIC,
A division of BankersNA, N.A.

LET US DEAL WITH YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY
• Foreign & Domestic
• Frame Straighting
• Expert Color Matching
• Unibody Specialists
• A/C Service
• Free Estimate

TOWING ANYTIME-GUARANTEED
AUTO BODY WORK
Approved By Most Insurance Companies
462-3977 Route 9W, Glenmont
Call Always

FREE LOANER CAR

Government
Town of Bethlehem
Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals
Delmar 12054
518-415-4055

Doris Davis—Bethlehem Town Board
518-438-7858

George Langdahl—Bethlehem Town Board
13 Magdalen Road
Delmar NY 12054
518-797-7074

Thomas Marcella—Bethlehem Town Board
339 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-478-0060

Dan Plumfer—Bethlehem Town Board
244 Hurdleford Rd
Delmar NY 12054
518-439-5516

Town of Bethlehem Assessor
Dave Layser
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-439-4955

Town of Bethlehem Building Department
Karen Shue
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-439-4955

Town of Bethlehem Comptroller’s Office
Judith Kelso
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-439-4955

Town of Bethlehem Dept. of Public Works
Bruce Seor
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-439-4955

Town of Bethlehem Highway Department
143 South Broadway
Delmar, NY 12054
518-797-9177

Delmar NY 12054
518-438-7856

Town of Bethlehem Ida
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-439-4955

Town of Bethlehem Parks & Recreation
Karren Hockampa
281 Elm Ave Elm Avenue Park
Delmar NY 12054
518-438-4131

Town of Bethlehem Parks & Recreation
Nan Levanich Administrator
3 Elm Ave Elm Ave Park
Delmar NY 12054
518-438-4131

Town of Bethlehem Planning Board
Douglas C. Hardstock
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-439-4006

Town of Bethlehem Planning Board
Delmar, Lisle and Town Planner
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar NY 12054
518-439-4006

A collection of jewelry sold to raise funds for breast cancer organizations.
“Working to end the legacy of Breast Cancer for our daughter’s generation.”
Always available at:
Avery’s Willow Creek Treasures, Robert’s Gift Shop—Glenside,
Peruwick’s Gift Shoppe Latium and Clifton Park, Grandma’s Gift Shop, Saturn’s Market Place—Glass Fasts, Dona Fitness Amsterdam, The Shopper—Saratoga,
Pilgrim Candles Co., The Red Wing Antiques, Lancaster Antiques-Hospital-Trip St. Peter’s Hospital-Albany, Somthing Old/New—Singerlinds.
Nick Furna Farm—Duanesburg, Liz’s Closet-Albany
Retail stores still needed

There is only one thing worse than finding a lump in your breast — it is NOT finding the lump!
Premier
Nobody in the world sells more real estate than REMAX. Stop in and visit our new offices in the Delaware Plaza.
439-8500
Monday-Fri: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Outstanding Agents - Outstanding Results
Taking Care of Your Family Has Never Been Easier ...

The doctors you know & trust

**Internal Medicine:**
- William Duffy, MD
- James Leyhane, MD
- Adele Strominger, MD
- David Krischer, MD
- Debra Aberdale, FNP

**Pediatrics:**
- David Krischer, MD

**Audiology:**
- Laura Brodsky, MS, CCA-A

**OB/GYN:**
- Niazi Ahmed, MD
- Ahad Makarachi, MD

**Surgery:**
- Sharon Samuels, MD

**ImageCare Medical Imaging**
- Digital Mammography
- Bone Density Screening (DEXA)
- Ultrasound
- Diagnostic Radiology

Tel. 439-7833
By DEV TOBIN

Mary Chase, who wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning play “Harvey” in 1943, said one of her inspirations was a widowed neighbor who had lost her only son in World War II.

Chase recalled, “Could I possibly write anything that might make this woman laugh again?”

Our current troubles, from a looming war to a crumbling economy to another stunning shuttle sater, pale besides those of Chase’s neighbor, but we could still all use a good laugh now.

And the kind of laughs that “Harvey” provides are especially helpful today, according to Joel Aroeste, a longtime New York State Theatre Institute actor who plays psychiatrist William Chumley in the institute’s current production.

Aroeste said that the play’s hero, Elwood P. Dowd, is such a nice guy that his insistence on the reality of his large rabbit friend does not result in his being institutionalized.

“Elwood’s ability to make friends and win because it’s a pleasant person is the theme of the play, and a good lesson for today, too,” Aroeste said.

Although “Harvey” is obviously a period piece, of a decade now 60 years in the past, Aroeste said the play’s preview performance Friday morning was enthusiastically received by the audience of mostly schoolchildren.

“It’s a very funny, very witty play,” he said, “It has a lot of classic humor, interesting turns of phrase and double entendres.

“It starts with one fanciful idea — that Elwood has a giant rabbit friend — and everything takes off from there,” he added, “The fun ensues because everyone’s sanity is questioned.”

Aroeste plays a psychiatrist who wants to put Elwood away, but ends up eventually believing in the big white rabbit.

“He even wants to get Harvey to work for him,” he said.

Aroeste said many people are probably familiar with the 1951 movie starring James Stewart, which is “essentially the same” as the play, but with more locations.

But he noted that “most schoolkids haven’t seen the movie,” so the story will be fresh for them. And adults familiar with the movie probably haven’t seen it in years, he added.

“Harvey” also features on-stage roles for several institute interns, including Krysta Dennis from Colonie Central High School and Meg Cuperall from Shenehendehowa High School.

“Harvey” is on stage at the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy Feb. 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13 at 10 a.m., Feb. 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $19, $16 for senior citizens and students, $8 for children under 13. For information or reservations, call 274-3256.
Found at least six differences in details between panels.

Words with Two X's


Folded in this way the words in the diagram. They run at all directions - forward, backward, up, down. Diagonally:

MAGIC MAZE


Folded in this way the words in the diagram. They run at all directions - forward, backward, up, down. Diagonally:

EXECUTIK: J. Foux Saxtinox Xenix
EXEASON: John XXI Xenex
EXOSAX: Lenna Rexaex Xenna
EXIT: J. Fux Xai-Xai

FEB. 7-9: m. $27. Information, 473-845.
ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES
ALBANY INTERNATIONAL GALLERIES
Albany-Straker Road, Gallery "Shoe Ox," artwork of local artists, updated museum and historic block, through Feb. 16. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Daily. Information, 112-2645.

Call for Artists

DELMA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Openings in the stained glass and porcelain sections. Information, 435-7706.

COLONE TOWN BAND
Several openings, rehearsals on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 6, Newtonville. Information, 677-2570.

COLONE CENTENNIAL SINGING CHORD
Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Sunday of the month, 7:30 p.m., 275 Main St., Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 677-2570.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHURCH
Openings in church choir. Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at all Saints Village Hall, 65 Main St. Information, 831-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS
Openings in women's singing group, local church's new choir. Rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church, 1420 New Scotland Rd., Albany. Information, 439-2360.

DANCE CLASSES

ART CLASSES
Watercolor, oil and drawing, beginners and advanced. Merchants and Thruways, taught by Kenneth Woodruff. Information, 785-1528.
ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS: Guaranteed Appointment. Create a custom service experience of $12.95 guaranteed appointment. Create a schedule to fit around class. 100% guaranteed appointment! Yearly conditions apply. 827-2776.

WORK FOR STUDENTS.COM

PROFESSIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Environmental Service Systems, Capital Region’s well known Commercial Cleaning Company is seeking dependable, hard working individuals for the evening operation, 2nd shift. We are offering outstanding employment opportunities for qualified applicants with excellent benefits and advancement possibilities.

SUPERVISOR SUPPORT STAFF

OFFICE CLEANERS

FLOOR MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT TRAINEES

Call for a personal interview at (518) 467-4591 or stop by our office at 41 Broadway, Rotterdam for a personal interview.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY!!

Join our growing team as we help our customers transport their pets all over the world!

Customer Service (2) - work with customers to plan their pets trip, communicate with airlines and agents. Past travel agency or telemarketing sales required, ability to problem solve, good telephone and computer skills a must. Basic, salary, plus commission.

Clerical staff (1) - assist customer service reps., answer telephones, do data entry, communicate with customers via email and fax. Good skills computer a must.

Send Resume’s to:

PETTRANSPORTER WORLDWIDE

759 Route 9W Glenmont, New York 12077
fax 518-767-3766

NURSEFINDERS

The Professional Choice

The area’s largest medical staffing agency is looking for the best medical professionals for Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Clinics, Schools, Contracts.

RN’s - LPN’s - CNA’s

The Key... To Your Success!

If you have:
• Current NYS license/certification
• One year recent experience
• Home phone
• Stable work experience

We Offer:
• Highest Pay/Bonuses
• Discount Insurance
• Daily Pay Options

APPLY ONLINE: www.nursefinders.com

Syracuse: 506 E. Washington St. - Ph: 1-800-721-8760

Binghamton: 4790 Vestal Parkway - Ph: 1-900-760-7713

Albany: 110 Wolf Road ( Rear) - Ph: 1-866-221-7033

Get a job or go to college. No, about an excellent $10/hr. job that pays with full time benefits. Tell all your friends, can be a great skill training. Have it all in the New York Army National Guard! Call 1-800-949-5596.

BOSS EXPECTING A LITTLE TOO MUCH?

GET OUT OF THERE!

Find your future in the Spotlight Newspapers EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFIEDS
REAL ESTATE

NEW YORK STATE

Discussion of real estate market trends and property listings.

1. **FOR LEASE**
   - **Commercial Space for Lease**
     - **Location:** Albany County, NY
     - **Description:** Available retail space in a prime location.

2. **FOR SALE**
   - **Residential Properties**
     - **Location:** Various areas in Albany County, NY
     - **Features:** Single family homes, townhouses, apartments, etc.

3. **FOR SALE BY OWNER**
   - **Properties:** Range from small condos to large estates.

4. **FOR RENT**
   - **Apartments:** Includes furnished and unfurnished options.
   - **Houses:** Suitable for families and singles.

5. **FLOORING RIGHTS**
   - **Homes for Sale:** Includes homes for sale in various price ranges.

6. **FORECLOSED GOVERNMENT HOUSING**
   - **Properties:** Available for sale through government programs.

**Contact Information**

- **WEICHERT®**
  - **Website:** www.weichert.com
  - **Phone:** 1-800-326-3511

- **Raymont & Associates Real Estate**
  - **Website:** www.raymontrealtyusa.com
  - **Phone:** 518-439-7789

- **Realty USA**
  - **Website:** www.realtyusa.com
  - **Phone:** 1-800-326-3511

**Description of Properties**

- **Home in Historic Pastures**
  - **Address:** 120 Farm Lane, Albany County, NY
  - **Features:** Country charm, private location.

- **Ocean View House**
  - **Address:** 123 Ocean Drive, Albany County, NY
  - **Features:** Panoramic views, ocean access.

- **Apartment**
  - **Address:** 123 Delaware Avenue, Albany, NY
  - **Features:** Modern amenities, convenient location.

**Additional Information**

- **Valentine’s Day Promotion**
  - **Offer:** Discounts on selected properties.

- **Spring Rush**
  - **Tips:** Preparing your home for the spring market.

**Contact for More Information**

- **Raymon & Associates Real Estate**
  - **Phone:** 518-439-7789

- **Realty USA**
  - **Phone:** 1-800-326-3511
So there's no juice when you turn the key!

S
o you go out to your car, get behind the wheel, put the key in the ignition, and turn the key. But instead of the normal sound of the engine coming to life after the starter cranks, there is silence.


After the starter cranks, silence.

So there's no juice when you turn the key. The battery is dead.

"Aighh" you say to yourself. "The battery is dead."

Well, maybe yes and maybe no. But before you rush to the nearest classifieds to place your ad for help or start walking to the nearest bus stop, you might want to try a few old-time tricks and possibly find life in that battery after all.

According to Fred Padgett, Product Manager for Robert Bosch Corporation (BOSCH), a leading manufacturer of starting and charging system components, the problem might be as simple as a loose or corroded battery cable connection. "Look for white powdery residue where the battery cables attach to the battery," explains Padgett. "It doesn't take much to interrupt the flow of electricity."

While it's easy to disconnect the negative (-) cable first and reconnect it last. This will help prevent a spark or short circuit from the positive (+) terminal to the chassis, which is connected electrically to the negative (-) side of the battery. Second, remember that disconnecting the battery will cause electronic settings (like the clock and the radio pre-sets) to be lost.

If cleaning and re-tightening battery connections, two cautions are in order: Puck Padgett. First, always turn the key. But instead of the normal sound of the engine coming to life after the starter cranks, silence. But instead of the normal sound of the engine coming to life after the starter cranks, silence.

"Look for white powdery residue where the battery cables attach to the battery," explains Padgett. "It doesn't take much to interrupt the flow of electricity."

While it's easy to disconnect the negative (-) cable first and reconnect it last. This will help prevent a spark or short circuit from the positive (+) terminal to the chassis, which is connected electrically to the negative (-) side of the battery. Second, remember that disconnecting the battery will cause...
system? Well you should do something, and soon. Padgett suggests getting to a professional repair shop as quickly as you can. Otherwise you’ll be facing a no-start condition, usually at the most inopportune moment.

Your technician will perform a diagnosis with electrical meters or with an engine analyzer. If the problem is with the voltage regulator, the cure for an external unit is to simply install a replacement. If the problem lies in the alternator or integral voltage regulator, the standard cure is to replace the alternator or a remanufactured unit. The choice is often based on price, but there can be wide variations in quality, explains Padgett.

“Ask your mechanic to install an alternator with features that will allow it to last longer than the original unit,” advises Padgett.

“Alternators with larger bearings, improved circuitry, increased output, and additional provisions for cooling are available to every repair shop, and will often outlast the unit that came with the vehicle. And if you’re having a remanufactured unit installed, insist that it include a brand new, not reclaimed, integral voltage regulator.”

Warranties are another important consideration. Not only do they protect you in case of failure of the product, they also reflect the confidence your mechanic has in what he is installing, notes David Caracci, General Manager of Sales and Marketing for Bosch. “Check the warranty on a replacement alternator, and make sure the manufacturer offers an extended protection plan that includes 24/7 towing or jump-start coverage even after the original warranty has expired,” explains Bosch’s Caracci. “That’s how you’ll know how much confidence the manufacturer has in his product.”
The extension of the bypass has been in the making as long as many Bethlehem and New Scotland residents can remember. Some residents expressed frustration with the plan that seems to shift the Route 85 intersection to a different stretch of New Scotland Avenue.

"We need to take a step back and take a better look at the picture," said Tony Scartillo of New Scotland. "All we're doing is taking the congestion and moving it a half mile down the road because once you get here the roadway is 3.6 times lower."

DOT believes funneling cars to a four-lane intersection at Cherry Avenue will actually improve the flow of traffic. "I can't convey that it won't happen in the future, but it's not just going to immediately transfer congestion problems from one location to another. It's going to be the result of growth in the area over time," said project manager Robert Cherry.

The creation of a four-lane highway raised safety concerns for many in the audience. DOT maintains a four-lane highway is actually safer than the current two-lane highway. "Studies performed by the department show the average accident rate for a four lane divided roadway is 3.6 times lower than on a similar two lane roadway," said Pangburn.

Curbs and bike paths are included in the roadway design. Under the plan, the Maher Road intersection is slated to become a four-way intersection with traffic passing through at 55 mph. The intersection would have turning lanes but would be without a traffic light. The lack of a light is a concern for Donald Hernandez, who lives on Maher Road, and for several other families that have children. "If a traffic light is not installed at the corner of Maher Road how many deaths to children or adults will it take to justify in the mind of the DOT and the state government adding a traffic light?" Hernandez said.

Based on the number of cars traveling the highway, DOT believes there will be adequate time for vehicles to turn.

Hernandez plans to circulate a petition that can be signed by those who support installing a light at the Maher intersection. It will be presented to DOT in February.

While the plan isn't yet finalized, $16 million has been allocated for the extension of the bypass. Eighty percent of the funding is federal money, while the state will kick-in the remaining 20 percent.

DOT hopes to have the project design approved by next winter and begin construction in the spring of 2007. The extension of the highway would take about a year and a half, with work to be complete in fall of 2007.

The proposed plan can be reviewed at town hall, Bethlehem Public Library or Albany Public Library on New Scotland Avenue. Public comments on the proposal should be submitted to DOT in writing by Feb. 18.