Work in progress

Ellish Hackett competes in a coloring contest in front of the Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service during Plum Fest last Saturday.

Town budget calls for 5.4% tax hike

Highway Department would get 8 percent more

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

The preliminary 2005 budget, which calls for a 5.4 percent tax hike, was unveiled at last week’s Bethlehem town board meeting.

Town officials said they expect a little tweaking of Supervisor Theresa Egan’s first budget, but that the final budget will likely bear a strong resemblance to the proposed one.

The tax hike would amount to $19.10 per $100,000 of assessed value; the figure does not include expected increases from the county or other taxing districts.

The increases in most town departments are fairly even, with the largest increase coming in the highway department, at about 8 percent.

Town Comptroller Judith Kehoe said that figure is consistent with long-term projections.

Water, sewer and general fund increases stand at about 3 percent in each area, with Kehoe noting that expenditures seem to be “on an even keel.”

The $33.6 million budget is supported by about $7.87 million in property tax levies.

A workshop open to the public will be held on Oct. 15, following the town board meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. A second workshop is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 20 at 5:30. The public can then voice opinions about the budget at the public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The budget includes a $60 million increase in the town’s assessment roll, predominantly from residential growth.

About 150 new homes account for $30 million of that figure, with Bethlehem Town Center, which includes the new Wal-Mart and Lowe’s, adding $19 million.

Bethlehem’s location in the “Albany County shopping Mecca” helps town officials to count on stable sales tax revenues, Kehoe said, which were $8.8 million in 2004.

Kehoe is also counting on $1.7 million in mortgage taxes. The sales tax and mortgage tax revenues make up 70 percent of the town’s general fund, estimated for 2005 to be a little under $15.8 million.

For the past several years, the town has incorporated planned deficits into the general fund, Kehoe said.

Kehoe described taking surpluses from prior years and drawing upon those revenues instead of relying on tax increases as a budgeting tool.

“The real-life events that occur, you hope, are within your budget,” Kehoe said.

In recent years, Kehoe said, this has been true for the town, which had its last real deficit in 1996.

Currently in the midst of a residential moratorium, the town is looking to diversify its tax base, Egan said. Rural and residentially and commercially.

“Typically, by tradition, once the governor makes a nomination, unless there’s some extreme circumstances, that is the person that takes the position,” said Port Authority spokesman Pasquale DiPace.

Ringer, currently commissioner of the Office of General Services, will succeed retiring executive director Joe Seymour.

“Joe Seymour has done an outstanding job. I realize I have very, very big shoes to fill,” Ringer said.

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When he learned of the appointment, Ringer said: “Actually, I was quite overwhelmed. Of course, it’s an exciting proposition to be involved in the historic rebuilding of lower Manhattan. The Port Authority is really an outstanding agency with so many varied responsibilities.”

Ringer served as Bethlehem town supervisor from 1990 until 1993 and prior to that was chairman of the town planning board.

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District mum on details of driver’s ‘abuse’

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Through its random and unannounced drug testing policy, the Bethlehem Central School District has found that one of its bus drivers may be in violation of its drug and alcohol policies.

Citing personnel policies, Assistant Superintendent John McGuire wouldn’t say whether the driver tested positive for alcohol or drugs or whether charges are pending.

“Because it’s a personnel issue, I can’t comment on a great deal of the specifics,” McGuire told reporters.

The district called a press conference Friday afternoon, to which a number of news outlets sent reporters.

Responding to a question, McGuire said he thought
Police make DWI, 3 felony arrests.

Bethlehem Police made one driving while intoxicated (DWI) and three felony arrests, one with the help of another police agency.

On Monday, Sept. 20, William S. Kramer, 33, of 18 Babcock Terrace in Selkirk, was pulled over for inadequate exhaust on Route 9W around 1:06 a.m.

Police detected an odor of alcohol on Kramer's breath. Kramer denied drinking, police said, but admitted that he was driving home from a bar in Albany.

Kramer failed three field sobriety tests, then submitted to a chemical test that showed that Kramer tested positive for alcohol.

Kramer has a previous DWI charge and is due to return to Town Court Oct. 19.

Paul M. Eddy Jr., 36 of 3 Edgewood Drive in Selkirk, faces a host of charges after trying to buy cigarettes with an altered license, police said.

Police were called to the Glenmont Wal-Mart on Sept. 21 around 12:40 p.m. when a clerk noticed Smith's altered license. An examination of his personal checks showed them to be altered as well. Smith was arrested at the scene and sent to Albany County Jail without bail.

Smith faces charges of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second, a D felony; attempted petty larceny, a B misdemeanor; and criminal possession of a forged instrument in the third, an A misdemeanor.

A 16-year-old turned himself in on a warrant after he was notified of its existence.

Luis Morges, 23, of 1 Edgewood Drive in Selkirk, faces charges of criminal sale of marijuana in the second, a class D felony.

Eddy was processed and arraigned and sent to Albany County jail in lieu of $5,000 bail.

Eddy has a preliminary hearing Sept. 29.

With the assistance of Ravena police, Luis Morges was apprehended and turned over to Bethlehem police on a felony charge of criminal sale of marijuana.

At about 7:20 p.m. on Sept. 23, Morges, 23, of 1 St. in Ravena, was arrested by Ravena police, who turned him over at the town line to Bethlehem police.

Morges was arraigned and sent to Albany County jail in lieu of $31,000 bail. Morges was scheduled to appear in Town Court Sept. 29 for a preliminary hearing.

The first Fall Festival at Thacher State Park will take place on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will showcase the natural and cultural history of the Helderbergs and present the backdrop of fall foliage.

Demonstrations and displays featuring local artisans and historians will include spinners, weavers, artists and a blacksmith.

Geologists will identify fossils and lead interpretive walks on the Indian Ladder Trail.

The Wildlife Learning Company will present Birds of Prey and wildlife rehabilitator Kelly Martin will bring local wildlife and talk about injured and abandoned animals.

Ward Stone of the state Department of Environmental Conservation will discuss current wildlife issues in New York.

The Knox Traditional Strings will play their unique mix of old time, folk and Irish music and George Robinson will play acoustic guitar and sing folk songs.

There will be scenic hayrides, kids activities, crafts and refreshments. Come early and build your own scarecrow in a creative challenge sponsored by the Friends of Thacher Park.

Thacher Park is located 15 miles west of Albany in the Helderbergs. There is a $6 vehicle entrance fee and no additional charge to attend the Fall Festival.

Call 672-1237 for information.

Church to present annual doll sale.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar will present another special sale Saturday, Oct. 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the church, located at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, you will be able to find collectibles, designer and plush dolls along with books, children's books, toys and games.

The larger Fall Fair will be held Nov. 6.

Correction

In a Sept. 15 article about Bethlehem Veterans Park, the Web site was listed incorrectly. The correct Web site is www.bethlehemfirst.com/veteranspark.

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Environmental, traffic and industrial concerns are some of the primary reasons raised about Beacon Harbor at a public hearing during last Tuesday’s planning board meeting.

The public hearing was part of the scoping session the planning board was conducting as it works on an environmental impact statement for the project.

Beacon Harbor, proposed by Victor Gush, proprietor of O.G. Real Estate, would create a harbor with a waterway situated within the Hudson River between the PSEG plant and the Poughkeepsie Bridge.

The proposal would rezone the area, now zoned heavy industrial, to a planned commercial district and then develop 1.5 million square feet of commercial and residential space.

Peter Lynch, attorney for the developers, called the site “gum in the rough,” since it is sở surrounded by industrial and waterways, Route 144 and some industrial facilities.

Town board chairman Parlier Mathias said the session was not for residents to voice their opinion on the project, just for them to get a better understanding of what is being considered as part of state’s environmental quality review process.

Delmar resident Ken Davis was concerned with environmental issues associated with the site.

“There are at least two endangered species where town board meeting, both for its visual and its biological negative use for the site.

The site is being pursued by the Environmental Protection Agency as a superfund site for its $500 million Hudson River dredging project scheduled to begin in 2006.

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Town board member Tom Marcelle spoke in favor of the project the following night at the town board meeting, both for its positive impact on the environment and the potential negative use for the site.

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A number of Four Corners businesses are invited the community to attend the Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 2, for the first Fall Harvest Festival.

The following is a complete schedule of the activities taking place in the day.

At 9 a.m., free blood pressure screening will go on throughout the day until 3 p.m. and children can get their faces painted at First Care, 363 Delaware Ave. Several events will take place at 10 a.m.

The dedication of the clock, with four bronze plaques engraved with names of significant donors to the clock program, will take place around the Four Corners clock.

At St. Thomas Church, 35 Adams Place, residents can have their pets blessed at the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals.

Evergreen Bank, 341 Delaware Ave., will host a photographic presentation of Delmar’s Days Gone By, will continue until 3 p.m. and a Tops Township historian Joe Allgair gave the photos.

At the time of the Intergovernmental Health and Medicine, 388 Kenwood Ave., free 10-minute therapeutic chair massages with Delmar Not in the MT, will be offered until noon.

Also until noon, doctors Ronald Stoughton, M.D., and Diane Gribben, LMT, will offer free 10-minute integrative medical consultations.

At 10 a.m. also, at St. Thomas Church, residents can be invited to the dedication of the Peace Pole, which is inscribed with, in 12 different languages, the saying “Let there be Peace on Earth.”

Another four events are offered at 11 a.m.

At Beach’s, 367 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m., pumpkin picking will benefit local children.

Delmar Dental, 341 Delaware Ave., will hold free Action Bounce until 4 p.m. The activity is co-sponsored by The Floral Garden.

At the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., a local choir will present their faces painted for free.

St. Thomas will hold a farmers’ market until 4 p.m. Vendors will be offering many local products, and mugmugs, and other autumn items. From noon until 5 p.m., Beach’s will hold a barrel barbecue featuring a feast of ribs, chicken and bratwurst.

A night out at noon and running until 3 p.m., at the Center for Integrative Health and Medicine, Christopher Reilly, L.C.C., will offer free Chinese medicine consults including tongue and pulse diagnoses.

Three activities will start at 1 p.m., most of them running into the afternoon.

Key Bank will hold free family hay rides at the Four Corners parking lot until 4 p.m.

Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave., will host three half-hour martial arts demonstrations.

The Akido School of Defense will hold one starting at 1 p.m., the Budokai Karate’s demonstration will follow at 1:30, and Capital District Martial Arts will hold a demonstration at 2 p.m.

At A Perfect Blend, 376 Delaware Ave., free therapeutic chair massages will be offered until 3 p.m. The massages will be offered by Mary Jo White and Eddie Boucher of Albany Massage Association.

For a nightcap, live music will be played at A Perfect Blend beginning at 8 p.m. The performance by the Chair will end at 10 p.m.
Oh, how I hate to get up in the morning

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Isn’t morning an aggravatingly regular occurrence, shining its bright, cheery light in our windows, demanding that we get up and be part of the world? It seems to have a blatant disregard for the fact that we had to stay up to toss that last load of laundry into the washer; to finish up the final bit of homework; to email all our best friends across the world; to become incensed by the latest political information disseminated on our favorite blogs; to pay the bills; or to catch the season premiere of “ER.”

The morning doesn’t care what we did the night before, it just wants us up.

Well, maybe it’s wrong to blame the morning for all, a time of day simply is. If we could go at the day at our own pace, it would be easier. All’s the world today requires that we be up and out when we’d really rather be burrowing back under our covers for just one more hour’s sleep.

Mornings are especially tough with the return to school, after a summer in which not everybody in the family had to face the day at the crack of dawn. “Enjoy it while you can,” I told my 12- and 14-year-olds as they languished in the realm of people still feeling the joys of unstructured time. “Soon, you’ll be old enough for summer jobs.”

So they did, sleeping in each other’s rooms, chatting far too late and awakening to read or continue the conversation sleep had ended the night before.

No such gentle beginnings now though. In the hopes of getting a good night’s sleep, they are consigned to their own rooms and awaken only after the third time I touch their shoulders and call their names.

Three weeks into the school year and our family’s insomnia wish is that school started around noon instead of at 7:30 a.m. for our high school student and 8:15 a.m. for our middle schooler; not to mention the twice-a-week 7:25 start for early morning orchestra rehearsal.

Cormac has heard teenagers crave more sleep than younger kids, and that their bodies are geared more toward later rising. So it follows that school starting times should be dropped, with elementary school students starting at 7:30 and high school students starting around 9.

When he was in grade school and heard that he panicked, for he’s always preferred a slow start to his day. As he gets older, though, he’d say he’s learning to buy fully into the late-start package.

I wish that we were morning people, the kind of people who leap from their beds, energized at the start of the new day, eager to go for a run before getting the kids off to school or heading for their own jobs.

I’ve even thought morninging makes us get up early, I will probably never be someone who starts the day with a hard physical exercise.

I am slightly better about morning coffee, and I wish that we were morning people, the kind of people who

Hip, young people stay up all night, go to work all day, and maintain a sharp and edgy demeanor the next day. But after a few nights of cheating on my sleep, the only thing sharp and edgy about me is my temper.

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Plum Fest highlights Voorheesville history

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

Earlier memories and times past took a bow in Voorheesville Saturday as New Scotland’s only incorporated village hosted this year’s Plum Fest.
The annual celebration of New Scotland’s history is held in one of the town’s several hamlets.

“The Plum Fest highlights and reviews interest in the community’s history,” said New Scotland historian Robert Parmenter. Although settlers arrived in New Scotland as early as the 17th century, the town didn’t come into being until 1832 when it separated from Bethlehem.

According to Parmenter, New Scotland is “plumb” in the middle of Albany County, hence the name. Clarksville hosted the first Plum Fest seven years ago after which each hamlet in the town took its turn.

“We picked Voorheesville to be last in this first go-around because we didn’t want to run a festival there too soon after its 1999 centennial,” Parmenter said. “Next year, we might begin the loop again in Clarksville.”

Voorheesville dates back to the late 1700s. There, Coenraadt Coens operated a grist mill along the Vly Creek as early as 1787. The village’s economic importance blossomed after the Albany-Schenectady Railroad arrived in 1854. When The West Shore Railroad followed, it created a junction from which a thriving community grew.

“We grew up on the railroad and with it came foundries, a textile plant, grain mills, a cider press, cigar factory and much more,” said village historian Dennis Sullivan as he kicked off the day’s activities with a walking tour of the village.

As a midpoint between Albany and the Heldebergs, Voorheesville, with its hotels and taverns, also became a rest stop for travelers escaping the city.

According to Sullivan, the village is named for Alonzo B. Voorhees, an Albany lawyer who moved there and became New Scotland’s own supervisor. In 1888, he applied for a post office for the village and wrote in Voorheesville as its name.

The post office opened that year in a general store and tavern, which is now a home located on the Voorheesville Almen Road near the firehouse.

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While local history played prominently in many of the day’s events, there were venues to please everyone. Included were pony rides, a dog show, a sidewalk drawing contest, antique cars as well as food and craft vendors.

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Stevens and her husband, Voorheesville Mayor John Stevens, were out of town to welcome a newborn grandson.

Adding significance to the day’s events was the dedication of an historical marker in front of Voorheesville Elementary School.

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It was replaced in 1867 by a brick one-room building. As the village grew, a second room was added in 1892, followed by a third in 1911. This building, named School Number 10, stood along Vly Creek and was affectionately called Brookview School before being torn down in 1950.

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Matters of Opinion

Voting matters

There’s only a month left before the election so it’s time to seriously begin making our choices for national, state and local races. Young first-time voters should be sure to register and must do so at least 30 days before Nov. 2. So if they and other older people aren’t registered to vote, it’s imperative to do so now. Young voters age 18 and up have a real stake in the election this year. Many of their peers are serving in Iraq, where more than 1,000 have died and thousands have been grievously wounded. Young people, tomorrow’s leaders, should invest in their own future by voting.

Registering is a simple matter of filling out a short form, and town clerks throughout the region are more than happy to help. Local boards of elections can provide accurate information about the registration process.

Pollsters are saying that this year’s presidential election will be close, which is an added impetus to get to the polls on Nov. 2. And although state races aren’t playing a large role in this election, we need to vote to, in some small way, hold our legislators accountable for the second full decade of state budget foot-dragging.

One interesting contest pits longtime Democrat Michael Conners of Menands against the GOP candidate against Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar. Conners switched to run against Breslin after he says he failed to garner support from county Democrats for a run against Assemblyman Rob Prentiss, R-Colonie, who is now facing a strong challenge from former County Legislator Bob Reilly.

The Albany County district attorney’s race is also hot, since political newcomer David Soares trounced one-term District Attorney Paul Cynale in the primary. Soares ran an aggressive challenge, and apparently scored points with voters to win by a large margin.

Whether Soares will ultimately triumph, over Cynale and Republican Roger Cusick of Loudonville, is still an open question, since many more people will likely vote and Republican Roger Cusick of Loudonville, is still an open question, since many more people will likely vote in the general election.

One thing seems certain: voters are beginning to pay more attention to candidates and their platforms. Informed voters will make better choices in the voting booth, and send a message to incumbents that they aren’t necessarily guaranteed re-election without end.

Voters who fail to vote become part of the problem, as voter apathy gives rise to lack of accountability from elected officials. Citizens must take an active role in their governance by exercising their right to vote.

It pays to practice prevention

By PATTY GUINTO

The writer is a spokeswoman for the City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Breast cancer accounts for one out of every three cancer diagnoses in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women after lung cancer.

Although the incidence of breast cancer and breast cancer-related deaths in the United States is daunting, there is hope.

In fact, more than 96 percent of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer at an early stage go on to survive more than five years.

Dr. I. Benjamin Paz, director of the Breast Center at City of Hope’s Rita Cooper Finkel & J. William Finkel Women’s Health Center and vice-chairman of the Division of Surgery at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles, emphasizes that exercising prevention measures reduces the risk of breast cancer, and screening and early detection improve treatment outcomes for those who are diagnosed with the disease.

"The exact cause of breast cancer is unknown, but the risk of its development is associated with age, family history, hormonal replacement, race and a number of other risk factors," Paz explained. "Some of these risk factors are not controllable, but others can be avoided by making good lifestyle choices."

The chance of getting breast cancer increases as a woman gets older.

Some studies have shown that taking birth control pills slightly increases the risk of breast cancer and that breast feeding may decrease the chance of developing the disease.

Additional risk factors include:

• Personal or family history (maternal or paternal) of breast cancer
• Hormone replacement therapy
• Smoking, especially as a teenager or young adult
• A breast biopsy showing benign breast proliferation

Paz recommends that all women over the age of 40 visit their physician for a yearly screening mammogram and clinical breast examination (CBE).

Women in their 20s and 30s should have a CBE preferably every three years. They should conduct monthly breast self-examinations starting in their 20s.

Women with a family history of breast or ovarian cancer or with benign breast changes that predispose cancer should be evaluated for other prevention strategies.

For example, tamoxifen can reduce the incidence of breast cancer in 50 percent of high-risk women.

Symptoms of breast cancer may include some of the following:

• A new lump or mass in the breast or armpit area
• Skin irritation or dimpling
• Nipple pain or the nipple turning inward
• Redness or scaliness of the nipple or breast skin
• A nipple discharge other than milk

Prevention is the best way to reduce the risk of breast cancer. Both women and men should take proactive measures to live free of the disease.

Paz suggests the following:

• Eat a balanced diet, high in fruits and vegetables and low in fat
• Watch your weight and exercise daily
• Limit alcohol consumption and avoid smoking
• Know the risk factors and be aware of changes in your body
• See a physician for regular exams and conduct appropriate self-exams.

For information about breast cancer research and treatment at City of Hope Cancer Center, call 1-800-826-HOPE or visit www.cityofhope.org.


**Matters of Opinion**

**Voter faults Clyne, Soares for Boxley case**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a resident of Guilderland and have lived in Albany County for almost 30 years. I have noticed developments in the race for district attorney of Albany County ever since I read of the Michael Boxley case and the way Mr. Clyne handled it.

I am a single mother of two college-age daughters who are just entering the work force. When the Boxley case occurred, I went back into the records of the Clyne election in 2000 and dug out some of the statistics about his election.

Clyne was elected by little more than 5,000 votes out of a total of 143,000 cast. He lost every town, including his own, the town of Bethlehem. He lost Colonie as well by a substantial margin. A shift of 2,500 votes across the entire county, and Clyne would have lost the election. That means a shift of 250 votes in each of the three largest towns or 250 votes in each of the three largest — Colonie, Guilderland and Bethlehem — would have caused his loss. He barely won the election.

I looked into this after the outrage of Boxley. As a woman and a mother of daughters, I was disgusted with the fact that Paul Clyne and his office negotiated a ridiculous deal to appease him. Boxley even said in open court that he had sex with the woman without her consent. Clyne and his assistants stood silent as Boxley’s attorney ridiculed her on TV, and Clyne never commented in any way. Now a rapist walks the streets. Who knows how many women will be raped and be too fearful of coming forward as a result of the Boxley matter?

I read of the campaign of the Republican candidate Roger Cusick and saw that he has criticized Clyne for this case and others. He promised to give special consideration to victims and said that the victim will never be blamed again.

Clyne was wrong and Cusick is right about the Boxley matter. It was a disgrace the way Clyne handled it.

Now I see that David Soares has won a primary against Clyne. Yet I never heard Soares say a word about the Boxley matter. He spoke about lots of issues, but never a word about Boxley that I heard, either when it was taking place (he was employed in the DA’s office at the time) or now during this campaign. How can he claim to be an advocate for women?

Cusick is the only one talking about Boxley, as far as I know.

Every man, every man with a woman in his life, every parent with a daughter, every decent person should be outraged by the disgraceful way the Boxley case and others handled by Clyne and his staff.

Now is the time to react to that disgrace and make sure it never happens again. I am voting for Cusick in November and suggest every woman should do likewise. He is the only candidate who has stood up and spoken about Boxley. He is the only candidate who will prevent it from happening again.

Linda Topor
Guilderland

**Kiwanis to dish up annual breakfast**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Kiwanis Club of Delmar will hold its fall pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave.

It is an all-you-can-eat breakfast featuring pancakes, our famous sausages and orange juice, coffee, tea or milk.

The cost is $4.50 for adults, $2 for children under age 12 and free for pre-school kids.

All proceeds go to fund the Kiwanis Projects for Youth. This includes projects of our Builders Club at the middle school, Key Club at the high school and Circle K at The University at Albany.

In addition, money raised through these fund-raisers benefits community groups such as Little League and Babe Ruth.

Each year, Kiwanis sends at least one child with disabilities to Camp Kiwanis for a week. We also award scholarships to students who have demonstrated a commitment to community service.

The motto of Kiwanis is "Serving The Children of the World," and we meet this goal by supporting projects to reduce Iodine Deficiency Syndrome. Kiwanis, along with UNICEF, has almost eradicated this disease, which causes mental retardation in children.

Our major local project is support for the Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Children’s Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

To date, we have raised almost $400,000 for this worthy project. The Delmar club alone gives almost $10,000 each year for pediatric trauma.

Kiwanis counts on community support for these fund-raisers in order to continue to serve the children of our community and the world.

Please plan on having breakfast with us on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Dominick DeCecco
Slingerlands

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Town drivers need to get out of fast lane

Editor, The Spotlight:

Please slow down! I read these wonderful articles about how supportive the residents of Bethlehem are. When people are friendly and in need of a good neighbor, ours are quick to respond.

Then why is it that when these same people get behind the wheel a whole new world of emergency unfolds? Recently, I pulled out of the side street next to the Delmar Post Office onto Delaware Avenue going east at 9:15 a.m.

There was plenty of space in front of the car turning off Kenwood Avenue at the Four Corners. Why then did that driver feel it necessary to blow his horn?

The speed limit there on Delaware is 30 mph. I continued on Delaware doing exactly 30 mph with that same car still on my tail. I pulled into the Getty station only to get a glaring look from the driver as he sped off.

I pulled back out onto Delaware, continuing toward Albany, only to find another car right on my tail. I knew you that the speed limit is still 30 mph until you go under the bridge where it then changes to 40 mph.

Once they were able, they sped off to the right lane by Friendly’s and got right up to 40 mph, only to have to stop at the traffic light at Elsmere Avenue. Once the light accelerated to 40 mph in front of Elsmere School (They were lucky, there was no school that day), the speed limit during school is 30 mph. Unfortunately, they had to brake hard as a car cut in front of them to pull into Dunkin’ Donuts.

They sped off again, accelerating to 40 mph only to brake and switch lanes quickly as the car in front of them pulled into Delaware Plaza. They then switched back to the right lane and had to stop at the light in front of the plaza.

Once again, the light changed and they accelerated again, only to pull into the Hess station.

By the way, I was just passing this car and the lane was 55 mph the whole way on Delaware as they turned into the Hess station. Now speed limit in this car flying up Delaware in the right lane in front of Hofman car wash Nash gets the same car of me to cross over the bridge.

This same scenario occurs all over Delmar. No matter what road you go, people are too often in a rush.

Our town is growing. There is nothing we can do about the commercial cars on our roads.

Speed limits are there to maintain a safe driving speed. Because of the many cars driving over much of Delaware Avenue doesn’t mean you should go 40 mph. If it is safe to do 25 mph or even 30 mph during a certain period, so be it.

Neighborhood streets are full of children playing, families walking and bike riders. Even 30 mph on these streets may be a little too fast. Many 25 mph would be safer. I remember moving to Delmar 35 years ago from Long Island. We joked that when more than two cars were at the intersection of Delmar Place and Kenwood Avenue it was a traffic jam.

Please slow down. Enjoy your travels through our town. I would much rather be open to any of my fellow townspersons.

Jeff Gillick
Delmar

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Residents can get free radon testing

By LIBBY SCHRAMME

Residents of New Scotland, a known hot spot for radon, are eligible for free testing through a federal Environmental Protection Agency grant.

David Diligent, extension resource educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Voorheesville, secured the three-year grant.

The EPA will not provide money. Diligent said, to clean up or monitor human pollutants. Radon occurs naturally, seeping into homes through cracks in foundations or through sump pumps.

“It’s a good issue, because humans don’t make it,” Diligent said.

The radioactive, odorless gas comes from the decay of uranium in soils and is prevalent in southern Albany County in places like New Scotland, Knox, Westerlo, Selkirk and Coeymans.

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As for putting her own job in jeopardy, Loomis told Gill, “I want to assure you your exercising your right to speak up does not place your job in jeopardy. You do excellent work.”

What I tell a lot of people is that they might as well test,” Diligent said. “There’s a lot of seasonal variance, tell test homes during the winter months, when the worst case scenarios will occur. The windows are closed and there’s no air to dilute the concentration.”

Testing is done at the lowest, lived-in level of the house, Diligent said.

Diligent also notes that those who smoke and are constantly exposed to radon in their homes are more likely to get lung cancer.

“The EPA says radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in America,” Diligent said. “Smoke and radon act in synergy to increase the chances of lung cancer.”

Diligent offers a caveat, though. Noting connections might be tough to make, because they often take “30 or 40 years to develop.”

When Diligent finds homes with radon in them, improvements to fix the problem can cost $800 to $1,200.

“The numbers are pretty reasonable,” Diligent said. “You can go in and caulk the cracks. There’s a lot of obvious setting in these older homes that happens.”

October is Radon Awareness month. To obtain a free test, contact Diligent at 765-3522.

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New Scotland Soccer Club sets registration for Saturdays

The New Scotland Soccer Club will hold registration for the 2005 spring travel season on Saturdays, Oct. 2 and 9, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the lobby of the high school.

For information, call Tom Jones at 765-4622, Sharon Cilas at 765-4583 or check the Web site at www.timesunion.com/communities/roce.

New Scotland offers recycling program

The town of New Scotland will have a 2004 fall electronics recycling program on Friday, Oct. 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 2, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem Highway Garage, 74 Elm Ave East, Schaghticoke, behind the Jericho Drive-in on Route 9W.

Acceptable items include computers and all computer parts, TVs (no consoles), VCRs and telephones, including cell phones.

Town residents must call the highway department at 475-0385 to register.

Fall Classics Road Race scheduled for Oct. 23

The fourth annual Fall Classics Road Race and Walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 23, at 9:30 a.m.

The 3.5-mile race and community walk will begin and finish at Voorheesville Elementary School.

There is plenty of parking and proceeds will go to the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation.

The registration fee is $13 per race, $15 late and day of race, and $11 for seniors 60 and over and students.

For information, call 765-0397.

School board meeting slated for Monday

The next regular meeting for the Voorheesville school board is on Monday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school commons area.

All are welcome to attend.

New Scotland to host movie night

The town of New Scotland Recreation Committee will host a fall movie night on Friday, Oct. 1, beginning at 7 p.m.

It will feature Disney’s “Home on the Range.”

The movie will be shown at the Voorheesville Community Center in New Salem.

The New Salem Fire Department will provide cotton candy; admission is free.

For information, call 475-0385.

Cardio dance classes set at church hall

Elsa Sanborn will be holding a cardio dance class on Tuesday and Friday from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. at St. Matthew’s Church social hall.

The current session runs now through December.

For information, call Sanborn at 482-5345.

Harvest Festival to host harvest dance

The Fourth Annual Fall Classics will meet on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2005.

The Bethlehem Central class of 1965 will be holding its 40th reunion. Anyone with information or asking for help.

It would like to reunion... BCHS planning reunion

The Bethlehem Central class of 1965 will be holding its 40th reunion Oct. 8 to 10, 2005.

The organizing committee is looking for classmates and is asking for help. It would like to add e-mail address to its information base and is also looking for help in organizing the reunion.

Anyone with information about class members should contact Linda Drew at 439-0509, plaidrew@aol.com or George Lenhardt at 379-7704, glenhard@nycap.rr.com.
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Bethlehem groups to hold forum

Bethlehem Better Community Coalition and Bethlehem Neighborhoods for Peace have announced a joint forum on Oct. 2. The forum will be held at Bethlehem town hall, Oct. 2, at 4 to 6 p.m.

The discussion will move onto realistic solutions people can turn to today. Speakers will include representatives of the state Energy and Research Development Authority, Community Energy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

This free event will be held on Saturday Oct. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bethlehem town hall.

Elizabeth Brundage will talk about her novel The Doctor's Wife this Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. The book, a dark psychological thriller...
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To Life receives grant for programs

To Life is presenting a series of education programs through March for children in families where a member has been diagnosed with cancer or other serious illness.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region awarded To Life a $6,800 grant to fund this children’s education series.

Cancer, like many serious illnesses, affects not only the patient but all who are close to the patient. Nearly a quarter (24 percent) of cancer patients have children living at home.

Children are vulnerable to the upset, fears, changes, secrets, tension and worry that affect a seriously ill family member. Parents may not be equipped to help a child through such trauma, particularly when they are coping with their own illness or that of their spouse.

To Life’s education program for children will include several phases.

Education seminar for parents facilitated by a panel of experts including a credentialed psychologist/counselor.

Parents who are patients/survivors will share tips on addressing acute illness with children. This seminar will be free and held at an Albany County location.

The grant will fund the purchase of PowerPoint projector for the seminar presentations as well as replication of this forum for future audiences.

Children’s Awareness Connection and Education is licensed to provide a nurturing environment in which age and situation-appropriate discussions about parents — illnesses and how it affects them will allow children to express emotions, concerns and share experiences.

Storytelling, directed play activities, videos and DVDs and discussions will be used in conjunction with To Life library materials.

The grant will be used to purchase picture books for young children, chapter books for older readers, videos and DVDs about cancer, art supplies and complementary play items.

Dan Formica, the owner of the McDonald’s restaurants in Delmar and Ravena, helped To Life get the grant.

Third-grade teacher Melissa Diehl reads to her class at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School in Ravena.
Student attends conference

Gabrielle Ritaccio of Slingerlands participated in the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) in July in Washington, D.C., and New York City.

GYLC is a unique leadership development program for secondary school students from around the world who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Ritaccio was among 350 outstanding scholars invited from across the globe to attend the conference.

The theme of GYLC is the Leaders of Tomorrow Preparing for the Global Challenges and Responsibilities of the Future. At the conference, Ritaccio interacted with key leaders and decisionmakers with powerful influence over politics, finance, culture and diplomacy and took part in a carefully designed curriculum, which included thought-provoking simulations that build leadership skills.

GYLC culminated with the Global Summit, in which students apply what they’ve learned throughout the conference as they debate, negotiate and build coalitions dealing with issues such as foreign aid, global warming, cooperative efforts to stop terrorism and human rights.

GYLC is a nonprofit, bipartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the council is committed to fostering and equipping young people to achieve their full leadership potential.

More than 400 members of Congress join this commitment by serving on the GYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

In addition, more than 40 embassies participate in the GYLC Honorary Board of Embassies.

Peace vigil set

Everyone is invited to a dedication of a Peace Park and Peace Pole which says "May peace prevail on Earth" in 12 different languages. The dedication will take place Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. on the St. Thomas Church grounds at 35 Adams Place in Delmar.

The park and pole will act as a silent prayer and message for peace on Earth and be a reminder to be peaceful with each other and the environment.

The ongoing peace vigil will convene in the park the first Saturday of each month at noon. The vigil has been held for the last 20 years, rain or shine, and consists of about 20 minutes of group prayer and silent meditation for peace.

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To Life plans lunch series

To Life offers a new wellness series to provide opportunities to learn from some of the community’s experts in a comfortable, relaxed environment.

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The session on Monday, Oct. 18, is titled Acupuncture’s Role in Healthy Living.

Library offers career assistance

Bethlehem Public Library offers free career and education advertisement for adults. First-time career seekers, those re-entering the work force and returning students can get help with job searches and educational planning. Hour-long appointments are available both day and evening. Call 439-9514 for an appointment.
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Delmar couple finds history and fitness in canal bike ride

By DICK BUYER

It was a dose of local history, as well as a 400-mile, eight-day grind of pedaling, memorable scenery and sharing the road with cyclists inspired by a similar penchant for adventure.

"I couldn't believe I was doing this," said Barbara Eames, who with her husband Fred, both of Delmar, biked from Buffalo to the Corning Preserve on a tandem in mid-July.

Unlike her husband, an avid cyclist since his early teens, she terms herself a recreational rider, proud of her achievement.

"I pulled my weight," she said softly.

For Fred, it was a flashback to "all this!"

Cycling the Erie Canal is sponsored by Parks and Trails N.Y., in partnership with the State Canal Corp., a unit of the Thruway Authority.

The tour passed through quaint canal villages, rural countryside, and traffic-free Canaydi Trail recently named a National Heritage Corridor. Layovers included Medina, Rochester, Seneca Falls, Syracuse, Rome, Canajoharie, Scotia and Albany's Corning Preserve.

There were tent cities erected each night when cyclists reached their destination. The sponsors provided dinners, energy food at rest stops, and vehicles shadowing the through serving as repair shops for flat tires, etc., and carrying the tents.

At each nightly stop, there were also lectures by local experts on the importance of the canal in state and national history.

While riding, aside from admiring the scenery, the duo's conversation dealt with avoiding obstacles and shifting gears depending upon the terrain.

"Watch out for the geese," Fred would warn his partner, saying, "Bump, mud puddle, hill downshift" or "Watch out for the geese" which congregated near the canal and sometimes wandered into the bikers' path.

Fred said his motivation to participate in this event began last year, when a friend of his completed the 400-mile route.

At one point, he said, "I started training on a stationary bike." Barbara said.

To start out on their trip, they improvised a homemade box to protect their tandem, which was shipped on the same Amtrak train they took to Buffalo.

Their bicycle built for two was equipped with side bags called panniers which contained rain gear, a water bottle, a cell phone for emergencies, light snacks and a map.

Embarking on a Sunday from Nichols School in Buffalo on the first leg, they were two of 420 bikers striking out for Medina, 47 miles away.

In addition to the Eameses, there were 10 other tandems, including a family who had a triple and a double.

Enroute, the couple passed through Tonawanda where they followed the canal, followed by a lunch in Lockport before halting for the night.

Fred said his motivation to participate in this event began last year, when a friend of his completed the 400-mile route.

Eager to participate as a couple, they purchased a tandem for the joint effort.

Months before the start, "I started training on a stationary bike," Barbara said.

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At the end of the second day, the group tented on the grounds of Nazareth College in Rochester.

For a diversion, "We rented a canoe to paddle on the canal and the Genesee River," Fred said.

The longest day was from Rochester to Seneca Falls.

"It was a long route — 66 miles hot and hilly," he said. But a wine and cheese reception in Fingers Lakes wine country, with entertainment by a local band, provided a welcome respite after the grueling ride.

The fourth day's 42-mile trek to Syracuse was wet and exhausting.

"I raised most of the day," he said, his wife nodding in agreement.

Staying at Onondaga Lake's Inner Harbor, the bikers ate a barbecue and listened to a lecture on canal history.

Day five was a jaunt to Rome where the bikers tented at Fort Stanwix.

"This leg was very nostalgic for me," Fred said. "My grandfather's farm was in the area of Durhamville, Oneida and Canastota" triggering memories of childhood visits.

A 62-mile ride from Rome to Canajoharie comprised the sixth day.

"Here, we listened to Tom Porter, a native American Mohawk, discuss the forming of the Iroquois nation and deliver a ceremonial thanks for a safe journey," Fred said.

The last two days included stops at Collins Park in Scotia and a final ride to the Corning Preserve.

Fred estimated he and his wife averaged about 14 mph on their 18-gear tandem.

The bikers in the tour were not all young adults — the average age was 49 and the oldest was 82.

Fred recalled, "One man even received an award for suffering flats."

Another unplanned episode involved two bikers accidentally falling into the canal.

Reflecting on the tour, Barbara said she "was impressed with the pride people displayed for their historical link with the canal and completion of this incredible project in an age of primitive technology." The couple agreed they would do it again.

For Barbara, it "was a major victory," Fred declared.

Barbara added it was a "near experience."
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**RCS library celebrates 10th**

RCS Community Library will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 2.

On Sept. 23, 1994, the state Board of Regents approved the charter and created this public library district.

At 1 p.m. on Oct. 2 we will dedicate a plaque honoring the library's first board of trustees. Refreshments will follow. Please join us.

The library will sponsor three activities during the day—a book sale, library card registration and voter registration. Book sale hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Some background**

Between 1990 and 1994, the trustees of RCS Free Library researched alternative to create a stronger public library.

This group included at various times Mary Lou Youmans, Melissa Simmons, Marie Muller, Dorothy Lovelock, Anne Caswell, Diane Carr, Daniel Frye and Ed Shear.

In spring of 1994, they brought an approval referendum, budget, and slate of candidates for RCS Community Library's board of trustees to a district-wide vote.

The 1994 library board—Mary Lou Youmans, Daniel Frye, Virgil Mehl, and Ed Shear—stood and became the core of the new board. Donna Crissfield, John Curley and Mary Ann Shubert were also elected.

The first trustees patiently worked their way through layers of bureaucracy to dissolve Raveas Finance and take financial responsibility for the new library.

In addition to its elected board and direct tax base, the community library has a much larger service area than its predecessors.

This base has made possible the growth of collections, services and programs in the past decade.

**Children's programs begin this week**

Stories & Crafts for Kids returns on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m.

This weekly program with Kathy Domery will include stories and thematic crafts for children 4 and 5 years old.

Call ahead if you are bringing a group.

Weekly Romp & Read programs with Lori Nunziato also have resumed. These morning and evening programs are for caregivers and children under age 5.

Story time, rhyme, and songs are followed by playtime. There are children's books and parenting videos to borrow, and we can issue library cards at the programs.

The Romp & Read schedule will be the same as last year. On Tuesdays, there is a 10 a.m. program at the Bethlehem Grange and a 6:30 p.m. program at A.W. Becker School.

On Thursdays, there is a 6:30 p.m. program at Pieter B. Coeymans School. On Fridays, there is a 10 a.m. program at the library.

We have received partial support for the second year of Romp & Read from the state Library's Parent and Child Libraries Services Grant Program.

Neither program requires preregistration. Both programs will follow the school calendar. Call the library for information at 735-2053.

—Judith Felsten

**Five Rivers slates night walk**

An evening walk will be held on Friday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m., at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

Center naturalists will lead the group on an exploration of Five Rivers grounds at night. As daylight wanes and evening arrives, a different atmosphere is felt at Five Rivers.

Wildlife are often more active in the night than in the daytime, so we'll listen for wildlife sounds, look for tracks and traces, and use all our senses to find our way around the trails. Join us on this night exploration listening for owls, looking at the constellations and enjoying the beauty of the October night.

This program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call Five Rivers Center at 735-0951.

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All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number.

Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, P.O. Box 19, Delmar 12054. Letters can be faxed to 439-0409.
Everett Wilson

Everett I. Wilson, 76, of Delmar, died Saturday, Sept. 25, at Child’s Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Albany, he retired from the Bethlehem Central School District in 1985, where he had been head of maintenance for many years.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lodge 85 F & AM. He was a hunter and a member of the Elmoro Rod & Gun Club and the Albany County Pistol Club.

He was also a member of the Albany Obedience Club and enjoyed the many dogs he had over the years, including bird dogs, coonhounds and Rottweilers.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Dorothy Klapp Wilson; two brothers, Dale R. Wilson of Venice, Fla., and Robert W. Wilson of Slingerlands; and a sister, Dorothy Warner of Slingerlands.

Services were from the Current Funeral Home in Glenmont. Burial was in the Evangelical Protestant Cemetery in Albany.

Jacqueline Gallagher

Jacqueline Gallagher, 51, of Delmar, died Friday, Sept. 24.

She opened Traditions Antiques on Lark Street in Albany, before moving it to Westgate Plaza. She was also a founding partner in Abacus Antiques in Saratoga Springs.

She was a master gardener and had volunteered at numerous horticulture sites in the Capital District, including the Ten Broeck Mansion. She spent her free time restoring her 1880 mill worker’s home in the Normanskill section of Bethlehem, where she tended her garden within view of the Normanskill Creek waterfall.

Survivors include two sons, Philip Gilmer of Kinderhook and Michael Gilmer of Whitehouse Station, N.J., a daughter, Amy O’Deoch of Scotia; her parents, James and Olga Gallagher of Norwich; a brother, James Gallagher of Norwich; a sister, Rita Flynn of Orange, Va.; and a grandson.

Services were from the Wilson Funeral Home in Norwich.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Oct. 1, at 1 p.m. in the gardens of the Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Community Hospice of Amsterdam or the American Cancer Society.

Alfred Sturm


Born in Albany, he spent most of his life in Glenmont.

He was a Navy veteran.

Mr. Sturm was a heavy equipment operator for Carver Sand & Gravel and had driven low boys and building wreckers for several companies.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Konaszewski; a son, Kyle Sturm of Schenectady; a son, Kyle Sturm of Schenectady; two daughters, Megan Sturm of Glenmont and Beth Hunter of East Greenbush; a sister, Eolly Nates of South Glens Falls; and a grandson.

Services were from the DeMarco-Slone Funeral Home in Rotterdam. Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery.

Marion Weinlein

Marion J. “Mimi” Weinlein, 72, of Colonie, and formerly of New Salem, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany.

Born in New Salem, she was a partner with her husband in many endeavors, including a Chrysler dealership, Weinlein’s of Watervliet.

She enjoyed playing the piano, singing, dancing and gardening and was a talented artist.

Survivors include her husband, Charles J. Weinlein Sr.; two daughters, Laurie Weinlein and Lisa Reichelt; a son, Charles J. Weinlein Jr.; two sisters, Beulah Nasser and Kathleen Audino; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home and Our Lady of Mercy Church, both in Colonie.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of Upstate New York, 6 Automation Lane, Colonie 12203.

Thomas Madonna

Thomas Madonna, 83, of Glenmont, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Hospice Inn at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany.

Born in Amsterdam, he was educated and lived there until moving to Glenmont two years ago.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving in North Africa and India.

He worked for the federal government for more than 30 years, retiring in 1982 from the Postal Service in Amsterdam.

A lifelong communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Amsterdam, he volunteered there for more than 40 years. He served as a Eucharistic minister, usher, senior acolyte, chef for the annual spaghetti dinners, on the festa committee and as a collection counter. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society.

An accomplished wood-carver, he built many church appointments.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Antoinette Stanzione Madonna; and a daughter, Michelle O’Reilly of Glenmont.

Services were from Beta, Rossi & Bellinger Family Funeral Home in Amsterdam and St. Michael the Archangel Church. Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery.

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By ROB JONAS

For a moment, the Bethlehem football team looked like it would run away from Colonie Central. Unfortunately for the Eagles, the moment did not last long. The Garnet Raiders outscored the Eagles 13-3 in the second half on their way to a 27-3 victory in last Thursday's class AA Division 3 showdown.

"I give Colonie all the credit. They stopped us," Bethlehem coach Ron Smith said.

Bethlehem (1-1 division, 3-1 overall) built a 20-7 first-half lead thanks in large part to Brian Nicholson. The junior set up Bethlehem's first scoring drive with a 55-yard kick return and finished it with a five-yard touchdown scamper.

Then with the Eagles holding a 13-7 lead in the second quarter, Nicholson intercepted a Dan Sweeney pass and raced 82 yards to put Bethlehem ahead 20-7.

Colonie, though, got its act together after that. Two long passes from Sweeney to Rob Goddett set up Anthony Dalia's 11-yard touchdown run late that pulled the Garnet Raiders (2-0, 2-3) within six points at halftime.

Colonie received a bigger boost late in the third quarter. With Bethlehem pinned deep in its own territory, quarterback Brian Trombley tried to throw his way out of a tackle. Instead, his low line drive pass was picked off by Colonie lineman Jeff Frereuche, who then returned it to Bethlehem's 18-yard line.

Given prime field position, the Garnet Raiders turned to their running backs. Chris Wiley spun his way out of a tackle for a seven-yard gain.

Dillèa did the rest, gaining the three yards necessary for a first quarter touchdown run to tie the game at 20. Bethlehem received a break from Colonie's next possession when Colonie's 17-yard unSportsmanlike penalty against Colonie was tacked on to a 23-yard run by Nicholson to bring Colonie Raiders' 17-yard line. Four plays later, Kevin Seymour kicked a 34-yard field goal to give Colonie the lead 23-20 with 10:07 left.

Colonie's offense went back to work. Dillèa gained 15 yards up the middle, then Alex Welch threaded his way through Bethlehem's defense for a 13-yard touchdown run. Hunter Moffatt added the extra point to lead Colonie ahead by four points.

Colonie's defense - which had trouble containing Bethlehem in the first half - stifled the Eagles on two successive drives to give the visitors the lead.

"We were up 20-7, and we didn't finish the job," Smith said. "They made the plays - we didn't."

Bethlehem faces a non-division test Friday when it travels to Schenectady for the Ravena.

"Ravena, Voorheesville win divisional games"

Both the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Voorheesville football teams that outgained their opponents in the week's games to keep their division-winning hopes alive.

RCS traveled to Lansingburgh and handled the defending Section II Class B champions a 440 loss last Friday. Ryan Cross rushed for more than 100 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Indians (4-0), who remain perfect in the Reinfurt Division of class B.

Voorheesville did all of its scoring in the second half to post a 23-0 win at Coxsackie-Ashland last Saturday in a class C South Division contest.

Justin Lupien and Mike Ash combined to rush for 134 yards and two touchdowns for the Blackbirds (1-3), who picked up their first win of the season. Voorheesville's defense allowed 223 yards of offense, but was able to keep Coxsackie-Ashland out of the end zone.

"It's the most comforting experience I have ever felt," said Smith.

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The Bethlehem Central High School junior varsity girls basketball team won the City of Albany Summer League championship with a 35-31 victory over Colonie. The team is, from left, (front) Heather McHugh, Megan Olsen, Misaela Foley, Kiersten Swole and Christina Murphy; and (back) coach Bruce Olsen, Danielle Knaebe, Taylor Teal, Leslie Klein, Erica Hill and coach John Foley.

Bethlehem edges Shaker in S.C. match

The Bethlehem girls tennis team moved two steps closer to winning the Suburban Council with a 5-4 victory over Shaker last Thursday. Allison Greensburg, Betsy Breasznell and Lindsey Grossman won critical singles matches against Saratoga last Thursday.

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Blackbirds soaring with new head coach

By ROB JONAS

After a shaky start, the Voorheesville boys soccer team has joined the fray for the Colonial Council title.

The Blackbirds moved into third place with a 1-0 victory over Mechanicville last Tuesday. Voorheesville owned a 3-1-1 league record entering Monday's game with second-place Albany Academy, which suffered its first loss with a 1-0 setback against unbeaten Schalmont last Friday.

"We started off a little bit slow," first-year coach EJ Zwicklbauer said. "I changed a little bit of the style that (last year's coach) Bob Cranfelt had installed, and it took a little time for the kids to adjust."

Two of Zwicklbauer's key players are veterans Greg Klopfer and Phil Vendetti. Klopfer is Voorheesville's leading scorer, while Vendetti has helped out at several positions.

"He can play forward, he can play in the midfield and he can play defense very well," Zwicklbauer said.

The Blackbirds have a rough week ahead of them. After facing Academy Monday, they host Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Wednesday and Schalmont Friday. RCS is in fourth place with a 2-2-1 league record.

"This week will determine whether we're in the top echelon locally or just a good team," Zwicklbauer said.
GIRLS SOCCER
Bethlehem 4, Mohonasen 0
Bethlehem scoring: Vanessa Patry 2-1, Theresa Ladouceur 2-0.

Ravena 2, Holy Names 1
Ravena scoring: Brittany Edelson 1-0, Brianna Drexler 0-1, Jaelyn Levie 5.

GIRLS TENNIS
Ravena saves:
Elisha Van Kampen
Bethlehem 5, Shaker 4
Saves:
Elisha Van Kampen
Shaker 4

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Voorheesville 7, Watervliet 0
Voorheesville scoring: Hayley George 3-1, McKenzie Conroy 1-1, Jessica Giglio 1-1, Meghan Inglis 1-0, Amanda Markert 1-0, Alex Fish 0-2, Sara Dimmitt 0-1.

FOOTBALL
Colonie 27, Bethlehem 23
First quarter
BC - Brian Nicholson 5-yard run (Kevin Seymour kick)
Second quarter
Colonie - Chris Wiley 1-yard run (Hunter Moffatt kick)
BC - Nicholson 82-yard interception return (Seymour kick)
Colonie - Dilella 8-yard run (kick failed)

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BoYS CROSS COUNTRY
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Team scores:
Top Ravena runner: Aaron Shear (20th place, 17:19).

Small school division
Team scores:
Fonda 42, Voorheesville 86, Duanesburg 103, Bishop Gibbons 104, Schoharie 152, Catskill 184.
Top Voorheesville runner: Hilary Edmunds (second place, 19:57).

FOOTBALL
Voorheesville 22, Coxsackie-Athens 0
Third quarter
V'ville - Justin Lupien 4-yard run (Lupien conversion run)
V'ville - Mike Ashline 35-yard run (Matt Miller kick)

Fourth quarter
V'ville - Andy Catellier 1-yard run (Miller kick)

RCS club registration
The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Soccer Club is holding a registration session for its winter and spring season travel teams Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the RCS middle school. Players must have a wallet-sized photo.
Bethlehem Pop Warner celebrates milestone

By ROB JONAS

This is the second in a series of stories about community sports programs in the town of Bethlehem.

When the Bethlehem Central High School varsity football team won the Section II Class AA title in 2001, it had Bethlehem Pop Warner to thank for it. Nearly the entire varsity team that year had come through the ranks of the town’s youth football program as a junior midget or midget.

The connection between the high school and youth programs is equally strong today. Not only do some kids on the varsity team, but the junior midget and midget — and an active flag football program for the youngest players.

"A couple of years ago, (Bethlehem varsity coach Ron Smith) and I got together and decided a program where we use the same offensive and defensive strategies as the high school team," Bethlehem Pop Warner co-president Joe Bonacci said.

Now in its 40th season, Bethlehem Pop Warner is as popular as ever. The club has several travel teams spread among the five Pop Warner divisions — Mighty Mites, junior pee wee, pee wee, junior midget and midget — and an active flag football program for the youngest players.

"They started with one team 40 years ago, and they didn’t even have cheerleaders," Bonacci said. "This year, we have about 250 players and cheerleaders."

Even though the number of players is large, everybody gets a chance to play. Under Pop Warner rules, coaches must get all available players in the game for a minimum of eight plays from scrimmage.

"We are required to have all our kids get a certain number of plays, but we generally exceed that," Bonacci said. "We like to pride ourselves in that we want everyone to get playing time. Although winning is important, it’s not as important as having a good time."

The club also makes certain that all children who want to play have a roster spot.

"We never cut anybody, and we never allow anybody to play because of financial situations or their talent," Bonacci said.

Bonacci — who runs the league with co-president Curtis Gossard — said that if the players enjoy football at a young age, they’ll generally stick with the sport through high school.

"We want the kids to have fun and to come back to build a foundation for the future," he said.

The plan has been working well in recent years. As more Bethlehem Pop Warner players carry their careers through high school, the varsity program has improved its participation levels. This year’s varsity team, which owns an overall record of 3-1, has 42 players on its roster — one of the largest squads Bethlehem has ever had.

"There’s a number of (Bethlehem Pop Warner graduates) on the high school team this year." (George Wilson, (Ryan) Eder and Brian Trombley are a few names that come to mind," Bonacci said.

"And, coach Smith is very good in terms of providing clinics and teaching (the parents) how to coach.

The Bethlehem Pop Warner season carries through the middle part of October.

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The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Christopher DeGrino at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Albany.

A reception followed at the Franklin Plaza in Troy.

The maid of honor was Courtnay Dowd, sister of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Elizabeth Norton, Trisha Williams, sister-in-law of the groom, and Carolyn Williams, cousin of the bride.

The flower girls were Audrey and Claire Eady, cousins of the bride.

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Haskins, Tripoli engaged

Sara Haskins, daughter of Mark Haskins of Slingerlands and Sally Raymond of Albany, and Frank Tripoli, son of Frank and Margaret Tripoli of Bayport, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Bethlehem Central High School, the University of Delaware and Columbia University. She is a physical therapist for New York Presbyterian Cornell Weil Hospital in New York City.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of Delaware and New York University. He is assistant vice president for Tremont Hedge Fund in New York City.

The couple plans a September 2005 wedding.

Students named merit semifinalists

Nine Bethlehem Central High School seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The semifinalists are: Jacqueline Avitabile, Matthew Goldstein, Timothy Karpowitz, Ethan Levine, Ryan Oehren, Andrew Olinski, Michelle Sargent, Mark Schwab, and Aaron Wistar.

Local student completes ROTC leadership course

Shawn J. Mayo-Pike of Delmar has graduated from the Army ROTC Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Leaders Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The camp is a four-week leadership internship for cadets who are normally between their sophomore and junior college years. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the ROTC Advanced Course at their college.

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Mayo-Pike is a student at St. Lawrence University. He is the son of Vicky L. Clark of Delmar and John L. Pike of Delmar.

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THE SPOTLIGHT would like to publish current announcements, wedding anniversaries, and photos. Three weeks in advance for the community service.

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Community

Church to dedicate peace pole and park

The Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar will dedicate a peace park and peace pole on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the church at 35 Adams St.

The pole has “May peace prevail on Earth” in 12 languages.

The pole and peace will be the site of the church’s peace vigil on the first Saturday of the month, which has been ongoing for 20 years.

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By DEV TOBIN

J's still a month to
Halloween, but Capital Repertory Theatre is getting a jump on the ghosts-and-goblins season with the spooky "The Woman in Black," its first play of the 2004-05 season.

An unusual play within a play by British playwright/actor Stephen Mallatratt, the conceit is that elderly lawyer Arthur Kipps hires an actor to help him tell the story of a ghostly encounter from his early adulthood "so (he) can sleep."

Once they "arrive" in the small seaside town, they are treated like pariahs and the mysterious woman in black begins to appear, as the clearly haunted Kipps slowly doles out details of her, and his, story.

Harry Carnahan as Kipps and Munson Hicks as the actor are fine, and Leah Hennessy hits all her marks as the woman in black.

Sound, lighting and other stage effects help set the scene, whether it's the dark and foggy moor or a horse and pony cart. The set itself is dark, dusty and gloomy, as befits a ghost story.

In conjunction with "The Woman in Black," Cap Rep is also presenting a one-man play, "Pure Poe," on Oct. 9 and 16 at 11:30 a.m. The performance will also travel to several area middle schools as part of the company's On the Go school touring program.

Tickets for the performances at Cap Rep will be $12, $40 for a family of four.

And Producing Artistic Director Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill will lead a new pre-performance discussion, ForePlay Sunday, on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m., before the matinee.

The event includes coffee, tea and Danish.

Also, Cap Rep's support group, the Capital Repertory Theatre Guild, will sponsor its annual gala, Tango & Tini, on Friday, Oct. 15, at the Wolfert's Roost Country Club. Tickets are $150.

"The Woman in Black" runs through Oct. 17. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday, and 4 and 8:40 p.m. on Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are $32 to $40.

The theater is at 111 N. Pearl St.

For information and reservations,
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Bethlehem Town Hall, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4269.

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United Reformed Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4140.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT
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Rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delamar Ave., 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-4415.

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Rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delamar Ave., 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-4180.

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Local cyclists and friends unite to honor fallen friend

By TANYA LEET

With Lance Armstrong winning his sixth Tour de France this year, cycling is a sport increasing in popularity. But more bicyclists on the road inevitably leads to cyclists being killed in auto accidents.

On Oct. 9, friends of Ryan Ryan, the 32-year-old cycling enthusiast who was hit by a car on Riverview Road in Clifton Park and died on Oct. 9, are planning a memorial ride to raise money for a scholarship and to raise safety awareness for bike enthusiasts.

The ride will start at 10 a.m. at the lower gates of General Electric's Global Research Center on River Road in Niskayuna, where Ryan, 32, had worked as a physicist.

Riders have a choice of two routes, a 20-mile loop for more experienced cyclists and a less intensive 11-mile path for families and beginners. For families and notices that follows the bike path east into Colonie. The longer route follows Ryan's path, which Ryan had planned to compete in a triathlon with his close friend and colleague Walter Cicha. All three were members of the Mohawk Hudson Cycling Club, which co-sponsored the event with GE.

Since that tragic night, members of the club and Ryan's friends have held memorial rides every Tuesday night beginning at St. James Square in Niskayuna, where Ryan lived.

According to Cicha, a chemist at GE, Ryan was a "world specialist" in his field who was recruited by GE from Oxford Instruments in England. A competitive and semi-professional rider, Ryan was also a highly ranked cyclist during his days at Oxford University, where he earned a doctorate. A week before he was killed, Ryan came in 33rd out of 300 in the Whiteface Hill Climb, the second hardest bike race in the East at eight miles and 3,300 vertical feet, Cicha said.

The two met in 2001 on a bike in New Hampshire through GE's Global Research Newcomers Club, which Cicha headed up. "He was a tough guy to get to know, very private and quiet," said Cicha. "He was focused on his work and cycling."

Eventually, the pair, who shared a love for the outdoors, bonded over a couple of pints of beer and a similar sense of humor. Cicha was born in the Czech Republic and emigrated to the United States from Canada, and Ryan was British, so both men also shared a foreigner's perspective of their adopted country. They both liked skiing and traveling together, and even biked 300 miles across Eastern Europe with another friend, Robert Prevul.

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"It was a very unique situation, in terms of our friendship," said Cicha, 42, who was 10 years older than Ryan.

After Ryan's death, Cicha wanted to leave some sort of legacy in his name. Money raised from the $10 tickets, along with about $10,000 from GE, will go toward a memorial ride to be held in Ryan's name. The money will go to a Capital District student who excels in science and math and demonstrates an interest in athletics, not necessarily cycling. A scholarship committee will solicit nominations from area teachers. Cicha and others also plan to erect a permanent memorial at the accident site.

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Ringler

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Ringler, 56, currently oversees about 1,000 employees at OGS. When he moves to his new post, in addition to managing four major airports, the George Washington Bridge, tunnels and ports, about 7,000 people will call Ringler "boss."

Salary for the position has not been set yet, Ringler said, though the outgoing executive director was making $231,000 yearly. The salary will be set at the October meeting, where the nomination will be accepted.

Ringler has been OGS commissioner since March 2001. While overseeing OGS, Ringler has developed and administered operations and activities required to support state agencies.

In a press release, Ringler said he's looking forward to making good on Pataki's "ambitious schedule" for the rebuilding effort going on in Manhattan. He also acknowledged the "great progress Joe Seymour has made in improving and strengthening the authority's operations."

Ringler, whose wife is Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLancy, said he will keep an apartment in New York City and commute back and forth.

"I'm going to stay in the area," he said.

Church seeks artisans

Glenmont Community Reformed Church is searching for local artisans for its Dec. 4 Artisan Craft and Gift Fair. Artisans can sell their craft on consignment, purchase a vendor's table or make a craft donation for the church to sell.

Up to six consignment items can be displayed during the fair and the church will receive 25 percent of the sale. Vendors can purchase a sale table for $25. Pickup of donations can be arranged.

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The district tests for a variety of substances, including federal regulations. BC, spokeswoman Jessica Schecton said. Board members conduct tests for marijuana, opiates, cocaine, amphetamines and PCE.

Once a decision is made on the status of employment for the individual, Schecton said the decision is subject to review by the board of education at a public meeting.

The district employs 127 full-time, part-time and substitute bus drivers, Schecton noted.

Library offers basic Web class

A hands-on workshop for adults, "Internet Skills," will be offered this fall at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Participants will explore the library's Web site and catalog, learn the parts of a Web site address, visit a variety of Web sites using links from the library's Web site, and learn how to evaluate a Web site. Registrants must have basic computer experience. Registration is limited.

Register for one session only by calling 439-9314. The sessions are scheduled for Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m. or Oct. 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Also being offered at the Bethlehem Public Library is an advanced Internet search class, another hands-on workshop for adults in September and October. The course will cover advanced searching techniques, Internet security, site evaluation and e-mail. Registrants must have intermediate skills and be comfortable navigating a Web page.

Registration for this class is on a rolling basis. Register for one session: the first class is Sept. 29. Call 439-9314 for information.

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