Walk the walk

Delmar family in the run for makeover

By KRISTEN OLBY

A Delmar woman has been selected as a top contender in a local home decorating contest. Now she needs the public’s help to successfully claim the first place prize.

Sunmark Federal Credit Union of Schenectady and Delmar Interior Design are teaming up to award one lucky homeowner a $10,000 room makeover. Four finalists from throughout the Capital District have been chosen, and Lois Caulfield of Fairway Avenue is among them. The public will cast its vote via the Internet and ultimately choose the winner.

Cluttered with books and knick-knacks, she contends that this room in her five-bedroom Colonial is in desperate need of an overhaul. She hopes to be selected as the grand prize winner to surprise her husband who is serving with the Army Reserves in Iraq.

Normally, Dr. Patrick Caulfield is taking care of patients at his Ravena practice where he is a primary care physician. On Easter Sunday, he left to begin a seven-month stint in Baghdad, healing America’s fallen soldiers.

This isn’t the first time Caulfield has sought to surprise her husband while he’s away.

In 1991, when Dr. Caulfield was serving in the Gulf War, his wife purchased a new car. Caulfield attempted to inform her husband of the purchase but he never received the dozens of letters she sent. In

Town officials look at W. Coast tech hubs

By KRISTEN OLBY

With the development of a multi-million dollar technology park slated for Schenectady, town officials traveled across the country for a firsthand look at how another high-tech hub was successfully created.

Hillsboro, Ore., has won numerous accolades for its in-depth planning that transformed the city from an agricultural area in the 1970s into a consortium of technology-driven companies today.

Town Supervisor Theresa Egan, Brian Hannafin of Delmar, Interior Design, and Joseph Richardson, vice-chairman of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, paid Hillsboro a visit for three days in March. Representatives from Saratoga, Malta and Albany’s Center for Economic Growth also traveled to Hillsboro, all eager to capitalize on the anticipated high-tech growth in the Capital District.

The group sought to gain a better understanding of how Hillsboro successfully planned for, attracted and incorporated a plethora of technology-driven companies into the community.

“We wanted to see different technology parks that have been developed over the years,” Egan said.

Hillsboro has seen dramatic growth over the last decade with the creation of business centers, industrial parks and residential neighborhoods.

At the beginning of the computer era in the 1970s, the city was primarily a rural agricultural town. When Intel Corp. opened a manufacturing plant nearby, software engineers, molded plastic manufacturers, assemblers and parts manufacturers soon followed. By the 1980s, major Japanese firms such as Fujitsu, Epson and NEC built factories in Hillsboro.

Today, the city is dubbed the heart of “Silicon Forest” and is home to a diverse group of companies that produce personal computers, computer components, silicon wafers and advanced electronic equipment.

The city of 80,000 people now boasts 35 business parks, some as large as 300 acres.

“They are neighbors without a whole lot of buffer area. No smell, no noise, no traffic,” Theresa Egan said.

While touring the city, Egan said she was amazed at how the computer chip manufacturing plants were discreetly intermingled with homes and businesses.

“Once one looks, everything else seems to follow it,” said Egan of technology companies.

Hillsboro’s deputy city manager discussed land-use planning and with local college representatives to learn how students are being trained for high-tech jobs.

The trip also provided a forum for Capital District leaders to network.

“We need to be less territorial and have more cooperation in the effort,” said Egan, if the region is going to be successful in luring companies.

For a different perspective on city
Police arrest 3 on DWI charges

Bethlehem police recently made three driving while intoxicated arrests.

Police responded to a two-car property damage accident at Delaware Avenue and Salisbury Road in Delmar, on March 10 at 8:15 a.m. Police said Roman Hedges, 56, of 60 Salisbury Road, Delmar was involved in the accident and admitted to drinking. He failed field sobriety tests, according to police, and was charged with DWI.

Ryan Mullaney, 31, of 38 Wildwood Lane, Selkirk, was stopped by police on March 19 at 6:34 p.m. for failure to yield the right of way when turning onto Route 9W. Police said Mullaney failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI.

Jeffrey Furbeck, 40, of 405 S. Feura Bush Road was stopped by police March 24 at 4 a.m. for speeding on the Delmar bypass. Police said he failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DWI.

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Five Rivers to present program on wildlife

A program on planting for wildlife will be offered on Saturday, April 24, at 2 p.m., at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

Earth Day is a great time to learn the cardinal rules of enhancing the wildlife value of your yard.

Careful planning and selection of plantings can attract or discourage certain wildlife. Join us for an indoor/outdoor discussion of trees, shrubs and garden plants which have proven to be successful in the Capital District.

This program is free.
Patriot Act foes return to board to ask for resolution opposing act

By KRISTEN OLBY

Members of the Bethlehem Bill of Rights Defense Committee are hoping the second time’s the charm when it comes to passage of a resolution formally opposing the USA Patriot Act. The Bethlehem town board is expected to vote on a resolution that would affirm a commitment to the protection of citizens’ civil liberties at its April 14 meeting.

Critics of the post 9-11 legislation claim the act violates the Bill of Rights Defense Committee enforcement maintains that it fight the war on terrorism.

The proposed budget would allow for a 9.7 percent increase in spending over the previous year, due to debt incurred as a result of an ongoing capital project. District Business Administrator Brian Kreis said the cost is being covered by increased state building aid and is not impacting the district’s tax levy or tax rates in any way.

The proposed budget would carry an overall tax levy increase of 4.8 percent. Tax rates, based on last year’s state-determined equalization rates and town-determined assessments, would also increase by 6 cents per $1,000.

The budget proposal would add four elementary faculty positions to reduce class sizes to levels established in board of education guidelines. Another $37,500 is being budgeted to create a security specialist position. That job will enhance security throughout the district’s four towns and fluctuations in the state-determined equalization rates, used to calculate property owners in one town pay the same school property taxes as a homeowner in an adjacent town, which is a problem when both have the same taxable value.

“People feel the resolution will bring to a close issues like this at the town board level and I’ll be voting no,” he said.

If passed, Bethlehem will join roughly 170 other communities nationwide that have also passed symbolic resolutions opposing the legislation.

Melanie Trimble, executive director of the Capital Region New York Civil Liberties Union chapter, who also lives in Slingerlands. “But because we can’t contact Marcelle, we don’t know.”

The questionable future of the BIG Arena in Delmar has left some Bethlehem Youth Hockey players and their parents searching for answers.

The budget is up for sale with an asking price of $4.2 million. The complex that includes two skating rinks sat on 29 acres of land is closed for the spring and summer, citing financial difficulties. This marks the first time the facility has shut down for the summer season since the arena opened in 1999.

The financial woes of the Bethlehem Ice Group have forced the arena’s largest user — the Bethlehem Youth Hockey Program — to make alternate arrangements should the facility fail to reopen in September when hockey tryouts are held.

“We've made some plans for additional ice from other places,” said Michael Naughton of Delmar, who serves on the Bethlehem Youth Hockey board of directors. He declined to say where the hockey program has arranged to practice. He has made a lot of plans for next year, and we intend to have a program,” he added.

The hockey program serves players ages 7 through 16 from Bethlehem and surrounding communities, with 250 players typically playing each season.

A sign-up event held earlier this month at the arena, shortly after the facility closed, drew few prospective players, said board members.

“We get a lot of questions from people,” about the future of the arena, acknowledged Naughton. “People feel uncertain about it, so they’re just waiting.”

Bethlehem Youth Hockey board member Bob Lane said he’s been fielding questions regarding the BIG’s future for some time, and lately he’s been “at a loss for answers.”

A buyer isn’t secured for the arena soon, the program’s future could be hurt, he said.

“The resolution at the BIG will make it a lot easier for us to answer their questions,” said Lane.

A second sign-up event is slated for later this spring.

BIG Arena board member Tyler Kattrein of Glenmont said late Monday there are three potential buyers of the arena but declined to name them.

The Capital District YMCA is already a top contender. YMCA President John Flynn said the two sides are negotiating and, if purchased, the arena could be transformed into a Y in about two years.

Monday afternoon Bethlehem Town Supervisor Theresa Egan said no deal with any party had been reached, although she expects the arena could change hands very soon.

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Modern parents trying to make the best of it

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

We know just enough people with children going off to college this year that I’m glad that college is still four years ahead of us. It’s been excruciating to watch, even from a distance, as all these kids with their whole lives ahead of them try to figure out what the best next step is. Some of this choice is out of their hands, since they also had to wait and see which colleges accepted them. The thought of paying for it next four years seems to be adding worry lines to the kids’ parents’ mouths and daily life.

With young adults who are mentally out of the house seems to be adding grey hairs to their heads.

Watching these kids prepare to go is bittersweet, and provides a reminder that I truly am middle-aged. In my heart, it feels like five minutes ago that I was packing my bags to take my own giant step from the place that had held me for what felt like a long, long time. It’s sobering to know that the place I still automatically refer to as home is one I’ve lived away from much longer than I actually lived in it. I feel a slight sense of despair when I think that my own children are light years closer to college than they used to. It feels more competitive than when I applied to college.

Oh, so, there’s the surest sign of middle age, comparing things to the way they were “back in the days.”

I won’t say it was better then, since my friend Kristen and I recently made a vow to not become grumpy old technology-phobic women who complain about kids today and years for the way things were when we were young. It’s tempting, though, for reminiscing can make the past seem so magical. At our last family gathering, my 4-year-old nephew talked about standing on his head, and he seemed awed when I told him that my own father had been able to walk on his hands.

My 88-year-old grandmother reminisced about her own acrobatic feats.

“We used to turn cartwheels and all kinds of things like that,” said my mother, “but that’s about the last time I’ve done it."

and TV tag — although maybe the latter game was the beginning of the end.

So if our kids aren’t out playing, what are they doing? The activities that will get them into all those fine, competitive colleges that they’re going to attend someday. They’re on soccer teams, basketball teams, at dance lessons, skating lessons, music lessons, in the school play or at before- or after-school care while their parents work.

As our children engage in all the wonderful activities we have made available for them, it becomes apparent that they are spending more time with adults than we — and certainly generations before us — ever did. School, lessons, and organized sports all have adult supervision, and in addition to learning to function in the world, building skills and developing interests, our kids are interacting with other adults a lot of the time.

This can sometimes create a little tension, as parents advocate for their children with those adults. In a parenting group I was in a long time ago, one mother said one of the most important jobs of parenting was to advocate for her children. That caught me by surprise, and I wondered what she meant. With teachers? With coaches? With her child’s peers? With coaches? My authoritarian upbringing also caught up with me: you mean the person in charge isn’t always right? The notion of advocating for our kids gave me pause when I first heard them six years ago, but I’ve had to come back me many times over since then.

Sticking up for our children is something this generation is accused of doing too often, and most of us are probably guilty. When working with children complain about “those” name of your suburban town” par­ents,” we want things to be a certain way, and demand that their children only be given the best.

Most of us, I reason­ably comfortably saying, only want to know that our kids are being treated fairly while we teach them responsibility and respect. We try very hard in our house to get our kids to look at themselves first and see if they’ve done everything they can or could have in a particular situation. Sometimes we get a teenage “minmum” to our questions, sometimes we get denial, and sometimes the kids lay the blame squarely at the feet of the unfair, adult who has inflicted this woe upon them.

We also try very hard to look at ourselves and not miss moments when we could help our kids learn to cope with these “unfair, mean” adults, trying to figure out if and when we need to step in and do a little advocating.

There are some missed moments that haunt us, there are some moments that we work that stick us, we make wonder if we did the right thing. All we know is that, sometimes, we needed to do it. In this structured and too-often unsafe feeling world we live in, our children have lost a lot of the freedom and carefree moments that are essential elements of childhood.

Because sticking up for them, we can give them the feeling of safety that is childhood’s greatest gift. From that safe haven, it may be easier for them to accept the responsibility that will make them good adult members of our society when it’s their turn.
Volunteers keep senior vans rolling for 20 years

By ANNE TREADWAY

To the elderly in the town of Bethlehem, our well-known "sense of community" means they aren't forgotten. It means other town residents will put in many hours a week to help them remain independent.

A major barrier to that goal as people get older is not being able to drive, which most stubbornly takes for granted.

Bethlehem's Senior Transportation Service allows town residents who are 60 or older and live in their own homes to get rides to and from such places as doctors' offices, therapy sessions, geriatric daycare, local grocery stores and even social events.

The transportation service is making its 20th anniversary this month.

It started with the town's purchase of a single 11-passenger van in 1984 and has now expanded to a fleet of seven vehicles: four vans and three cars. Three of the vans have hydraulic wheelchair lifts.

But the vehicles don't operate month round, and that's where the volunteers come in. The town vans and cars can be spotted in local neighborhoods every Monday through Friday, with men and women at the wheel who have found this a satisfying way to spend large chunks of their retirement time.

During 2003, the transportation service required 70 percent of the total number of volunteer hours donated to Bethlehem's Senior Services Department. Records show the drivers made 20,012 door-to-door trips.

Many of the riders are regulars, like those who attend daycare programs two or three days a week, or who need to do their weekly grocery shopping.

Roger Sutliff holds an umbrella over his mother Mary Rowley, as he and Dick O'Connell use the wheelchair lift in a senior services van to transport her and other seniors on their weekly rounds.

Others use the service for occasional appointments or due to a temporary impairment or injury. A donation of $3 for a round trip within the town of Bethlehem, and $5 for a trip to other area locations is suggested, but no one is turned down for financial reasons.

Reservations for transportation must be arranged in advance by calling the town office (as early as possible before the date) at 418-5770 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Callers are accommodated on a priority basis, with medical appointments coming first.

Roger Sutliff, a Delmar native, has been a regular Wednesday driver since his retirement from the state 10 years ago. He and his van partner, Dick O'Connell, enjoy their weekly outings together, and have an easy camaraderie with the passengers in the senior vans.

"This is the kind of thing that characterizes Delmar," Sutliff said recently.

He also has used the service for Mary Rowley, his 100-year-old mother, who needs a wheelchair.

A regular Monday driver, Austin Cline, laughed when he told how he had vowed to cut down on his driving after a long career as a traveling salesman. But he signed up soon after retiring, and now that he's in his mid-70s and in good health, he never fails to show up for his assigned daylong route.

A number of women are also among the more than 50 current drivers and van helpers.

Janice Manning, a retired school music teacher, has been driving people to appointments in a town-owned car for almost six years and finds this a rewarding use of her time.

The riders, and the caretakers needed by some of them, express great appreciation for their neighbors' willingness to provide the transportation service.

"It's the best there is!" boomed 90-year-old Ed Schrager over the phone. He suffers from various ailments and has gotten rides to and from doctor's appointments for the past eight years.

Mary Mitchell, who suffered a stroke in 1991, said, "I don't know what I'd do without it."

She rides a van to do her grocery shopping and an occasional trip to the hairdresser's.

A demographic study done in 2000 by the Bethlehem Senior Services Department showed that the population of town residents over the age of 55 would increase by 30 percent by 2010.

This means more vans and cars — and volunteer drivers — will probably be needed in the years ahead.

Just as town residents stepped up to the plate when the need for senior transportation began to be talked about in the 1970s, the expansion of the service is likely to continue.

Although the town couldn't afford to pay for all the drivers, helping older people stay in their homes is something the volunteers consider worthwhile.
Beware of scammers

With the advent (finally) of warmer weather, just about everyone is itching to be outdoors even if it's only to begin yard cleanup. Unfortunately everyone includes scam artists itching to make a different kind of cleanup. They hope to make a quick buck and a quick get-away without doing anything for it.

Most often, these scammers who usually take a door-to-door approach prey on senior citizens. Some seniors prove easy targets and are intimidated into agreeing to unnecessary repairs on their homes.

Unscrupulous driveway sealers are notorious for charging exorbitant sums for performing little or no work. Other typical schemes include more extensive home repairs that require cash up front for allegedly purchasing materials.

Children, other relatives and neighbors need to reinforce the potential hazard to seniors so they are not bilked out of their hard-earned money.

No one should agree to any job from someone who rings their doorbell. No one should allow any stranger into his or her home.

Last year, two women rang doorbells and asked to use the phone under the pretense of an emergency. In that case, an unfortunate homeowner was robbed of a significant amount of cash. If there is an emergency, call the police yourself.

Don't let anyone in your home for any reason. Seniors should be discouraged from keeping too much cash in their homes and under no circumstances should they agree to take money out of the bank for paying for repairs yet undone.

Scammers should also be advised to only hire reputable contractors who are more than happy to provide references. There's good reason why deals are no longer agreed to with a handshake. Scam artists are at the top of the list of why we can't simply trust someone's word.

Should you or someone you know be approached by a home repair peddler, take the safest route. Call the police, the sooner the better. Try to recall what the peddler or person looked like and the type and color of their vehicle.

Scammers often case entire neighborhoods so prevent potential victimization. If the police show up, the scammers usually disappear in a hurry.

"Down by the Riverside," included the line "Gonna walk with Jesus and my Muslim friends." To the tune of "Jesse James," we sung "George Dubya ... robbed the election train."

Ell Miller, 5, of Delmar stopped munching snacks long enough to whisper into his mother's ear that he was the most peaceful for the children in Iraq.

Once in the city, we made for a sizeable contingent at Madison Square Park for the kick-off of Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace's (BNP) 10 foot banner, "Bring the Troops Home Now," was unfurled for the first time. Kathleen Mahoney, a junior at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in New York, is a sign that read: "Impeach Bush."

Amidst the throng of marchers, banners and posters, it was a sight to behold. The size of the crowd by the time the rally started at 1 p.m. A helicopter hovered overhead gradually expanded its flight path, suggestive of the growing stretch of marchers.

Children are more easily targeted and are more easily intimidated into agreeing to unnecessary repairs on their homes.

The War protestors march in NYC

The writer is a member of Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace.

Adhip-group kicked things off. Then, The Raging Grannies donned dowdy hats peppered with protest handouts and sang a few political ditties.

- By the time we headed west toward the Avenue of the Americas, I was a wreck of low. Rumble. As I listened more carefully, I realized it was the usual euphoria of marchers making my first inkling of the crowd's size.

Marching up Sixth Avenue just before 34th Street, spectators appeared more somber than anything else.

I found the heavy police presence unnerving, until I was reminded of the arrests and interrogations during the Pepe Reich demonstration. Protestors and police alike saw this day as a test of the demonstrations' core to take place during the Republican convention this summer in the city.

At one point our pace slowed, and there was a rumor of a counter-demonstration. We met up with Fifth Avenue for a brief time.

Their signs read: "Leave No Billionaire Behind," "Small Government, Big War," and "Corporations are People, Too."

We soon found ourselves sandwiched between the organizers and the National Families for Peaceful Tomorrows and Code Pink: Women for Peace.

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The march called for an end to the Iraqi occupation. Erin O'Brien, who was killed by a landmine while she was on patrol, is a sign that read: "Corporations are People, Too."

March organizers estimate that more than 100,000 people were present in Manhattan's Rally in the Park. Overall, the day was beautifully organized — seamless from our sleepy-eyed boarding of the bus in Delmar at 6:30 a.m. to our bawdy, but invigorated disembarkation at the west end of the parade route.

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Politics, not war, motivates protestors

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm now convinced the protestor's vigil isn't against the war after all. It is a politically motivated one.

Trudy Quaif mentioned in a letter last week that she has been brought to tears by the destruction that our government has brought to Iraq.

She was also quick to add how many thousands of men, women and children who perished, along with the 5,000-plus who will live with some mental or physical disability.

However, has she forgotten the hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians that were raped, tortured, killed and gassed under Saddam's dictatorship? How come Ms. Quaif wasn't protesting for human rights then?

Ms. Quaif questions George W. Bush's justification of waging war on Iraq. This statement alone shows me her vigil is nothing more than a political tool to show listaste for the current administration.

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TRUDY QUAIIF

Editor, The Spotlight:

At 5:57 a.m. on Monday, April 5, the Selkirk Fire Department responded to a fully involved "Signal 30" structure fire on River Road in Selkirk.

The residents of the home, Mike Baumes and his son, were fortunate to escape the fire, thanks to the heroic efforts of Tim Travis, a passing Bethlehem police officer.

"There is no doubt that if the police officer hadn't noticed the fire and alerted the occupants, both occupants would have been severely burned or killed," said Selkirk Fire Chief Harlan Metz.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined.

The Baumes lost their home and all their personal belongings.

Selkirk Station No. 1 members led by Chief William Borger are organizing a community fund drive to help the family recover from this devastating fire.

The fire company has established the Baumes Family Fund at Charter One Bank in Glenmont.

The fund will be used to assist the family in meeting their immediate need for food, clothing, furniture and shelter.

If you would like to donate money to help the Baumes family, please send a check, payable to Baumes Family Fund, to Baumes Family Fund, c/o Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, 126 Maple Ave., Selkirk 12158.

On behalf of the Baumes family and fire company members, we appreciate your support and financial assistance.

Doug Ophardt

Treasurer, Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1

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Dash organizers say thank you

Editor, The Spotlight:

Sunday, April 4, marked the 16th annual Delmar Dash with a field of 428 finishers and 70 volunteers.

The support from the town was wonderful, and many of the finishers were very vocal in expressing their appreciation of the town’s cooperation.

The event also included the fourth annual Kids Race with 111 runners 12 years old or younger. Congratulations to race director Paul Turner and all the volunteers.

We want to acknowledge the special work of the Bethlehem Police Department, Delmar Rescue Squad, Bethlehem Central School District for the use of Eismere School, Delwood Properties, for the use of the parking lot, and the 20 massage therapists from the Center for Natural Wellness School of Massage.

Special thanks also to the major sponsor, Charter One Bank, Bruegger’s Bagels for its donations of 2 dozen bagels, and Delmar Chiropractic for sponsorship of the Kids’ Race.

Thanks again to everyone who accommodates us and encourages the runners.

Joe Richardson
Race director

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Where hope begins
Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing from a different perspective in response to the letter "Troops need boost from and other coalition troops to the hometowns." Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace has been standing vigil at the Four Corners for the last 14 months for the purpose of supporting peace. Our right to stand on our corners is granted by our Center with Army Maj. Sage and Bugler Maj. Roke, who has been researching the effects of depleted uranium since the first Gulf War. In the past several days, the media has released the stories of New York City Reserves who have returned from Iraq with multiple and consistent symptoms of depleted uranium contamination and have been tested positively for that contamination. How many thousands will become critically ill or disabled, or give birth to horribly deformed babies as a result of this government's indefensible use of weapons that are known to be extremely dangerous to its own troops, let alone the millions of innocent Iraqi civilians we ostensibly intended to "liberate?" This makes me upset and sick to my stomach.

Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace has, for the past year, been offering forums and lectures to our children to invade a foreign country based on lies told to Congress.

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Mark your calendar for the celebration of new look

Join us next month as we celebrate the completion of our facilities renewal project. A grand opening reception and open house will be held on Sunday, May 10, at 2 p.m. Library trustees are eager to extend their personal thanks to you, the voters, who made this beautiful renovation possible.

Refreshments, music and introductions of some of the project's principals are planned.

Programs resume

The library is gearing up for our usual roster of summer activities. We're now planning a full schedule of summer reading program events for July and August. Performers have been booked for our annual Evening on the Green concert series in July.

Think of it, a state-of-the-art recreation has been accomplished in less than a year since our last evening on the Green. Now that's something to celebrate. This fall we offer our usual wide range of activities for all ages: computer classes, book discussions, culinary instruction, times and crafts for kids and more.

New whodunits and what sits

Recently, this column provided introductions to the mystery, fantasy and sci-fi genres. Here's a selected list of new mysteries and sci-fi/fantasy literature purchased last month.

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The officers will begin their terms on June 1.

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Village Stage offers theater scholarship

Applications are available for the Village Stage Theater Arts Scholarship. To qualify, applicants must reside in the town of Bethlehem and anticipate graduation from any public, private or parochial high school in 2004.

The award was established to encourage achievement in the field of theater arts and to encourage further theatrical activities as a career or avocation. Students may have been active in any aspect of production in front of the curtain or behind.

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Village Stage was founded in 1985 to provide quality community theater in the Bethlehem area.

For information and forms, call 439-6574.

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Chinese auction set

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church will hold a Chinese Auction on Friday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. The auction will have new and used items, and refreshments will be sold. The price for tickets is $2.50 for 10 tickets. The event is hosted by the United Methodist Women.

Bethlehem Children’s School

Come celebrate Earth Day with Bethlehem Children's School on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the day, there will be a magician, puppet show, balloon twister, Dean Davis the reptile guy, juggler Sean, a pet adoption clinic, pony rides, a petting zoo, music crafts, games, face painting and environmental displays.

Kaitlyn Martin, 12, a sixth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, had about a foot of her hair cut to donate to Locks of Love, which provides hair pieces to children with long-term medical hair loss.

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Healing art expert to discuss qigong

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The author of The Lives of a Shell-shocked Chaplain and All One Breath will be reading from his work on Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the library.

Harry Staley is a poet, professor emeritus and a noted James Joyce scholar who taught English at the University at Albany from 1941 until his retirement in 1993. He currently teaches in the theater department, and a conversation with him makes readily apparent his flair for the dramatic, his eloquence with words and his sense of humor.

His books have been praised by Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Kennedy and noted area poet/authors Judith Johnson and Naton Leslie. Don’t miss this special event in honor of National Poetry Month.

Program refreshments will be provided by the Library Friends.

For the low-down on maintaining and the nitty-gritty on what you really need for gardening success, hear our gardening expert on April 17 at 7 p.m. Phyllis Rosenblum, a master gardener, will present a program on "There’s no Such Thing as a Low-Maintenance Perennial Garden!"

Bring your questions and invite your friends. No sign-up is necessary.

At the age of 80, Mildred Kerr of Slingerlands expressed her rest and paint brushes for a graphite pencil and began to sketch scenes of the many places she visited with her husband Donald. She has become an avid sketcher and Donald is a patient guy who sits and enjoys the scenery while Mildred pursues her art.

The Kerrs reside in an adult community where Mildred, now 86, entertains her neighbors with her paintings and art show and poetic contributions to their newsletter. She is also a charter member of the Every Other Thursday Night Poets. During the month of April, the public can share in her sketches and poems displayed in the library showcase.

Oil paintings on display in the hall gallery for the month of April are by Susie Flansburg, who has been a Voorheesville resident since 1952.

She started painting later in life and credits her accomplishments as an artist to her mentors and friends Louis Pelky and Ruth Cawley. She enjoys painting regularly with a group of artist friends who meet at the Guildersclad town hall.

Story times resume at the library on Tuesday, April 26. Regular story time will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. through May 14.

Check the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org for program information.

Barbara Vink

Financial planner attends symposium

Mark T. Bryant, a certified financial planner practitioner and principal of Bryant Asset Management in Slingerlands, recently attended a Wealth Management Symposium sponsored by Commonwealth Financial Network, a national securities firm serving independent financial advisers.

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Ad woman wins promotion award

Debbie Beza of Advantage Promotions in Selkirk was recently honored with the Diamond Award for 2003 by the Specialized Promotions Association of Greater New York.

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Nominating petitions for seats on the Bethlehem Central school board are available at the office of the district clerk at 90 Adams Place in Delmar. The terms for seats currently held by Richard Svensen and Stuart Lyman will expire on June 30.

Each term of office is three years, starting July 1. Each petition must contain a minimum of 86 valid signatures and must be filed with the district clerk by 5 p.m. on April 19. Petitions must be returned to the district office by 5 p.m. on April 19.

The three seats up for election this year are currently held by board president Mona Stumbaugh and Gerald Deluca. The elections occur at the same time as the district budget vote on May 18.

Nominating petitions for three of the nine seats on the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board can be picked up at the board of education building at 26 Thatcher St. in Selkirk. Those seeking to run for one of the three board seats up for election on May 18 must secure the signatures of 45 registered voters who reside in the district. Petitions must be returned to the district office by 5 p.m. on April 19.

The three candidates who garner the most votes during the May election will serve three-year terms on the board.

Advisory council sets issues session

The Bethlehem Planning Advisory Council (BPAC) will hold an Issues Identification Workshop on Thursday, April 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the town hall auditorium.

The purpose of this workshop is to introduce the community to the comprehensive planning process. This interactive workshop will assist BPAC and the comprehensive planning team in defining the town’s attributes and help to identify issues and concerns that should be addressed throughout the planning process.

Residents, property owners, business owners and all others who are interested in the future to the town are encouraged to participate in this workshop.

The BPAC is a nine-member advisory committee established by the town board to prepare a comprehensive plan and amended zoning ordinance for the town.

Over the next nine months, BPAC will hold numerous public meetings on the comprehensive planning process. The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 408 Kenwood Ave.

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Boys lacrosse team eyes top four finish in 2004

By ROB JONAS

The Bethlehem boys lacrosse team is serving notice to the rest of the Suburban Council that it won't be the league's doormat this year.

The Eagles improved their league record to 2-1 Monday with an 11-6 victory over Colonie Central.

"We're looking to finish in the top four in the league this year, which I think is doable," Bethlehem coach Dave Rounds said. "We have to beat certain teams. We have to beat Columbia, and we have to beat Colonie. Shaker we lost to in overtime (last Thursday), so I think we can beat them the second time around."

Bethlehem has a potent scoring duo in Andrew Kelleher and Ryan Eden. They each scored five goals in the victory over Colonie, and Kelleher has had two six-goal games.

"Right now, he's providing the bulk of the offense," Rounds said of Kelleher. "We'd like to have better balance, but so far we haven't done that yet."

One player Rounds was hoping would take some of the scoring load off Kelleher was Dan Mulhall, but the senior midfielder broke his collarbone in last week's 6-5 loss to Christian Brothers Academy and is done for the season.

"Obviously, losing Dan Mulhall is a big blow to our offense," Rounds said. "We're going to need some other guys to step up." Slow starts have also hurt the Eagles. In last Thursday's 10-9 overtime loss to Shaker, Bethlehem trailed 7-1 before scoring eight consecutive goals to take a 9-7 lead. The Blue Bison then came back with two late goals in the fourth quarter and won it in extra time.

"Obviously, you can't win games if you're always trailing and always fighting your way back, but it's a good indication that this team has a lot of fight in them," Rounds said.

The defense has been a strong point for Bethlehem. Led by veterans Joe Conroy, Tim Hannigan and Nick Radko, as well as senior goalkeeper Mike Mannzone, the Eagles have allowed an average of seven goals per game over the first week of the season.

"Mike's got a pretty experienced defense in front of him. They all got significant playing time last year," Rounds said.

Bethlehem Central High School senior Brendan Venter was named the top Section II boys basketball scholar athlete at an awards ceremony April 4. Venter, a captain for the Eagles this past season, has a 95 average and is ranked seventh in his class. He has been accepted at Notre Dame, Boston College, Villanova and Duke.

Greg DeLuca and Jason Bye were also honored at the awards breakfast. DeLuca was selected to represent Ravena-CoeCAM-SeI-kirk High School, and Bye was chosen to represent Clayton A. Borton High School in Voorheesville.

Bethlehem has some serious tests ahead of it this week. The Eagles host two-time defending Section II, Class A champion Shenendehowa Wednesday and unbeaten Ballston Spa Friday.

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Correction

The Delmar Dash is a five-mile race, not five kilometers as reported in last week's edition.
**Tuesday, April 6**

**BASEBALL**
Burnt Hills 8, 
Bethlehem 7 (10)

Bethlehem highlights: Matt Young triple, double, RBI; C.J. Smorrelli triple.

**BOYS LACROSSE**
Bethlehem 11, 
Columbia 6

Bethlehem scoring: Andrew Kelleher 6-3, Ryan Eder 2-0, Mike Oliver 2-0, Nate Rauch 2-0, Dar Mailhiot 0-3, Matt Johnson 0-1.

**BOYS TRACK**
Ravena 126, Voorheesville 13
Voorheesville 127, Waterford 17

**GIRLS TRACK**
Waterford 2-0, Ravena 0-3, Voorheesville 4-6

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**Wednesday, April 7**

**BASEBALL**
Ravenna 10, 
Albany Academy 3

Ravenna highlights: John Lynch double, single, 3 RBI; Tim Sagine pitched five-fitter with 13 strikeouts.

**BOYS TENNIS**
Bethlehem 6, Shaker 3

**BOYS TRACK**
Bethlehem 96, Niskayuna 79
Bethlehem 117, Columbia 58

**GIRLS TRACK**
Saratoga 96, Bethlehem 76

**SOFTBALL**
Schalmont 3, Ravena 1

Ravena highlight: Jackie Bergbli two hits.

**Thursday, April 8**

**BASEBALL**
Ravena 8, 
Voorheesville 7

Ravena highlight: Pat Smith two-run home run, single. Voorheesville highlight: Pete Lindner two-run home run, single.

**BOYS LACROSSE**
Shaker 10, 
Bethlehem 9 (OT)

Bethlehem scoring: Andrew Kelleher 6-1, Brian Sheevers 1-1, Matt Johnson 1-0, Ryan Eder 1-0, Quinn Wilson 0-1.

Bethlehem saves: Mike Manzione 10.

**BOYS TENNIS**
Shenendehowa 6, Bethlehem 3

**BOYS TRACK**
Ravena 90, Mechanicville 51

**GIRLS TRACK**
Ravena 107, Mechanicville 32
Ravena 117, Waterford 17

**SOFTBALL**
Bethlehem 7, 
Columbia 3

Bethlehem highlight: Pitcher Kate Dombrowski's bases-loaded double capped six-run third inning.

Ravena 8, Cobleskill 1
Ravena highlights: Holly Martin double, single; Laura Persico double, single.

Voorheesville 3, 
Schalmont 0
Voorheesville highlights: Cyrtilla Saker pitched two-hitter, added a double and a single; Amanda DeGrae three singles, RBI.

**Saturday, April 10**

**BOYS LACROSSE**
CBA 6, Bethlehem 5

Bethlehem scoring: Andrew Kelleher 2-0, Ryan Eder 2-0, Dar Mailhiot 1-1.

Bethlehem saves: Mike Manzione 11.

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Bethlehem hosts basketball camps

Bethlehem Central High School will host boys and girls basketball camps this summer.

The boys' camp takes place June 28 through July 2 in the lower gymnasium.

Boys entering grades four through seven have the 9 a.m. to noon session, while boys entering grades eight through 10 have the 1 to 4 p.m. session. Both sessions include small group instruction, equal playing time and a free throw shooting contest.

The boys' camp is taught by Bethlehem varsity coach Jeremy Klugman. Former Bethlehem players and current Section II coaches will assist Klugman.

The cost of the boys' camp is $85, and registration is due by June 11.

Checks and registration forms may be mailed to coach Klugman at 49 Cardinal Ave., Albany 12208.

The girls' camp is broken up into two one-week sessions. Girls entering grades three through six participate June 28 to July 2, and girls entering grades seven through 12 participate July 5-9.

Both sessions are taught by varsity girls coach Mark Nealon and former Bethlehem players.

The cost is $75 for grades three through six and $125 for grades seven through 12. The application deadline is June 4. Forms should be mailed to Coach Nealon at 6 Terrace Place, Troy 12180.

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V'town man awarded geologist certification

Kevin P. McGrath of Voorheesville has been awarded the designation of certified professional geologist from the American Institute of Professional Geologists.

McGrath received a bachelor's degree in geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1989 and a master's degree from RPI in 1992. He has been employed by the Latham office of Earth Tech (formerly Dunn Geoscience and Rest E&D) as a hydrogeologist since 1992.

McGrath specializes in the assessment, investigation and remediation of groundwater contamination, industrial site evaluation and closure.

He is a federal Environmental Protection Agency-certified hazard ranking system evaluator for environmentally impacted properties.

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Robert Kuhn
Robert S. Kuhn, Jr., 60, of Slingerlands, died Wednesday, April 7, at Albany Medical
Hospital.
He was a graduate of Syracuse
University.
He worked at Iroquois Millwork for 20 years. Mr. Kuhn
later was owner of Northeast
Casket Co. before joining Milso
Industries, formerly Miller
Casket Co.
After retiring in 2001, he
returned to work part-time as
assistant manager at Milso
Industries.
He enjoyed traveling, doing
crossword puzzles, reading and
discussing politics.
Survivors include a sister, Gail
Mannarino of Delmar; a nephew,
Bryan Mannarino; a cousin, Bill
Kuhn of Falls Church, Va.; and his
best friend, Ed DeSousa of
Slingerlands.
Services were from the Daniel
Keenan Funeral Home in Delmar.
Burial was in Memory’s
Garden in Colonie.
Contributions may be made to
the American Heart Association,
440 New Karner Road, Colonie
12050.

Phyllis Riccio
Phyllis M. Riccio, 65, of North
Port, Fla., and formerly of
Voorheesville, died Sunday, April
4.
Born in Voorheesville, she
moved from Guilderland to
Florida 10 years ago.
Mrs. Riccio was a retired
senior clerk for the state
Department of Motor Vehicles in
Albany.
She was a member of Pine
Level United Methodist Church
in Arcadia, Fla.
Survivors include her
husband, Tony “Ric” Riccio; a
daughter, Dawn Riccio of Troy;
two sons, Jeffrey Riccio of
Amsterdam; three stepsons, Tony
and Joe of Schenectady, and
Michael of Sarasota, Fla.; two
sisters, Elma Bottilo of East
Greenbush and Francis Versel of
Englewood, Fla.; and nine
grandchildren.
Services were from Pine Level
United Methodist Church.

Rodger Davison
Rodger C. Davison, 67, of
Selkirk, died Tuesday, April 6.
Mr. Davison was an Army
vetran of the Korean War.
He worked for the National
Lead Co for 17 years and for WJ
Riegel in Selkirk for 10 years.
Most recently he worked with
his sons at D&D Masonry in
Selkirk.
He was a communicant of the
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle
in Delmar.
He was an avid gardener and
enjoyed hunting and fishing.
Survivors include his wife, Anne
Brown Davison; three sons, David
Davison of East Greenbush,
Dennis Davison of Selkirk and
Marly Davison of Glenmont; a
daughter, Kathy Davison of
Virginia Beach, Va.; four sisters,
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Gladys Wristo
Gladys M. Wristo, 93, of
Minneapolis, Minn., and formerly of
Delmar, died Saturday, March
27, at Stevens Square Nursing
Home in Minnesota.
Born in Middletown, Mrs.
Wristo lived in the Lake George
region until she moved to Delmar
in 1952. She moved to Minnesota in
1998 to be closer to her
daughter. Survivors include a
daughter; Wendy Adamin of Minnesota; nine grandchildren; and two
great-grandchildren.
A memorial service will be held at Delmar Presbyterian
Church, 585 Delaware Ave., on
Saturday, May 22, at 11 a.m.
Contributions may be made to
The Memorial Gift Fund, c/o
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585
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Writing workshop set at library
Author Elizabeth Cohen will
lead a nonfiction/memoir writing
workshop on the theme “Writing
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Literature” on Saturday, May 15,
from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at
Voortreurs Public Library.
This is a hands-on workshop.
Participants will write and read to
the group sample passages of a
proposed memoir. They will also
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explore in a full-length memoir.
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Call 786-2791 now to register.
Coleen and Floyd Brewer
Brewers celebrate 60th anniversary

Floyd and Coleen Brewer of Delmar celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a week at the Water's Edge Resort in Saybrook, Conn., courtesy of their son and daughter-in-law Jeffrey and Beth Brewer. The couple were married March 31, 1944.

Floyd has been Bethlehem’s town archaeologist for the past 29 years. He is the senior editor of the two bicentennial books: “Bethlehem Revisited,” published in 1993, and “Bethlehem Diary,” published in 1994.

He worked as an administrator and professor at three universities, retiring from the University at Albany in 1983. Coleen is a 57-year member of the Delmar Presbyterian Church where she has worked extensively to support the church’s mission program. She is an avid reader and enjoys weekly visits to the Bethlehem Public Library.

The couple celebrated with their son, Mark Brewer of Guilderland, before leaving for Connecticut.

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Aaron Levy of Delmar will play Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" and Chu will play de Sarasate's "Carmen Fantasy, Opus 25." The concert will be on Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m. in Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St.

Levy began his musical studies at the age of 5 and started studying violin with Yosef Yankelev the following year. He joined the Empire State Youth Orchestra organization the next year and became a member of the ESVSO as an eighth-grader. He was concertmaster of the Bethlehem Symphony Orchestra for four years, and in 2000, joined the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra. He has studied violin with, among others, Jill Levy and Sheila Reinhold, and studied piano with Joseph Fenimore. He also plays klezmer music as a volunteer at nursing homes, synagogues and hospitals throughout the Capital District, often accompanied by his older brother on the accordion. He has performed with the All-State Symphony and String Orchestra and was concertmaster of Area All-State in 2002.

Central High School Symphony Orchestra for four years, and in 2000, joined the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra. He has studied violin with, among others, Jill Levy and Sheila Reinhold, and studies piano with Joseph Fenimore. He also plays klezmer music as a volunteer at nursing homes, synagogues and hospitals throughout the Capital District, often accompanied by his older brother on the accordion. He has performed with the All-State Symphony and String Orchestra and was concertmaster of Area All-State in 2002.

He has also played in the Bowdoin Summer Music Festival and performed in Italy and Switzerland with Sessions Sienees per la Musica. He is a freshman at Dartmouth College. As a high school student, Chu performed with the Schenectady Symphony, the St. Cecilia Chamber Orchestra and the Empire State Youth Orchestra, with whom he also served as concertmaster for four years.

Chu attended Vanderbilt University on a Chancellor's Scholarship, and recently graduated with degrees in economics and violin performance. While at Vanderbilt, he won the concerto competition and performed Tchaikovsky's "Violin Concerto" with the Vanderbilt Orchestra. He also won several academic and musical awards, including the Theodore Presser Prize. During his sophomore year, Chu was first violinist of the Clementine String Quartet, which won first prize at the MTNA Collegiate Chamber Music Competition in Washington, D.C.

Chu is now working toward a master of music degree at the Juilliard School as a pupil of Robert and Nicholas Mann. He has performed in master classes held by Roland and Almira Vamos, Joseph Silverstein, Paul Kantor and the Emerson String Quartet.

He has attended the Aspen Music Festival, where he was a recipient of a three-year fellowship, Meadowmount, and the Taos School of Music. Recently, he performed at the Caramoor "Rising Stars" series in Katonah, Westchester County.

Tickets are $22 for adults and $12 for high school or college students. The SSO's Family Plan provides free tickets for up to three children under 13 when an adult purchases a full-price ticket. Individual tickets are available on line through www.sayschenectady.org. Tickets are also available at the Proctor's box office, 346-6204.

In this Sunday Symphony for Families show, ASO Music Director David Alan Miller will don his cowboy duds and alter ego to recreate, with some audience participation, a Gottschalk work that requires 2,000 drummers.

Tickets are $12 for adults, $6 for children. For information, call 465-4755.

Schenectady Symphony Orchestra will also present a youth-oriented show, "Cowboy Dave" holds a Percussion Party at the Palace Theatre in Albany, also on Sunday at 3 p.m.

While at Vanderbilt, he won the concerto competition and performed Tchaikovsky's "Violin Concerto" with the Vanderbilt Orchestra. He also won several academic and musical awards, including the Theodore Presser Prize. During his sophomore year, Chu was first violinist of the Clementine String Quartet, which won first prize at the MTNA Collegiate Chamber Music Competition in Washington, D.C.

Chu is now working toward a master of music degree at the Juilliard School as a pupil of Robert and Nicholas Mann. He has performed in master classes held by Roland and Almira Vamos, Joseph Silverstein, Paul Kantor and the Emerson String Quartet.

He has attended the Aspen Music Festival, where he was a recipient of a three-year fellowship, Meadowmount, and the Taos School of Music. Recently, he performed at the Caramoor "Rising Stars" series in Katonah, Westchester County.

Tickets are $22 for adults and $12 for high school or college students. The SSO's Family Plan provides free tickets for up to three children under 13 when an adult purchases a full-price ticket. Individual tickets are available on line through www.sayschenectady.org. Tickets are also available at the Proctor's box office, 346-6204.

For those who can't make it to Schenectady, the Albany Symphony Orchestra will also present a youth-oriented show this weekend as "Cowboy Dave" holds a Percussion Party at the Palace Theatre in Albany, also on Sunday at 3 p.m.

In this Sunday Symphony for Families show, ASO Music Director David Alan Miller will don his cowboy duds and alter ego to recreate, with some audience participation, a Gottschalk work that requires 2,000 drummers.

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Normanside Country Club, 7:30 p.m. information, 769-2791.

NUNNIBERGERS/GUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 5:30 p.m. 439-8623.

VORHEESVILLE PTA
Elementary school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. 467-3544.

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Normanside Country Club, 7:30 p.m. information, 769-2791.

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Normanside Country Club, 7:30 p.m. 467-4677.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP
Northway YMCA’s Association Headquarters, 701 Route 85E, Delmar, 5 p.m. 467-5519.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
Rehearsal, Blanchard American Legion Hall, 465 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. 439-7474.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS
Temple at 421 Kenwood Avenue, Voorheesville.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. 469-6779.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. 445-6035.

BINGO
Blind-American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Ave., 7:30 p.m. 439-5619.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (SCOUTING)
Elmwood Elementary School, 467 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. 439-4531.

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION
Firehouse, Aquebogue, 7:30 p.m. 439-4531.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 85 Delaware Ave, 7:30 p.m. 439-2437.

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL
New Scotland Town Hall, Route 247, 7:30 p.m. 475-9086.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Scotland, 7:30 p.m. 765-2760.

NEW YORK SENIORS
Wynne Clubhouse Community Center, New Scotland, call for times, 765-2709.

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1023 Grand Blvd., L.L.C., No. 12077, Limited Liability Company (LLC), was filed with the New York State Department of State on March 30, 2004. The purpose of the LLC is to conduct any lawful business for profit. The office of the LLC is located at 1023 Grand Blvd., Delmar, N.Y. 12054. The purpose for which the office of the LLC is located is to vote by voting machine on Friday, April 16, 2004, at the Educational Building, 51 Broadway, Delmar, N.Y. 12054, for the time of 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. prevailing time on Saturday, April 17, 2004. The election shall be held by the voters of Bethlehem Central School District for the purpose of amending the annual budget for the 2004-2005 school year.

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dad, Heather, an aspiring interior designer. This is when she

vowed there would be no surprises when her husband returned.

"I said, 'I promise I won't get any new cars or do any huge projects," she said with a laugh."

It was the start of the Makeover project. With Caufiled, a cabinetmaker, at her side and a helping hand in the application process, she sold off the required digital photos and a hastily written letter detailing her

her parents are worthwhile contenders for the top prize.

The problem is bigger than what Caufiled called the plied her husband in the letter. "My mother just does not have the

money to remodel in a way that is both functional and attractive.

Caufiled, who is artistically challenged in the

home decorating department. SheSea is left behind into place the family room as a prime example of past failed decorating careers.

"With a little help, I really feel their house could actually feel like an inviting home instead of an

outdated box," she said.

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"I think he'd be delighted and pleased," she said with a beaming smile.

There's no doubt about it, the Caufiled's dining room is a dire case.

"It's got an ancient carpet that

that is a kind of a nasty earth-tone mix."

The Caufiled's dining room furniture doesn't fashion much better, having been purchased at a variety of garage sales over the years.

the help of a professional designer, Caufiled hopes to transform a formal dining room once again. This time she'd like it to have all the features of a good kitchen including new furniture, freshly painted walls, hardwood floors and elegant lighting fixtures.

But the surprises don't end

Unbeknownst to Caufiled, her

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The proposed subdivision would create one parcel containing a dwelling and one parcel containing a—in the same area. According to the proposal, 6.3 acres of land would be divided into two parcels of one and one-half acres each.

The proposed subdivision would create one parcel containing a dwelling and one parcel containing a

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said Hannafin of the city that is home to thousands of high-tech companies. IBM is one of the largest employers in the area, with Cisco Systems and Agilent Technologies following closely behind. San Jose is the third largest city in California, with a population of 925,000.

In 2000, San Jose launched an effort to construct 40 million square feet of office space built on speculation. Four years later, the tenants haven’t materialized, and 20 million square feet of office space remains vacant, according to Hannafin.

"The message is, don’t get greedy and get ahead of yourself," he said. "It reinforces the need for a comprehensive plan that tells you where and how much you want to develop."

Bethlehem’s comprehensive planning process is already underway. When completed, the plan will identify areas suitable for technology parks to settle. Egan and Hannafin agree that residents, businesses and future high-tech companies can peacefully coexist in this community.

"We got a great perspective on how to do it," said Hannafin. "It can work in Bethlehem. It’s already generating leads."

Bethlehem Pop Warner will be holding registration for the 2004 football and cheerleading season Saturday April 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Wednesday, May 5, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 6 are eligible to participate. This season, there will be a Cub division for girls between the ages of 5 and 6 who want to cheerlead.

An official copy of the child’s birth certificate must accompany the child at the time of registration.

For information, visit the Web site at www.bethlehempopwarner.com.