Pampered pony

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Citing an increase in health care insurance costs and issues with personnel, the Emergency Response Team at Ravena’s Lafarge plant resigned Tuesday, Jan. 25, possibly leaving the village’s own ambulance rescue squad lighted.

“It was not a decision we came to lightly,” said the ERT’s former leader, Hallie Skripak-Gordon gives Tupper a bit of a brush on Deer Meadow lane Sunday.

Emergency response team quits

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Bethlehem will get its own piece of a multimillion dollar initiative by Verizon to upgrade network in town

Man chides BC board for low bid rejection

By LINDA DeMATTIA

Local resident Tom Connors blasted the board of education at its meeting last week for rejecting the low bid for electrical work for the high school building project. Connors, reading from a letter written by Lawrence Sprarage, president of Schenectady Hardware and Electric, questioned the “sense behind this process.”

“You are $3.7 million over budget, you throw out one of your largest contacts, you drive off your low bidder for the electric work by exposing their bid number,” Connors read into the record. “How do you justify changing the scope of work after the bid?”

The decision was a unanimous one, Messias said, and stemmed from discussions about health insurance and what the team perceived as labor costs.

“Some of the guys are still wondering ‘did we do the right thing?’”

Members of the 12-man, all-employee squad served as first responders for the village on Tuesdays. According to Lafarge’s Community Relations Manager David Vahue, three men would drop everything if an emergency call ever came in Thursdays between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to respond to the village’s call, in addition to serving the facility in a similar manner.

The decision was a unanimous one, Messias said, and stemmed from discussions about health insurance and what the team perceived as labor management problems.

According to Messias, a 12-year member of the ERT, a company-wide decision that the Ravena plant had no control over put them over the estimated budget amount. The three bids that were rejected were for fire protection, theater equipment and electrical, which was under budget.

Richard Peckham of Collins and Scoville told board members they could capture savings by changing the design of several areas, including the guidance area, earth science classrooms, technology room, field house and other incidental work. By changing the design, Peckham said, the electrical work and fire protection systems would also change.

“With the changes we are making, to get the best cost, we would recommend the rejection of the bids and re-bid,” he said.

But Connors and Jeff Shapiro, the estimator who put together the bid for Schenectady Electric, didn’t buy his argument.

“If you’re taking out additions, I would expect you to take it out of all the bids: plumbing, HVAC, masonry,” Shapiro said. “If you’re going to re-bid the electric contract, you should re-bid them all.”

Superintendent Les Loomis and board members tried to reassure the men that the recommendations were in order and that the board put its trust in both Collins and Scoville and Sano-Rubin.

“We can understand (Spraragen’s) frustration, but the district is the owner of the project had the right to accept or reject any bid,” Loomis said. We wouldn’t hope (Schenectady Electric) would re-bid, he said.

Board member Stuart Lyman said board members went through an exhaustive process to find the best architects and construction managers and he would not second-guess their recommendations.

“Based on the selection process to select the architects and Sano-Rubin, 1

Egan delivers State of Town address

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Two days after President George Bush trumped regularly scheduled television programming to give his State of the Union address, Bethlehem Supervisor Theresa Egan eclipsed some regular work schedules to give the annual State of the Town address Friday morning.

“Through the town is on pace with the national growth rate, it’s the fastest-growing community in the Capital District,” Egan said. “This is reflected in what Egan can do as a district in the Capital District, perhaps best reflected in what Egan can do as the district.”

A year ago, we had a very clear mandate, to control residential growth, Egan said.
Mental hospital escapee turns self to Bethlehem P.D.

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

A mental hospital escapee missing from Vermont since Jan. 26 turned herself into the Bethlehem Police Friday after she sought refuge in a Delmar couple’s home.

Bethlehem Police held her as a fugitive from justice in the Albany County Correctional Facility, where she was awaiting trial for manslaughter. She is accused of killing her husband in their home.

She has extreme mental health issues,” said Vermont State Police Detective Sergeant Mary Ellen Gottlieb, 46, who was awaiting her arrest.

Her disappearance was reported to the local police department in South Burlington, Vt., which conducted an investigation before turning the case over to Vermont State Police on Jan. 31.

“She had a six-day head start. We were able to make up that ground in about five days, tracking her from northern Vermont to the south and then west to New York,” Raymond said.

Gottlieb, who police considered “a danger to herself and others” was wanted on stalking and disorderly conduct charges, both misdemeanors in Vermont state law. Raymond said she faces no new charges as a result of the escape. The couple Gottlieb was traveling with, Raymond and Kimberly Feliciano of 116 Delaware Ave., Glenmont, Turnpike in Delmar, obtained counsel before making arrangements with police for Gottlieb to turn herself in.

Ray Feliciano, who publishes The Informant Newspaper with his wife, dignifies reports that Gottlieb is in danger to herself and others and was exploring hiring her as a sales rep.

“She seems pretty normal,” Ray Feliciano said. “She is extremely intelligent, understanding what she told us of her employment history. She’s a successful sales person. If you’re good at sales, then you’re good with people.”

The Felicianos met her last Monday through a job fair type booth at Union College. Ray Feliciano said Gottlieb was at Union College seeking advice from professors who could give her referrals to attorneys. By Wednesday, Gottlieb had come back to their Delmar home to stay.

“At that point, we had heard only part of her story. We didn’t know she was wanted by police.”

Ray Feliciano said, “By Thursday we knew police were looking for her, and we heard her side of the story.”

There was a good chance that it was a setup, that there was a warrant against her because she was missing charges against a police officer. Obviously, we couldn’t corroborate that side of the story from here,” Ray Feliciano said.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Thomas Heffernan said:“A blood cooperative throughout the investigation and face no charges. Ray Feliciano is a credit qualified. A mental health facility in New York. We held her on the fugitive from justice charge, so we could lodge her in the Albany County Correctional Facility. It’s more of a formality.”

Heffernan said, “Vermont State Police wanted to come and get her Friday night, but given the time and that it was the weekend, nothing really would have happened in the court system until Monday.”

Heffernan said there was a lot of communication back and forth between Vermont State Police and the Bethlehem Police Department, before the Bethlehem Police received information as to her whereabouts and conducted an around-the-clock investigation to find Gottlieb. The Felicianos were concerned for themselves and with getting legal counsel for Gottlieb, Ray Feliciano said.

“Her story was consistent, which made it seem plausible,” Ray Feliciano said. “Mental hospitals are used when the government doesn’t really want to deal with you anymore. We wanted to make sure she couldn’t get legal counsel and we didn’t want to face charges of harboring and aiding a felon or any felony charges ourselves.”

The case is now in the Vermont and New York district attorneys hands. “If she exfiltrates, it will make things easier,” Heffernan said.

Ray Feliciano said he intends to keep in touch with Gottlieb.

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The town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department and Bethlehem Senior Projects will host a Community Health Fair on Feb. 15, at town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services to be provided include: A blood glucose screening and cholesterol screening by St. Peter’s Cardiovascular Health; A mental health screening to assess for depression by Clear View Center; A body composition analysis provided by Capital District Physicians’ Practice; Rehabilitative therapy by Pathway Rehab; Vision screening, a five minute test to check for circulation problems in the legs by the Vascular Group at Albany Medical Center; Safe stepping — testing the risk for falls by the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany; Blood pressure screenings by community volunteers. In addition there will be information provided on the following topics: Lifeline for older adults; Prevention at St. Peter’s Hospital: Financial planning by the Capital District Funeral Directors Association; Housing related issues, home repairs grants and reverse mortgages by the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance; AARP safe driving course by Albany County; Information on reverse mortgages by the Albany County Home Improvement Program; AARP defensive driving course by Professional Driving School; Property tax benefits, town assessor’s office; Alzheimer’s Association; Cooperative Extension of Albany County; Banking and financial advice by Albany County Bank; Albany County Library; Albany County Community Caregivers; New York State Department of Motor Vehicles; Albany County Department of Motor Vehicles; State Department of Motor Vehicles.

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Youth fund-raisers to support project

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Schools haven't hit February vacation yet, but at least one group of high school students is already looking forward to April vacation.

The North Carolina-based group vacation yet, but at least one Second Second and arranging fund-raisers to its Children's Home, will head to Charlotte County in Florida to help rebuild parts of the area that were devastated by a riot last month. According to chaplain of the group, made up of kids from the Delmar Reformed Church, First United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church, will head to Charlotte County in Florida to help rebuild parts of the area that were devastated by a riot last month.

They two members of the group, who are also members of the group, who are also members of the group, are in need, prepares each year for a vacation. This year, the group has added a new fund-raiser to its repertoire in the form of a folk-acoustic concert next Wednesday night, before holding the popular coffeehouse fund-raiser in March.

"They want to help out, and make something easier. They are willing to do whatever it takes. They realize they have so much more than the people in these areas," Barbara Hoffman said.

"We have a very strong connection with the community," Hoffman said.

Last year, the traveled to Mexico to lay tile and paint churches, among other things. That raised $500 total, $350 of which the kids had to pay themselves. Hoffman doesn't know exactly how much this year's trip will cost per person, but she believes it will be a bit less than last year's.

Members of the Delmar Reformed Church are heading to three areas in March, Hoffman said: "That's kind of a nice connection," Hoffman said. "We look forward to it, we're all of picking up where they left off."

Hoffman said the annual trips, and the people they meet, are a lasting impression on the kids who go.

Delmar Fire Co. installs officers

The Delmar Volunteer Fire Department held its installation banquet on last month.

Officers were elected during the monthly membership meeting in December.

The following fire officers were installed: First Lt. John Frans, First Assistant Chief David Bastiani; Second Assistant Chief Greg Cooper; Fire Lt. Keith Dan Ryan; First Fire Lt. Joe Normandin; Second Fire Lt. David Rice; Third Fire Lt. Mike Maguire; Fourth Fire Lt. Steve Kellgerg; Fourth Fire Lt. Steve Kroll; Second Rescue Squad Lt. Joseph Myers; Second Rescue Squad Lt. Ian Groenweger; Quartermaster Fred Chamberlain; Assistant Quartermaster Eric Kerr; Fire Police Captain Paul Spoolstra; and Fire Police Lt. Lars Allanson.

A packed congregation gathered for a Mass at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville on Jan. 30 to bid farewell to retiring pastor the Rev. Arthur Toole. The Rev. Arthur Toole attended St. Andrew's Seminary in Rochester and St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers and was ordained to priest in 1965.

As pastor of St. Matthew's, Toole witnessed a rapid growth of the congregation in a Gaelic blessing. Expected to arrive in time for the celebration of the 1990s, a classroom and office space were added and then a parish community center. In 1995, Toole supervised the renovation of the church's sanctuary.

The biggest change in the past 28 years, he said, was the increased participation of the laity in sacraments and church affairs. "I wanted to make this parish a welcoming place," he said. "My goal was to be a source of unity to people with different ideas and attitudes.

During his time in Voorheesville, Toole grew fond of his little village. "Voorheesville feels like home to me," he said. "I've lived here longer than anyone else. It's rural, yet still close to the city. It's a great community."

During the Mass, Madge Devine, director of the parish music ministry, led the congregation in a Gaelic blessing. "Peace of the heart and the running winds. Deep peace of flowing air to you."

Devine said that she will miss working with Toole. "He's an easygoing man, and the best boss I've ever had," she said.

Rebecca Kiegle, faith formation secretary, agreed. "He was a natural leader. He's very generous. He understood how some of the people from various backgrounds would fit in."

As for the future, Toole said he will most miss the friends he made while serving as pastor. After Mass, those friends gathered for a farewell reception in the parish center where they presented going away gifts and mementos for Toole to carry with him in his retirement.

For as the future, Toole said he plans to vacation in Florida and, upon his return, help out at churches that need him on weekends.

"He will be dearly missed," said Voorheesville Mayor Jack Leivele. "He's an excellent leader and friend. His successor has some large shoes to fill."

That successor will be the Rev. Thomas Cheverus of St. Margaret Mary's Church in Albury. He is expected to arrive in time for the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 12.
Fifty-five minutes at the Red Flame Coffee House

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

If it's February in the Capital District, we're all deep in a snow-filled rut. With the turning of the calendar to this short but excruciating month come the frantic phone calls and emails. "I can't bear the cold!" "I'm craving warmer climes!"

Even as the weather gets more temperate (look - 10 degrees at 4 a.m: a heat wave!), cars idle in driveways all over town as we comb the chill that will freeze our cilia as we move through the frigid air from our cozy homes to our hopelessly tainted automobiles.

When 2004's excessive chill set a new record and closed school for a day, I vowed that before another winter's snow yielded to early spring's crocuses and daffodil shoots, I'd spend part of February in a place warm enough to not need insulating layers just to take out the trash.

But, sigh, tiring Christmas hills in spite of increased contributions to a Christmas club (sorry, Grandma, I know fruitlet for you next Christmas) and the dream of our annual summer vacation to Ireland bumped Florida from the agenda.

South is south, though, and an overnight trip to New York City meant that Grandma can still have her Christmas fruitcake, and I could keep from going crazy in these days that are slowly giving up their fascination with early darkness.

Breakfast at the Red Flame Coffee House on West 44th Street gave me a whole new perspective on life. I had brought my book as a foil against dining solo, but had forgotten that nobody in New York thinks less of people who have breakfast alone. Also, a big picture window that looks out onto a New York City street is infinitely more interesting than any piece of fiction could ever be.

"LORDY LORDY LOOK WHO'S 40!"
Happy Birthday Frannie
Feb. 15th

New York's elegant restaurants and cutting-edge cafes may get the lion's share of recognition, but coffee shops are like an extension of the average New Yorker's apartment or office. They're also a wonderful refuge for the curious who look over new bookshelves, new desk tops at their own home or office, then fill up for the next round of sighing.

If there are a million tales in the naked city, there are half a million tales in coffee shop, and the rest are walking by the big windows.

What stories do the waiters, waitresses and bus boys, all wearing white shirts and black pants or skirts and chatting 19 to the dozen with each other in Spanish, have? Do Spanish speakers chat 19 to the dozen? Maybe it's 20 to the dozen; maybe it's only a half dozen. Are they immigrants? From where? Are they second or third generation, but still speak Spanish at home and with each other? What is the middle-aged pretty waitress smiling at to the edge of the woman standing outside the shop, grinning at her? If this is a New Yorker's apartment or office.

There are two young businessmen in the front booth, looking like professionals in their early 20s. They're looking for a long time in New York; short hair, clean-shaven, white shirts, red ties, jack-hung carefully over the back of the booth; while they drink coffee and talk in enthusiastic tones.

A young silent Asian couple sits across the divider from me; they're talking in their language's equivalent of 19 to the dozen before I inadvertently entered their space; they're speaking French silently at fruit cups; a solid American woman with a middle-aged man and red hair are talking - and a muffin. A middle-aged couple with maps their day over second cups of coffee; at another table of five men, an earnest man with a beard tours the wonder of the public library and adjacent Bryant Park.

A large man pushing a hand truck full of paper mugs draws a crowd to the street without having to leave the coffee shop. What lucky uptown business is getting new Dells? Are they going to one of the street's hotels or university clubs? A garbage truck pulls up and a small crowd gathers to watch an old copying machine get crunched up. That doesn't seem so great for the environment.

There must be a modeling agency in their many of the passing girls are tall and willowy with slightly, carelessly, iridescent hair and more makeup than is usual on a Friday morning. But perhaps I am too kind; are they girls from an escort service, finally packing it in after a long night?

There are two accumulations that nearly every New Yorker seems to have and constantly use. With white iPod cords stretching from their ears to their pockets,
they look like Bonsi in recent print ads as they move through New York’s streets to their own destinations. With cell phones pressed perpetually to their ears – or, more strangely, wearing headsets that don’t show under hats – New Yorkers seem to be having conversations with people we can’t see.

Women aren’t wearing sneakers on their jaunt to work anymore – which is a shame, for their pointy-toed shoes and boots look like they hurt and aren’t very useful for getting through the piles of snow left by the most recent storm.

In 45 minutes, I eat two scrambled eggs and wheat toast and feel guilty for not eating fruit though I haven’t said more than six words to anybody, I feel completely connected to the world, and that I’ve gathered enough material to write three novels.

How I wish that the rest of America had grown with more of an urban model. Instead of giving in to the convenience of large office parks with huge parking lots and interior company cafeterias, I wish every town and village still had a vibrant center with a plethora of coffee shops and pedestrian traffic.

Maybe the winter blues are less about the cold and more about feeling disconnected and isolated from one another as we wait out the cold.

I thought I’d been craving a vista this winter, either balmy ocean waters or pristine snow-covered fields bordered by snow-capped mountains.

Today’s Christina’s craving a crowd, a reassurance in the depths of winter that there are other people out there, hundreds and hundreds of them.

Thank goodness I found them.

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**Assessment meeting slated**

The town of New Scotland Assessor Julie Nooney has announced a public information meeting to discuss the assessment update on the 2006 assessment roll.

The meeting is intended to provide information to New Scotland property owners about the on-going reassessment and to provide an opportunity for property owners to ask questions they may have about the assessment process.

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at Voorheesville Village Hall. Nooney will be on hand at both meetings, as well as a real property appraisal technician, the project consultant and a representative of the Office of Real Property Services. Informational materials will be available at both meetings.

For information, call 439-9029.

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Coping with giving and getting gifts

Point of View

By Robin Sharger Suttor

The writer lives in Delmar.

I can see the personal ad now: "Highly-emotional, overly-analytical woman with mesobloc table manners seeks relationship. Would be suit must tolerate incessant talking (particularly at bedtime), clutter and an unmade bed. Likely to produce offspring with similar personality."

My husband reads this and laughs. "You're描写ing what I go through in my sleep." I tease him. "This is the ad you unknowingly responded to all those years ago. "Yeah, I know," he says. "Ah, if you knew then what you know now, I would tell you to stay out. But, why did I wait then? It wasn't truly written in an ad, but certainly those were ample signs."

For example, there was The Dining Room Table Incident. We had been dating for quite some time, had even declared our love for one another, when shortly before Thanksgiving, I noticed that he had purchased a dining room table. A dining room table is an investment. So, as he sat there nonchalantly describing the furniture, the tears of sorrow welled up in my eyes.

"You bought a dining room table without me? I thought we had a future together. Obviously, you do not envision me at your side hosting family Thanksgiving dinners."

He replied in the only manner possible: "Huh?" This well-timed, short response is a lifesaver for the couch, well, for me. It is a method of buying time and seeking clarification. And it's much nicer than "Are you crazy? I have no idea what you are talking about!"

As it turns out, his only vision for the table involved playing poker with his buddies.

Just on the heels of my ranting incident, the beginning of Thanksgiving Future was the Box Incident. The day before Thanksgiving, Jeff arrived at my place with a present. It was wrapped in silver foil paper covered with tiny polka dots and was waiting until then to give me Reese's peanut butter cups. It's been 17 years since Jeff and I met. Although I'm still waiting for dinner, dessert and the check to come, I have to see you on the lunch to take to work, starts your car on cold mornings and barely actual holiday. Not one day early. Winces when he finds stray used tissues in the car.

I get no presents. I don't expect a gift and I don't expect a card. It's one day when we have a chance to lighten up and forget about gloomy winter days and begin rather to think of spring when things begin to actually grow.

Sweet spring is made even sweeter by the hyacinth's appearance. It's one day when we have a chance to relax and seek a moment of reprieve. It's a fleeting time lasting only a few days but one worth waiting for.

It's about this time that we are freed from our prison of the flu, but hacking coughs or violent stomach cramps on trees of all varieties. It's one day when many of us fail prey to mostly minor, but nasty, physical ailments. Some try to stave off sickness with a Lady Macbeth-like washing of the hands to ward off disease, which can make us sick prisoners in our own homes.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

Imagine, if you will, that your child is standing and waiting for you to drive your child to school. When you arrive at school, the office is empty so you bring your child to the classroom. The teacher is there but seems to be scurrying to accomplish many things. The aide is not there to help you so you leave your child behind, assuming that all will be well. You remind your child that he or she is standing and waiting for the teacher to help make the phone calls. Administrators come to offer assistance, but there are so many buildings and so many parents to deal with.

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We ask for your support.

Please ask the district administration why the BCUEA support staff are being treated like this.

Kathleen Gill
Secretary

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Editor, The Spotlight:

The RCS board of education and administration would like to take this opportunity to publically thank the members of the Ravena, Coeymans, Coeymans Hollow and New Baltimore fire companies as well as the rescue squad personnel from Ravena and Bethlehem and the members of the local police agencies.

Their professionalism and concern during their response was greatly appreciated by all present. Our communities are truly blessed to be served by these volunteers.

Vicki Wright
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Mr. Buenau has character and integrity and is a most personable person.

Thank you to all the small businesses in Bethlehem who strive everyday to stay on top of their game and do it with class.

Patricia Manning, Bethlehem

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Editor, The Spotlight:

I write this letter following the public forum held on Feb 3 on the draft Comprehensive Plan.

One certainly gets the impression that the entire process is being propelled on a predetermined agenda.

The information gathering meetings held to build the “town’s vision” have routinely been on topics, which play well to a certain crowd, while issues and concerns of others are ignored and pushed aside in the interest of time.

My wife and I have attended many of the forums, and we both felt the agendas were configured in a way to prejudice certain interests and limit discussions on others. Frequently, questions and concerns from some residents were ignored, and largely any issue the matter of zoning and restrictions on privately owned land came up, they were put aside as not relevant to that forum’s topic.

Many of us left each meeting waiting for the forum where our concerns or at least the topic would be discussed.

Feb 3, evidently was the time allotted for the entire draft Comprehensive Plan, and it was completely inadequate. It was apparent in every aspect of this meeting that questions and concerns of at least one interested group were handled in a unsatisfactory manner, while the other interest groups I am sure felt quite satisfied that their interests had been addressed.

Remember, this particular draft of the Comprehensive Plan was only available to the public less than two weeks prior to the Feb 3 meeting.

That is not enough time to fully digest everything contained in this document including an overhaul and change in the way development occurs in this town, new topics to investigate like conservation easements, and most importantly how every section of the plan might impact concerns from some residents.

My wife and I have attended most meetings held to build the “town’s vision” and pushed aside in the interest of time.

It is a slap in the face to not allow adequate time for discussion, debate and to make revisions on the plan before it goes to the town board’s public hearing.

Thomas Newell

Glenmont

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A Perfect Blend Espresso Bar and Café, at 376 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will offer a Thin Mint Smoothie or Frappe special until Feb. 19 to support Girl Scouts.

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Residents will see a wider range of services, Lee said, including high speed, broadband Internet connections, good for small businesses or families with home offices that need the capability of transmitting large amounts of data. Further down the line, residents may be offered home offices that need the range of services, Lee said, small businesses or families with amounts of data. Further down the line, residents may be offered a full palate of video services, pending a franchise agreement.

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Shaffer runs away with 3,200 title at meet

By ROB JONAS

Matt Shaffer is hitting his stride during the indoor track and field season.

The Bethlehem junior ran away with the 3,200-meter title in a time of 9:42.87 at Sunday’s Suburban Council Championships at the University at Albany, less than one month after winning the same event at the Southern Tier Classic.

Shaffer’s indoor success is in stark contrast to his cross country season this past fall, when he quickly dropped from being part of the Suburban Council’s elite to the middle of the Bethlehem pack.

“I don’t know what happened,” Shaffer said. “I didn’t have such a good cross country season, but I’m making up for it in indoor (track).”

Shaffer was at the front of the league pack Sunday. After settling into a comfortable pace behind Colonia’s Kevin Treadway over the first six laps, Shaffer took the lead one-third of the way through and steadily pulled away to win by 14.26 seconds over Treadway.

Shaffer said he had hoped Bethlehem teammate Adam Hill — who was fourth through the first six laps — would be with him at the finish line. But Hill fell back to ninth place with a time of 10:20.42.

“I figured my teammate, Adam Hill, would come with me, but he wasn’t feeling too well,” Shaffer said.

Cody Germain also had a big day for the Titans. The senior took second place in the triple jump with a distance of 45 feet 11.25 inches and placed fourth in the long jump with a distance of 19’10.5”.

The Bethlehem girls were led by Emily Coles, who won the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 8.966 seconds and took fourth place in the 55-meter dash in a time of 7.76 seconds.

Emily Malinowski proved to be the only challenger for Saratoga’s Nicole Blood in the 3,000. Blood won with a time of 9:59.09, but Malinowski stayed within 50 meters of Blood the whole way and took second with a personal best time of 10:06.04.

The rest of the pack was at least one lap behind Blood and Malinowski. Saratoga’s Hannah Davidson was third in a time of 10:39.38, and Bethlehem’s Kristin Kennedy placed fourth in a time of 10:42.73.

Other top-six performances for Bethlehem were turned in by Sara Turner in the high jump (fourth, 5 feet) and Claire Liske in the 1,200 (sixth, 5:04.07).

The Suburban Council Championships is one of the final tune-ups before the Section II class meets Feb. 20 at the University at Albany. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is hosting its annual Engineer Games this weekend.

Crazen wins at Colonial meet

Ravena-Coeyman-Seville’s Sam Crazen had a good day at Saturday’s Colonial Council Championships at Hudson Valley Community College.

Crazen won the 3,000-meter race in a time of 1:31.16 and helped Ravena’s 1,600-meter relay team take first place. The quartet of Crazen, Jim Lutz, Josh Gibbons and Stephen Rogers finished with a time of 3:35.41.

Tom Mauro and Matt Halter had multiple top-six finishes for the Indians. Mauro placed third in the 55-meter dash and fifth in the 300-meter dash, while Halter placed fourth in the 1,300 and the 1,600-meter hurdles.

Garrett McCluskey (high jump), Max Smith (long jump) and Tim Squaire (shot put) had third-place performances.
The following figure skaters from Upstate Skates Figure Skating Club, which is based at the Bethlehem Area YMCA, participated at the 2005 Lake Placid ISI (Ice Skating Institute) Competition Jan. 13-16.

Emma Kimble: fourth place Pre-Alpha, second place Pre-Alpha compulsories and second place Pre-Alpha stroking; Desiree Larrivee: second place Alpha, second place Alpha compulsories and first place Alpha stroking; and Morgan Keen; fourth place Delta.

Rachel Staudt: first place Delta; Morgan Gilles: fifth place Delta; Alyssa Hopsicker: first place Freestyle 1, first place Compulsories 1 and third place Stroking 1; and Carley McLean: second place Freestyle 1.

Isabelle Lombardi: second place Freestyle 1 and third place Artistic 1; Lindsey DeBerry: fourth place Freestyle 1; Katie Sheridan: fifth place Freestyle 1 and third place Solo Compulsories 1; and Katie Weatherhead: first place Freestyle 2.

Hannah Cosgro: first place Freestyle 2; Taylor Kennedy: second place Freestyle 2 and second place Alpha compulsories 2; and Lauren Mahoney: second place Freestyle 2 and second place Solo Compulsories 2; and Micaela Jones: third place Freestyle 2.

Adalyn DiRisio: third place Freestyle 3; Katie Howard: fifth place Delta; Freestyle 2.

Alyssa Hopsicker: first place Freestyle 3; and Carley McLean: second place Freestyle 3.

Jessica Larrivee: second place Freestyle 3, fifth place Artistic 3 and second place Spotlight 3; Adrienne White: fifth place Freestyle and fourth place Artistic 3; Helen Serafini: third place Freestyle 4, third place Artistic 4 and third place Family Spotlight; and Olivia Serafini: second place Freestyle 4, third place Artistic 4 and third place Family Spotlight.

Gina Dinapoli: third place Freestyle 4 and third place Interpretive 4; Mekala Paparian: fifth place Artistic 5 and fourth place Interpretive 5; Stephanie Lombardi: second place Freestyle 5 and third place Artistic 5; Chelsea Rowlands: third place Freestyle 6 and first place Artistic 6; and Christina Lombardi: third place Freestyle 6 and third place Artistic 6.

Klarissa Ricks: second place Interpretive 6 and third place Footwork 6.

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**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Schalmont 64, Ravena 47

Ravena leader: Joe Fisk 22 points.

Bethlehem 47, Niskayuna 42

Bethlehem leaders: Kevin Stempley 16 points, John O'Brien-Carrell 16 points.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Schalmont 49, Ravena 35

Ravena leader: Jeannine Rider 14 points.

Niskayuna 47, Bethlehem 41

Bethlehem leaders: Liz Caudill 18 points, Julie Hooper 11 points.

**GYMNASTICS**

Bethlehem 165.3, Shen 149.1

Top three all-around: Tara Harding (112 pounds), Amanda Michi (119), Lauren Quirk (BC) 32.3, Meredith Michi (BC) 30.7.

**SWIMMING**

Bethlehem 38, Averill Park 28

Bethlehem leader: Luke Tress (125), Andy Olinzock (140), Brian Cooper (140), Dan McKay (160), Yasim Ipek (189), Sean Wetherby (215).

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**SATURDAY, FEB. 5**

**GYMNASTICS**

Section II All-Around Meet

Top three: Kathia Dewey (Saratoga) 36.9, Carla Selig (Saratoga) 36.1, Kyla McIntyre (Saratoga) 36.0. Top Bethlehem finish: Brittany Rogers (sixth place, 34.05).

**INDOOR TRACK**

Colonial Council Championships

Boys team scores: Mechanicville 155, Lansingburgh 107.5, Cobleskill 97, Ravena 78, Cohoes 2.5, LaSalle 2.

Girls team scores: Academy of Holy Names 172, Cobleskill 88, Ravena 59.5, Mechanicville 44, Lansingburgh 31, Cohoes 27.5.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 6**

**INDOOR TRACK**

Suburban Council Championships


Girls team scores: Shen 89.5, Saratoga 87, Shaker 71, Colonie 54, Burnt Hills 35.5, Bethlehem 31, Niskayuna 30, Guilderland 22, Columbia 18, Mohonasen 18, Averill Park 14.
Selkirk Cogen, the cap on health insurance for could be wiped out in one visit,” even phase them, which-is one of dissolution of the team is what may prevent it from regrouping, Melius said.

"The announcement didn’t even phase them, which is one of our big concerns," Melius said, the ERT would act as our big concerns, "An absentee policy and a lack of appreciation for the team’s reaction, Melius said there were at least two instances in the last six years that the ERT’s existence saved someone’s life. "A lot of serious injuries happen here," Melius said.

"As much as the company may not be happy with the decision, I think, deep down, they know we’re not going to turn our backs and walk away," Melius later said.

"I swore this team would never fold, and I kind of went back on my promise to myself," formation of a Bethlehem rescue squad any service the design guidelines and zoning ordinances that will produce. Even with the residential moratorium, which affected 118 units, the ERT did on Thursdays. Egan and other town officials eagerly await the conclusion of the planning process and the new design guidelines and zoning ordinances that will produce. Egan, in her speech, noted some "misinformation" that’s been disseminated regarding the comprehensive plan. The town’s three largest taxpayers — Selkirk Cogen, NIO and PSEG — are all in the power sector, which concerns Egan.

Independent board member Tim Gordon noted a goal to address energy concerns, particularly in increasing renewable energy sources around town. "The Vista Tech (behind the Slingerlands Price Chopper) is a great place to initiate some of the newest forms of renewable energy," Gordon said. "I think we could be a leader.

Some goals for the coming year, Egan said, include the $17.5 million upgrades to the New Salem Water Treatment Plant, getting involved in the Tect Valley initiative; a Route 85 expansion and development of the upscale lot and the old BlueCross BlueShield building.

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Nimblefingers putting on a feast of design, color at library

The walls of the community room are a visual feast of design and color with Nimblefingers annual quilt and craft show on display at the Voorheesville Public Library.

Nimblefingers ladies meet every week for two hours at the library to work on their projects and welcome anyone who would like to join them.

Speak to the coordinator, reference librarian Julie Stump, or

Voorheesville Public Library
just drop in on Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m.

Scrapbooking continues
The scrapbooking experience continues on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. with Wendy Burke, a Creative Memories consultant. This is a work shop open for beginners and experienced alike.

The program is sponsored by the Library Friends.

Vacation programs
Save these dates for special programs during school vacation week. On Tuesday, Feb. 22, families are invited at 7 p.m. for "Fun with Energy". Super Her Day is Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 10:15 a.m. for ages 4 and up.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m., teens are invited for tournament board games. Program details in next week's column.

There will be no regular story times this week.

Lapsit signups
Signups are being taken for Lapsit Stories at 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 17. Especially designed for children under 2 years accompanied by a caregiver, Lapsit is a participatory storytime that includes bouncing rhythms, sharing and playtime.

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Bethlehem Public Library

Every week, Meyer will work with the kids on chess puzzles and give a short lesson in the late afternoon. If your children are interested, please call to register them. Tell us what time they will arrive at the library, so we can integrate our plans for the day. Call Judy at 756-2053.

Storytime schedules
Storytimes, both Romp & Read and Stories & Crafts for Kids, are on the spring schedule. There has been one change of location: Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Selkirk Firehouse, east of Route 9W on Route 30A.

The Romp & Read schedule includes:
- Tuesday, 10 a.m. at the Selkirk Firehouse: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., at A.W. Becker School; Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at P.B. Coeymans School; Friday, 10 a.m. at RCS Community Library.

Community Library.
Stories & Crafts for Kids is held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the library. No registration is necessary. Call the library at 756-2053 for information.

Microfilm made easy
With the help of Assemblyman Pat Casale, the Library received a Community Service Project grant in January.

This surprise windfall has allowed the library to purchase a new microfilm reader-printer that will connect to our computer network. The machine loads easily, and the entire screen stays in focus.

Local historians can view the News Herald microfilm, 1873 to 1996, without fear of a blinding screen.

Louise Greco

Wednesday is now after school chess day at Ravena Library

Beginning on Feb. 16, Wednesday will be the Ravena Public Library's scheduled chess day.

Josh Meyer, president of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk High School Chess Club, has agreed to demonstrate and teach chess for one game and probably more.

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Nellie Kemp
Nellie Ooria Livingston Kemp of Ravena died Sunday, Jan. 30. Mrs. Kemp was born in Fairdale. She recently moved to Ravena.

Survivors include a daughter, Orisa M. Skipper of Ravena; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Hudson Mohawk Humane Society, 3 Oakdale Ave., Menands 12204.

Elizabeth Phelps
Elizabeth M. Phelps, 80, formerly of Bethlehem, died Monday, Jan. 31, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Phelps was born and raised in Bethlehem. She moved to Nassau in 1948.

She was co-owner of Phelps Insurance in Nassau which she and her husband founded in 1962.

She was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Nassau.

She was the widow of Edward J. Phelps III.

Survivors include five sons, Paul G. Edwards, Edward R. Phelps, Kenneth M. Phelps, David J. Phelps and Robert M. Phelps; six daughters, Pamela J. Hendrick, Deborah A. Brechem, Lynn M. Church, Mary B. Bombard, Kristine L. Morris and Kim J. transaction: a brother, Robert Hungerford of Guildertown, 23 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Mary’s Church.

Burial will be in the spring in East Greenbush Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Nassau Rescue Squad, PO. Box 757, Nassau 12123.

Margaret Rodenhausen
Margaret Z. Rodenhausen, 88, of Delmar, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Rodenhausen was born in Philadelphia. She also lived in Horsham, Pa., and San Salvador, El Salvador; before moving to Delmar in 1975.

She worked as a bookkeeper and eventually served for 20 years as executive assistant to the president of Williams & Sons in Lanesdale, Pa.

She was a Girl Scout leader for many years.

She was the widow of George H. Rodenhausen.

Survivors include a son, George A. Rodenhausen of Claverack; a daughter, Linda Morales Rodenhausen of El Salvador; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for this summer in Claverack.

Elizabeth Wiley
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There are no immediate survivors.

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Marion Bushey
Marion J. Dunn Bushey, 85, died Monday, Jan. 31, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar. Mrs. Bushey was born in Albany. She was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Mildred Elley Business School.

She worked for the state Thruway Authority for 23 years. She was the widow of Donald P. Bushey.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Tice of Venice, Fla.; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church in Ravena. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Coeymans.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Alice Scheffey
Alice G. Scheffey, 94, of Bethlehem, died Sunday, Jan. 30.

Mrs. Scheffey was born in Towanda, Pa. She was a lifelong resident of the Bethlehem area. She graduated from St. Agnes High School in Tornawa and St. Mary's Business School in Wilkes Barre, Pa.

She worked as a bookkeeper for 30 years for Knepp Building Corp. in Delmar.

She was the widow of George Scheffey.

There are no immediate survivors.

Services were from New Comer-Cannnon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of Albany, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany 12203.

Robert Deily
Robert H. Deily, 95, of Slingerlands, died Sunday, Jan. 24, at Community Hospice.

Mr. Deily was born in Bethlehem, Pa. He received degrees from Muhlenberg College, Lehigh University, Columbia University and the University of Chicago.

He was an Army veteran, having served from 1942 to 1946.

He was a professor and head of the department of library science at the University of Kentucky; principal librarian at the New York State Library from 1948 to 1962; acting state librarian at the New York State Library from 1962 to 1963; and associate for library services, Central Headquarters, State University of New York from 1963 until his retirement.

He was a member of the Masters Lodge 5 for more than 50 years and an active participant in the Second Mileers club.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Woroczy Deily; three sons, Robert J. Deily of New Baltimore, William E. Deily of Vacaville, and Jonathan D. Deily of Delmar; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Deily donated his body to the Albany Medical College Anatomical Gifts Program for the education of medical students.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 100 Central Ave., Albany, on March 29 at 10 a.m.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Public Library, 415 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054 or St. John's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 160 Central Ave., Albany 12206.

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Mr. Fish and his wife bred, raised and raced standard bred horses. In 1974, they established Helderberg Stables and produced Kadillac Kyle, Horse of the Year in 1994 and 1996. Mr. Fish and his wife bred, Mrs. Hoffman was born in Albany and had lived in Glenmont over the past 59 years.

She worked for the state for 20 years, retiring in 1994.

She was a member of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. She was the widow of Albert R. Hoffman.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy O'Keefe of Voorheesville, and Alice Cleland of Troy; a son, Art Hoffman of Cape Coral, Fla., a sister Dorothy Vanderwal of Feura Bush; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were from Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont and Altamont Reformed Church. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in the spring.

Contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 139 S. Lake Ave., Albany 12208.

Harry Brown

Harry L. Brown, 86, of Slingerlands died Sunday, Jan. 30.

Mr. Brown was a lifelong Slingerlands resident. He was the husband of the late Judy Brown.

He worked for 15 years for Western Pennsylvania Horological School as a jeweler and watchmaker.

He was an Army veteran of World War II serving in the European Theater.

He worked for Bay Jewelers and Koblenz Jewelers in Albany. He was also the proprietor of Harry L. Brown Jeweler in Delmar. He later moved to Delmar and opened Harry L. Brown Jeweler and Thistle Gift Shop. After his retirement in 1983, he continued to work for many years at Northeast Framing in Delmar.

Mr. Brown was active in Slingerlands Boy Scout Troop 72. He was a member of the Noah Lodge 754 F&AM and a member of the Bethlehem Lions Club.

 Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Picard; three brothers, Richard Fish and Raymond Fish, Bethlehem. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Glens Falls.

J. Alan Davitt

J. Alan Davitt, of Delmar died at his home Saturday, Jan. 29.

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West, Kvam to marry

Lauren West, daughter of Lester and Sandra West of Slingerlands, and Erik Kvam, son of Peter Kvam and Patricia of S. Burlington, Vt., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Albany High School and SUNY Geneseo. She received a master's degree from SUNY Geneseo. She is a special education teacher for Le Roy Central School District in LeRoy. The future groom is a graduate of the University of Rochester, where he also received a master's degree and where he is currently pursuing a Ph.D.

The couple plans an Aug. 26 wedding.

Jennifer and Brian Molino

Geyer, Molino wed

Jennifer Joy Geyer, daughter of Rob and Maureen Geyer of Delmar, and Brian Christopher, son of Bruce and Denise Molino of Slingerlands, were married Aug. 22.

The ceremony took place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar. A reception followed at the Desmond.

The matron of honor was Jennifer Joy Geyer, daughter of Rob and Maureen Geyer of Delmar. Bridesmaids were Beth Tovah Deitcher and Michael Shawn Gray, all of Slingerlands.

The groomsmen were John Michael Music of Feura Bush, James Christopher Jarvis and Janine Melissa Jenks, all of Delmar.

Bride and groom are the children of Rob and Maureen Geyer of Delmar and Brian Christopher and Denise Molino of Slingerlands. The couple lives in Astoria.

SUNY Cortland

Shawn Michael Gray, Laura Grace Salerno, Beth Torah Deitcher and Michael Shawn Gray, all of Slingerlands.

The ring bearer was Nicholas Jarvis, of Slingerlands.

The best man was Michael Shawn Gray, Laura Grace Salerno and Megan Lynn McGraw of Glenmont.

The matron of honor was The future groom is a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and SUNY New Paltz where she also received a master's degree. She is a teacher for the New York City school district in Brooklyn.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Culinary Institute of America. He is a chef for Craft in Manhattan.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple lives in Astoria.
I may be another month until St. Patrick’s Day, but you can get your Irish fix early this year at the 2nd Annual Irish 2000 Music & Arts Winterfest set for this Saturday, Feb. 12, at the convention center in the Empire State Plaza.

An offshoot of the Irish 2000 Festival held each September at the Altamont Fairgrounds, the Winterfest was first organized in 2004 and was so successful that it’s back for a repeat.

The show will be headlined by Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul, featuring the widely known fiery violinist in “Riverdance;” the McKrells, who bring their unique brand of acoustic music blending high, lonesome bluegrass heart with Celtic spirit; Danu, which features traditional Irish music played by Irish musicians; The Prodigals, one of the most successful bands to emerge from the East Coast Irish music scene; and Seamus Kennedy hailing from Belfast, who will perform his vast store of songs, sprinkled with jokes, stories and snappy repartee. It promises to be a non-stop celebration of Celtic music.

“This is the largest Irish music event of the winter season – other than the St. Patrick’s Day Parade,” said Irish 2000 President Matt Nelligan. “We have something for everyone who likes Irish Music.”

In addition to the headliners, Irish 2000 Winterfest will feature The Michael Farrell School of Irish Dance, plus food, beverages and crafts.

“Winterfest features some of the top talent today including Eileen Ivers, a true master of the fiddle; and the Prodigals, one of the best Celtic rock band on the scene,” Nelligan said. “Plus, Danu – twice voted the best traditional band of the year by Irish Music magazine – will be performing as will local favorites, The McKrells, and the ever popular Seamus Kennedy.”

The Winterfest, runs from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. You can see The Michael Farrell School of Dance from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., The McKrells at 5 p.m.; Seamus Kennedy at 6 p.m., Danu at 7 p.m.; Eileen Ivers at 8:25 p.m.; and The Prodigals at 10 p.m.

You can purchase tickets online from TicketWeb, or call 1-888-414-3578. Tickets will be available at the door or through the following advance ticket outlets: Celtic Treasures in Saratoga Springs (583-9452); Tipperary Trading Co. in Troy (279-TARA); The Albany Irish American Center in Albany (438-8230); Schenectady O.H. in Schenectady (374-9000) or Boscov’s Customer Service in Colonie Center. Tickets are $25 for a general admission ticket which doesn’t guarantee any particular seat and are located on all the upper tiers of the Convention Center, or $30 for a reserved ticket which guarantees a particular seat and table, are located on floor level and includes waiter/waitress service for drinks and food.

Attendees may park underground in the areas designated for visitor parking at the Empire State Plaza. There is a $2 fee. Visitors must have a photo ID. For information visit www.irish2000fest.com.
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Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 First St., Albany, through Feb. 18. Runs concurrently with "Times Like These." Information, 445-4769.

A WALK IN THE WOODS
Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 First St., Albany, through Feb. 15. Runs concurrently with "Times Like These." Information, 445-4769.

TALLEY'S FOLLY
Curtain Call Productions, 215 North Broadway, Troy, through Feb. 15. Runs concurrently with "Times Like These." Information, 677-2523.

ANGELS IN AMERICA (PART I)
Hilton Center for the Performing Arts, Russell Road, Albany, through Feb. 20, 8 p.m. on weekdays, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; $10-12. Information, 453-1449.

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