V'ville tidies up old, new business

By JAMES CUOZZO

As summer approaches, the Voorheesville board of trustees addressed issues of beautification and recreation, including whether the town should provide facilities for skateboarders. The board discussed the possibility of constructing skateboard ramps in the Village Park. Public Works Department Engineer Will Smith said skateboarders are using the basketball court, which is causing damage to the grounds. Smith asked trustees if they would consider constructing some skateboard ramps so the kids who skateboard can have their own place to use. Mayor Jack Stevens said the village has received many requests from residents for a skateboard park, and the subject will be reviewed.

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Mayor Jack Stevens said the village has received many requests from residents for a skateboard park, and the subject will be reviewed. Village Attorney Anne Jo McTague said: "The village needs a liability waiver if it is going to enter into building ramps for a skateboard park." The trustees agreed that liability concerns have to be addressed before a decision is made.

"As the board considers adding ramps to the park, the Heidelberg Garden Club will coordinate this year's beautification program with $550 from the current budget. That will go for new shrubs and plantings in the Village Park." - Anne Jo McTague

The Voorheesville summer youth employment program will start its eight-week run in June. Smith said five applications for employment had been received, two from residents of the village and three from New Scotland town residents.

"We try and hire youth from the village when we can. Last year four people were hired," said Smith.

Deputy Mayor and trustee William Hoscaling gave an update on the summer recreation programs in the village. This year's programs include arts and crafts, a youth basketball clinic, youth tennis, and soccer. Those programs will begin June 26.

"An upgrade is in store for the Voorheesville Justice Court. The village board of trustees approved the Justice Court's application for grants from the New York State Unified Court System. The village resolution's approval of the application allows Voorheesville Justice Court to apply for a new computer, printer, new court chairs, file cabinet, calculators and other upgrades. Village trustees unanimously passed a motion to approve the line in the annual budget that included the grant application so the court could obtain money through the Justice Court Assistance Program.

The trustees scheduled a June 15 date for a public hearing regarding the renewal of the village's cable franchise agreement. Time Warner is the current franchisee, with contract up for renewal. The public will have an opportunity to comment on Time Warner as the current provider at that hearing." - Anne Jo McTague

Trustee Robert Conway took time to present a project in Delmar, has announced that it will be running thousands of miles of fiber-optic lines to Colonie homes later in the year. The project is in the later stages of completion in Delmar. The fiber-optical network together and linking the town," said Colonie Supervisor Mary Brizzell. The town's offices will be eventually moving toward the service when it becomes available, she said.

"The service could have significant impacts on home businesses, giving them a faster and more secure connection to the Internet," said Lee.

"FiOS, the fiber-based community," wrote Lee. "The service, called FiOS, will offer three tiers of downstream speeds of up to 5, 15, and 30 megabits per second (mbps). The tiers are priced $34.95 per month for 5 mbps; $44.95 for 15 mbps; and $79.95 monthly for 30 mbps. The latter service is designed for home businesses with intensive power and bandwidth needs."

"Over the next few months, the company will be connecting the fiber-optic network together and linking the Delmar and Colonie service areas through a main switching station, the hub of the digital fiber based community," said Lee.

Such communities already exist in the Syracuse area, on Long Island and in Westchester and Rockland counties. The development of the network will mean hundreds of new jobs in New York, according to Verizon.

Primarily, infrastructure will be serviced by existing telephone poles lining community streets and thoroughfares. A portion of the network will be run under ground, said Lee.

Colonie residents attending comprehensive plan public meetings have
County to hold hearing on upcoming roadway

Albany County has announced that a public informational meeting will be held to discuss the proposed rehabilitation of CR 204 (Schoolhouse Road, Krumkill Road and Russell Road) in the towns of Bethlehem and Guilderland. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Bethlehem Fire Department, 389 Russell Road.

Albany County is currently developing the design for the rehabilitation of the CR 204 corridor. The project begins on Schoolhouse Road at the thruway bridge and runs south to Krumkill Road, continues along Krumkill Road to Russell Road, and then continues north along Russell Road and ends at the Albany City Line. Major components of the project include pavement rehabilitation/reconstruction, the addition of 4 ft. wide concrete shoulders and 5 ft. wide paved shoulders along the entire project corridor, and improvements to the Schoolhouse Road/Krumkill Road and the Krumkill Road/Russell Road intersections. Minor right-of-way acquisitions will be required and will be discussed during the meeting. Construction is expected to begin in the fall and is expected to have a duration of 1 to 2 years.

The purpose of the meeting is for Albany County to obtain comments and answer questions regarding the proposed project from individuals, groups, officials and local agencies.

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Members of Girl Scout Troop 523 and fifth-graders from St. Thomas School held a bake sale in front of Derin Marketplace on Sunday, May 22. The girls raised $245 to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thirteen girls, Colleen Bernstein, left, Ticia Monroe, Shannon McShane, Karin Boswick, Katie Boswick and Lauren Conley.

Festival to return to Ravena

The Ravena Friendslhip Festival will return to Moside Park after a six-year hiatus. Preparation of the Aug. 2 daylong event, a newly formed committee is looking for craft vendors.

The festival will offer food, music, entertainment and fireworks. Anyone interested in joining the Friendship Festival Committee or who is looking for a place to be a vendor, should contact the village offices at 706-8933 during regular business hours. The committee will also be seeking support from the community to sponsor some of the activities and music.

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Memorial Day Parade

Clockwise from top left: Ron Trevett of the Bethlehem VFW looks at the monument in Veterans Park after Monday’s parade; the Adamsvale Ancients march; Vanessa and Kailiee Vaccarino are all eyes; The Albany Police Pipe and Drum Corps; Amy Cooklair, Lydia Loy-Santielli, Ali Wolfer and Kaelyn Haughey fly the flag; and crowds cheer the Bethlehem High School Marching Band.

Photos by James Franco
Field trips, the new and different kind of us who are the constant guides of the Bronx Zoo experience. For those of us who are invited to go on field trips, explained Lisa Wood, the Bethlehem seventh-grade science teacher who was instrumental in mobilizing this many of the human species to go study members of the animal species.

"This ties things together, and lets kids explore and find different aspects of their world. It's a class is applicable to real life," Wood said. On past trips to Mystic Seaport and the nearby aquarium Wood said that students might not have the financial means or the inclination to go a place like that. "The zoo is a great place to visit. I think its educational value is often overlooked. I think it's a wonderful place to go. The zoo is big enough that there's room if you want to be alone, great: all boys, they all got along, RIGHT?"

In describing her students outside of the classroom, Wood said that field trips also show teachers a different side of the kids than they often see in the classroom. "We tend to see them as older," she said. "Then we see them goofing around on field trips and interacting with friends. It stays sound crazy. Wood said, but being together with the students outside of the classroom strengthens the teacher-student bond.

Judging from the number of parents who showed up to go to the Bronx Zoo, it's a fair guess that parents are also looking to get in on that bonding action. Middle school is often the first big push toward students' independence. More of the responsibility — and consequences — fall on students, as they're the ones who have to know what their assignments are, have to keep their binders organized and have to put forth their work in on time. Notes to parents from teachers become rare — and often remain undelivered and unreadable and unretainable from the saccroacoustic space that is the backpack of the middle schooler.

Evening Bright, June 1

The scarlet ibis watching visitors at the Bronx Zoo.

My invitation to accompany the field trip to the zoo was delivered in an offhand manner, with a fair amount of shoulder shrugging. "There's room if you want to come," Cormac said.

IfP? I asked, nearly jumping up and down with anticipation of being able to observe the species of seventh-graders among its own kind. "Of course I want to come!"

Before he could roll his eyes or I could scare him away, I calmed down.

"If you want me to," I said, "then do." Wood then added, in a very gentle tone, "but I'll probably want to sit with my friends. No offense.

Now taken and I promise to keep an appropriate distance, not kiss you in public, not put my arm around your shoulders, not try to give you a spit shine if some of your lunch remains on your face and I'll try my hardest to let one of the teachers be the one to tell you to keep it down to a dull roar.

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from other schools didn't make it seem crowded at all. Lushly landscaped, it felt like a day in the country... or a few different countries as we went from sea lions to lobsters to tigers to polar bears to creatures of the night. The place is called "this!" was the echo as rapt students watched fruit bats fly behind plate glass.

That learning experience is part of what Caesar also likes about going on field trips. "Howe Caverns," she said. "I always love that trip.

A friend with a 16-year-old who lives in the Boston area observed that high school is a lot easier the second time around — as a parent — and field trips often become a second learning experience for parents. Best of all, no homework for us, although I'd gladly trade a night of cooking and doing laundry for reading the chapter about manifest destiny in the social studies book.

I've ridden on hay wagons at Stanton's Feura Farms, ogled the excellent art on the concourse of the Empire State Plaza, and listened raptly as the museum staff provided new insight into things I never would have thought about otherwise.

The only field trip I didn't like was the nursery school trip with Cormac's class to the supermarket. Free cookies and a visit to the back of the milk cooler, the only thing we didn't want to do. Free for M&M's in the checkout line is 15-year-olds begging for M&M's in the checkout line and one of the kids got his pants wet. I'm sure

But for every trip to the supermarket, there's the kid standing in wonder at the tantrum or solitude that the groin brief is sitting as he were meditating. And few things are as wonderful as a group of kids strengthening social bonds in a blurry way.

"These are the things we remember," Wood said. "These extra-special experiences."
The Cub Scouts of Den 5, Pack 23, Hamagrael have completed the Cub Scout World Conservation Award. The award required, in addition to a number of other activities, learning about the sources of point and nonpoint pollution and the completion of a stream conservation project and community conservation project. The Scouts learned about erosion and the Normanskill landslide from Bob Burnett of NYSDOT, and then went over to the nature trail, which follows a small tributary to the Normanskill, behind Eismore Elementary School for a stream cleanup project. The Scouts and their families also met with Craig Thompson of NYSDEC. In addition to learning about the importance of planting trees, the group planted 24 trees in an orchard of historical and ecological significance at Five Rivers Environmental Center. The Scouts in the den are: Brian Abbey, Joey Garry, Robert Lombardo, Jason Rose, Max Rosenberg, Karl Signor and James Taggart.

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As an aside, I don’t know that my own parents ever really accepted the practice. Mary was a mere 80 years old when we first became neighbors.

The last time I saw Mary Rowley was within the last two years, when I went to my local polling place to vote: while I was looking over the sample ballot set up for voter information, an aide wheeled Mary into the roos. I greeted her and told her I was so pleased to see her out and about and when I realized her sight was impaired, I offered to read the ballot to her.

She was 98 at this point. When I read the 19 propositions on the ballot to her, she stopped me and asked me if I could explain its purpose. Out of the corner of my eye, I could see an election district official looking increasingly nervous and hovering nearby.

I was sure to explain the pros and cons to Mary, and she mulled them over for a minute or two. Then the inevitable question: "How are you going to vote on it?"

The election official was suddenly at my side like a shot, brandishing a form for me to fill in which I was to assure that I was not coercing a vote from Mary Rowley, who remained as mentally sharp that day as she was when I first knew her.

I signed the form, which allowed me to explain how I voted.

When we got into the booth, I re-read the proposals to her and she indicated how she wanted to vote. When I reached the candidates portion of the ballot, she stopped me here she needed no help.

She knew exactly which party she was voting for. My family got a kick out of hearing about the time I voted twice in one day.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

I know I'll take heat for this, but I'm not sure about Delaware Avenue's new look. How about you?
The corridor is now festooned with dozens of artsy American flags tied to the poles. A couple of stars, a couple of stripes, a couple of flags tied to the poles. A couple of dozen American flags? How about sprinklers, a great big lawn sprinkler or doves (or, ahem, pigeons)?... But what did we get for all that? Our taxes have bought yet more Old Glory, emphasis on Old. Same old, same old.

This flag fetish seems to have proliferated, especially since 9-11, but everywhere. (Note to FBI agents: Don't get me wrong. I am a patriot. I do love my country.) American red-white-and-blue till we drop: on car antennas, as decals on porch windows, all over from lamp posts to painted into sides of barns, whole townsides. How about flag-free touches to make our neighborhoods more congenial for their long-term residents? (At least the country to speak at our meetings between September and May each year)

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Landowners get raw deal with new zoning plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

More than 40 years ago, my family and I moved from Albany to the town of Bethlehem.

I had hoped for a better life for them here than in the city. We continued to save and bought some farmland to build a new house on. I watched my children grow and purchase their own large parcels of land to build on in town. I have for many years enjoyed my privacy and country setting, taking care of my land, mindling my own business. More and more homes were built. Although developments are not for me. I accepted those who moved into developments. It was their personal choice.

It was assumed that people worked hard and saved their money to have a better life. No one was denied trying to better themselves. But now the attitudes of some of the people in this town bother me. Many of those who have moved here recently to small town-type lots want to shut the door to others that also wish to have better schools for their children, neighborhoods and homes that are in nice settings and are comfortable. They want to control landowners in rural areas under the veil of protecting green space.

They want to keep businesses out of town and dictate how people should live. Some of them tell people that live differently than themselves to move. "I have my home, and there is no room for more families because it may cost me more for schools" seems to be their sentiment.

Every home in this town, even in Delmar, is built on what was once someone's farmland. If these homes hadn't been built some 75 years ago, the residents now would not be enjoying what they have.

Why deprive others of the same benefits? I know of farmland that has been handed down for generations in families, adding the next generation's homes on the land knows others that have been sold for development. Things do change.

The comprehensive plan before the town board has zoning portions that contradict our constitutional rights that I, and many others, have fought for and continue to fight for. This plan denies our freedom as landowners.

I cry for the generation that has passed down land (rural and farms) that will be handicapped in the future due to the complete passage of this plan and zoning.

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Delmar fire official to announce community meetings

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Delmar Fire and EMS Department, I would like to thank the many community leaders, neighbors and district residents who have recently expressed their support for the 85 men and women of the department who voluntarily risk their lives as firefighters and provide ambulance service on a daily basis for our community.

Since the December election, we have been working diligently with residents and community leaders to ensure that the next proposal and plans for a fire and emergency medical services station we bring to the community are developed with full community input. To ensure that the proposed site meets the needs of our growing community, we have launched a comprehensive analysis mapping the location of all of our calls and matching that study with a similar analysis of our volunteer base. Additionally, we are preparing a complete analysis of all possible locations for the new firehouse and ambulance facility (as well as estimating costs for the cost and advisability of remaining in the current facility).

Many still believe that the proposed Delaware Avenue location, which is currently Ver- standing's Florist, is the appropriate site for the new firehouse but these comprehensive and objective studies will help determine the appropriate and feasible locations.

In the next few weeks, we will announce a series of open community meetings to discuss a number of issues with the public to ensure that everyone in our area has an opportunity to learn about such things as the results of these studies, the fire protection and emergency medical service needs of the community, the requirements the department must meet the current conditions at the firehouse at 145 Adams St. and what different proposals actually contain. Additionally, these meetings will serve to help us get community input on such issues as location, aesthetics, neighborhood integration and financ ing.

Finally, we hope these meetings and our other outreach efforts will help ensure the community that their volunteer firefighters and EMS professionals want their input and support for this plan and the department.

We look forward to our partnership with our neighbors and continuing to volunteer our time and services on behalf of our great community.

David Scoons chairman
Delmar Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners

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We commend the Town's desire to plan for the future of our community. We applaud the Comprehensive Plan for including such measures as reasonable lot sizes, minor subdivisions and recognition of individual property rights.

However sections of the Plan are designed to Control the future rather than Plan for it. A perfect example of this is: Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) or Citizens Advisory Council on Conservation (CACC).

The CACC is just a CAC in training.

- How would YOU, as good stewards of your homes, yards and businesses, like it if a committee of appointed individuals made a listing of all of your assets, drawings of your homes or businesses and the recommended what the most appropriate uses of these would be? Under local law, the CAC "shall keep an inventory and map of all open areas within the Town with the plan of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization of such lands."

- What if a committee were to put on file with the Town and distribute to the public information regarding Your house lots? 401 (ks)? IRAs? Investment accounts? Land is all of these for many people in this Town. Under municipal law the CAC, "may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which in its judgment it deems necessary for its work."

- What if it was your house and land that were desired to be acquired?? The CAC municipal law also allows "written recommendation of the Council to recommend to the Town Board acquisition through negotiation or by condemnation, such real or personal property as may be needed to fulfill the purpose of this act."

We oppose including in this Plan an appointed group such as the CAC or CACC which will go on in perpetuity, for which the residents have not elected them and therefore have no recourse in disbursing them. We recommend that all issues are that a committee be formed that has an interest and expertise in the project they report to the Town Board on their stated task, then be disbanded. When a new issue arises for which a voluntary committee is necessary, a new committee with an interest and expertise could be appointed and the process would be continued.

Rural Landowners of Bethlehem
Family appreciates support

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are writing to thank some generous people for their help and response to the emergency call and unexpected passing of Leonard F. Tompkins on April 6 at his residence.

The family would like to thank the Bethlehem Police and police dispatch, the Albany County paramedics and the Albany Coroner's office for their quick and timely response.

We would like to recognize the care, consideration and outpouring of support each gave to our family during this very difficult time.

Our appreciation to the Elmer Fire Department for remembering Lennie and his 27 years of service by honoring him with their presence in full dress uniform.

We would also like to thank Lennie's most recent employer, AAA Hudson Valley for the outpouring of love for Lennie and sympathy for his family, as well as the moving tribute to him outside the funeral home.

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The second annual Gala and Auction, run by the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation, will be held Saturday, June 4, at the Albany Country Club. This year the foundation is honoring Dr. Alan McCartney on his retirement.

For information, contact Peggy McReyno at 760-3452.

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Concert, award night set

Students in grades 9 through 12 will present an instrumental concert Thursday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the Voorheesville High School.

The 10th and 11th grade award night will be held Wednesday, June 8, at the Voorheesville High School in the performing arts center.

4th grade instrumental

An instrumental evening for fourth-grade students and their parents will be held Tuesday, June 7, at 4 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School.

Special thank yous

The Heiderview Garden Club wants to say thank you to all the people who fill the flower boxes and whiskey barrels with flowers for the community of the Voorheesville area to enjoy.

A farewell to Mr. Lopez will be held Saturday, June 11, from 9 to 10 p.m. at the Voorheesville American Legion.

The cost is $5 per person, payable to Kathy Cavanaugh, 2125 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

If you would like to contribute toward a gift, please include your contribution in the check to Kathy.

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And especially thanks to all of you who continue to support all of the Delmar merchants. We hope you had a great day and enjoyed yourselves.
Faces of Liberty exhibit documents key civil rights cases

Faces of Liberty is about the Bill of Rights, civil liberties and New Yorkers. It is a traveling photo-journal display of black and white photographs with accompanying text that highlights significant state civil liberties cases over four decades.

The exhibit documents 22 stories of men and women, boys and girls, who have stood up for their beliefs, often in the face of great adversity, and puts a human face on what often can be complex civil liberties issues.

These people have all been helped by the New York Civil Liberties Union. The exhibit is an educational project of the New York Civil Liberties Foundation and it will be on display at the Voorheesville Public Library for the month of June.

Photos feature the successful challenge to the institutionalization of children and adults at the Willowbrook State School, selected groups who were denied the right to conduct a public protest at city hall in New York City, and the landmark Supreme Court ruling that a school board may not remove books from the high school library for political purposes.

These are some of the people and cases represented by the New York Civil Liberties Union over the past four decades.

Attorney Sarah Birn will be in the Voorheesville Public Library community room on June 21 at 7 p.m. to discuss the photographs and the situations they present. It promises to be an enlightening and interesting discussion about courage and freedom and defending our civil liberties.

News and notes
• Also on display in June at the library are paintings by Rita Abbott and fabrics from raw Mountain Arts Treadlers.
• Kids book discussions are on hold this month.
• Grades 2 and 3 on Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m. will talk about "Secrets of Droon #1: The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Fountain: A Tale of Letters, of Liars, and Leaks" by Kate Klise. The library will be closed on Friday night except for program.
• The recent appearance of the Tri-City Brass Quintet at the library in April was made possible in part through the Community Arts Connection. The Community Arts Connection program is funded through the state and local partnership of the state Council on the Arts and The Arts Center of the Capital Region.

We are grateful to them and the Friends of the Voorheesville Library who also contributed to this performance.

• The library is closed on Sundays for the months of June, July and August, and reopens after Labor Day.
• Regular storytimes end on June 10.
• Visit the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.
"America Rediscovered," photographs by Don Ettling, is on display in the Bethlehem Public Library lobby this month. Hoth­lin travels to the small seaside village of Sutton-on-Sea in Lin­colnshire, England. He served in the British Navy as a surgeon in World War II.

A Rockefeller Traveling Fellow­ship to Johns Hopkins Uni­versity brought him and his wife Peggy to America in 1953, where he worked with Nobel Prize­winning Max Delbruck and Re­nato Dulbecco, pioneers in ad­vanced virus disease research.

A cross-country camping trip that same year produced photos of U.S. national parks and the Canadian Rockies.

"We were never the same again," he says, and hopes that viewers of his pictures can partake in some measure of that experience.

Here is Hoth­lin’s own delightful account of his 75-year history with a camera.

"My photographic experience began at age 5 with the gift from my father of an old folding camera. This so fascinated my boyish brain that within a few days of experimentation (occasionally resorting to the use of a small hammer), I managed to destroy its functional ability to try and determine what made the delightful zzzzzp when one released the shutter mechanism. As I worked my way through some 30 or more different cam­eras, I never lost my love of that exciting zzzzzp sound, the birth­cry of almost every new pho­tographer.

Family shares work
Oil paintings and drawings by Marina Yankovskaya are also on display this month.

George W. Frueh

"In only 27 years, she
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more, as both an artist
and a human being,
more than many are able
to achieve in a lifetime."

Lidiya Yankovskaya

Born in Russia, Yankovskaya
came to the Capital District three
years ago. She had studied at the Museum of Fine Art in Boston and volunteered at the University at Albany library. She was an artist, athlete and musician, and played classical guitar.

Yankovskaya died suddenly
at her home in March of this year. Her sister Lidiya paid this tribute: "In only 27 years, she
was able to achieve
more, as both an artist
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achieve in a lifetime."

"America Rediscovered" offers an overview of the scope of NARA's services to people with low vision caused by macular degeneration, diabetes, glaucoma or cataracts. NARA's goal is to help people with vision impair­ment maintain their inde­pendence.

"Watch for the "Summer Happenings" table in the lobby this month. We provide infor­mation on a variety of seasonal activities in the region, from ballet to baseball.

"Devin Oliver shows off Legos
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RCS Class of 1950 invited to celebrate

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School Class of 1950 will be holding its 55th reunion at Reds in Coxsackie on Saturday, June 18. Friends and schoolmates from other classes are welcome to join the Class of 1950. Dinner costs $25.

The class is also looking for help in locating eight members. If anyone knows or has information on the following eight people, contact Jeanette Mortenson at 767-3068 or James Sutton at 767-9014: Don Allen, Eleanor Blanton (Brewer), Ed Deleskiewicz, James Detesano, Ruth Severens (Guice), Ann Hunt (Coler), Aquilla Cook (Jones) and Maria Evers (Vona).

Annual yard, book sale set in Ravena

The village of Ravena will hold its 16th annual village-wide yard sale and library book sale on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

Tae Kwon Do kids receive medals

Eight students from Bethlehem Tae Kwon Do competed in a national AAU Tae Kwon Do Tournament May 7 at Hudson Valley Community College. Each participant received a medal. They are: Josh Steiner (gold, silver), Atom Sigsby (gold, silver); Jessica Kaplowit (gold, bronze); Jessica Cooper (silver, silver); Jessica Gruss (silver, bronze); Reilly Cooper (silver, bronze); Mike Riveraldu (bronze, bronze); and Wally Peterson (silver, bronze). Medals were awarded for point sparring and forms. The group is instructed by head instructor Jim Bungay and assistant instructor Rick Kaplowitz.

Delmar Place offers free hearing tests

On Saturday, June 11, Gerald Veen Sr. and Gerald Veen Jr. of Hearing Solutions will be at Delmar Place to conduct hearing screenings between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for a free hearing test and information.

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Top two RCS students have big college, life plans

The Ravena-Coeysmans-Selkirk Central School District has announced the two students that are at the top of their class.

Sam Hafensteiner and Cassie Ostrander are the valedictorian and salutatorian of the RCS class of 2005, school Superintendent Vicki Wright announced this week.

Hafensteiner, the son of Sarah and Marc Hafensteiner of Coeymans, earned the valedictorian honor with a 98.07 average. Ostrander, the daughter of Kathy Montesano-Ostrander and Jeffrey Ostrander of South Bethlehem, earned the salutatorian honor with a 96.43 average.

As is the case with many top students, Hafensteiner and Ostrander are well-rounded students with busy schedules, taking part in numerous after-school activities and filling their class schedules with several Advanced Placement (AP) courses to get a leg up on their college careers.

Both students credit their rigorous class schedule as expanding their respective achievements.

Hafensteiner, who has been accepted to the elite U.S. Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut, credits his AP teachers with being influential mind openers.

Ostrander, who will be attending SUNY Stony Brook, said the AP classes she took at RCS were her favorite classes.

Outside the classroom, Hafensteiner earned Eagle Scout status in the Boy Scouts of America and was active in RCS' National Honor Society, Natural Helpers organization, Jazz Band, Harmonics and Ski clubs. He also played on RCS' soccer and tennis teams.

For her part, Ostrander also filled her schedule with after-school activities, including the National Honor Society, RCS soccer teams and the Clifton Park Soccer Club.

Looking to his future, Hafensteiner would like to command a Coast Guard ship after earning a degree in Marine Biology or International Relations at the Coast Guard Academy.

He said he is attending the academy because the Coast Guard is "the one branch of the military where the focus is to save others, help other people."

Ostrander is also looking forward to a humanitarian role in the future. Ostrander will pursue becoming involved with Doctors without Borders, an international volunteer organization that delivers help to victims of armed conflicts, epidemics and natural and manmade disasters or people who lack medical help due to geographic or social isolation.

Ostrander has plans to study epidemiology and may take her desire to help people to a career at the federal level with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hafensteiner and Ostrander, along with the rest of the RCS Class of 2005, will graduate June 25, at 9 a.m. at the Empire State Plaza.

Historical group announces new summer exhibit

The New Scotland Historical Association announces the opening of its newest exhibit titled "Working the Land" on Sunday, June 5th.

The exhibit traces 300 years of agriculture within the town, from early subsistence farming to modern day farming.

In the beginning almost every settler was a farmer, producing enough food to feed their families.

But as the years passed, they produced more and more and began selling some of these farm products. Technology and railroads increased farm production and the sale of farm products.

But by the mid-1900s, farms in New Scotland began to disappear. Farmers were not able to pay help or keep up with all the modern required technology.

This exhibit attempts to trace these changes and contains many wonderful artifacts from over the years, as well as photos of the modern day farms and equipment necessary to operate them.

In addition to the exhibit, there is a "What is it Table." Slides of the various farms over the years, as well as equipment will be shown at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The opening is Sunday, June 5th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Historical Museum. For information please contact Marion Parmenter at 765-4652.
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Local girl inducted in honor society

A Delmar resident studying human services at Cazenovia College has participated in one of the most realistic training scenarios offered by the U.S. Army at the National Training Center in California as a member of the 4th Brigade Combat Team.

Laura Giglio was inducted into the chapter at the 2005 Human Services Convocation.

It’s an honor society that recognizes academic excellence and encourages quality service delivery in the field of human services.

Former resident studies warfighting skills

A Clayton A. Bouton High School graduate has just participated in one of the most realistic training scenarios offered by the U.S. Army at the National Training Center in California as a member of the 48th Brigade Combat Team.

Charles P. Collins is a 1st Lt. with the Army National Guard in Georgia and is a member of the 684th Engineer Battalion with units based in Statesboro, Douglas and Glennville.

Located in the Mojave Desert, the NTC is the premier combat training center for desert warfare.

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Collins is an operations officer with 12 years of military experience. He is a 1988 graduate of the Clayton A. Bouton High School.

Fund-raiser benefits Epilepsy foundation

The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York’s 14th Annual Bowl for Epilepsy will be held Monday, June 6 at Sunset Recreation at 1160 Central Ave. in Albany.

Pre-registration is required.

Bowlers are asked to collect pledges prior to the event. Referrals will be served at 5:15 p.m. and bowling will begin at 6 p.m.

Bowlers who raise $50 or more for the foundation will receive a t-shirt. Special prizes will be awarded to the bowlers, teams and families that raise the most money.

Pre-registration is required to order a pledge form or to acquire information, call 456-7501. Calls to reserve a lane must be made by June 1.

Recent H.S. graduate receives scholarship

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In the middle of the last century, American homes enjoyed a rise in design and technology. Modern conveniences such as televisions, dishwashers and small appliances found their way into every home. And the same bright colors and chrome finishes found on the highway in American classics such as the candy-colored Ford Thunderbird and the chrome Harley-Davidson motorcycle brought a sense of fun and optimism into the kitchen.

At the same time, housewives began to expand their repertoire from meat-and-potato basics to world cuisine. The mid-20th century also marked the time that Thermador created the first built-in wall oven, an entirely new design that had a lasting impact on kitchen design and cooking.

**1950s** design grows up to meet the needs of today's families.

One of the world's most influential modern architects, Richard Neutra, included Thermador wall ovens into his famous homes, including the renowned Dion Neutra/Reunion House. The clean design of the wall oven fit well into Neutra's blending of indoor and outdoor rooms, and provided the freedom to create open air spaces.

By the 1970s, Thermador ovens achieved celebrity status when they were featured on Julia Child's PBS cooking shows. They were also an important part of her personal kitchen, which can now be seen at the Smithsonian. The wall oven was also the appliance of choice for the blended family of television's "The Brady Bunch."

Today's models continue to blend sophisticated styling with functionality for cooking enthusiasts. Fifty years after its creation, Thermador continues to pave the way in the kitchen industry and in meeting the needs of busy families.

Today's wall ovens blend ergonomically, the wall ovens also meant no more stooping or bending to check on meals or remove heavy pans. As modern design became more mainstream, kitchens took center stage. No longer relegated to the back of house in enclosed rooms, architects were beginning to re-imagine kitchen spaces as the center of daily life.

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Also in honor of its 50th anniversary, Thermador is calling on home cooks to submit their original oven recipes that represent the tastes and culture of their state for Thermador's Taste of America recipe contest and sweepstakes.

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Color change: Instead of revamping an entire room with new furniture, or carpeting, consider the area's new color. It means home improvement for many Americans. But, before you hire workers or purchase expensive tools to transform your home, consider the little things you can do that may make a big difference. Do you need to renovate, or will a new coat of paint or thorough cleaning do the trick?

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- Diligent donor: Installing new kitchen appliances but reluctant to throw away your old ones, which are perfectly good? When cleaning out areas of your home—closets, cupboards and cabinets—put items to donate aside. Check with your local donation organizations for lists of needed/accepted items.

- Disinfecting: Instead of using germy sponges, dishrags and paper towels, use a disposable disinfecting wipe so you can clean and disinfect in one easy step. Small places are easy to forget and often harbor the most germs. Don't forget to wipe down toilet flushers, light switches, cabinet handles and doorknobs.

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Sprayer makes hitting the deck easier

Spring showers might be bringing summer showers, but odd are the raindrops haven’t been bending on the surface of most decks. Studies show that nearly 40 million American homes have wood decks, yet only 25 percent of those decks are stained and sealed each year. So, why aren’t homeowners protecting their decks from harsh weather and the wear and tear of staining and sealed each year. Avoid the task because of the immense amount of time and labor involved.

In the past, deck staining has been such a long and complex process — often taking several weeks to complete,” points out Rula Stamatis of ICI Paints. “There’s a real concern about making costly mistakes and about not being able to fit the task into already busy schedules. As a result, decks often are cleaned and stained only when repairs become absolutely necessary and quite expensive.”

Now there’s a tool available that makes it possible to complete the entire job in about an hour.

Simple enough for even the most novice do-it-yourselfer, Glidden Deck-it requires no expensive equipment, such as a power washer. The Glidden Deck-it stain/sealant is a three-step system that cleans, rinses and seals to protect the beauty of the wood. The product simply attaches to the end of a garden hose and contains two separate plastic chambers that hold cleaner and stain.

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This number is partially due to the amount of older furnaces and air conditioners in use today. Putting a cost burden on the homeowner, these units typically operate at only 66 percent efficiency.

To combat this problem, manufacturers such as Bryant Heating and Cooling Systems design products that use energy more efficiently than in the past - saving the homeowner money each month.

In addition, the government has established guidelines that follow a simple ratio that rates efficiency. The Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) will tell you how your air conditioning unit compares to what is on the market today. The higher the SEER rating, the greater the efficiency and the more money saved on monthly energy bills when compared to units with a lower SEER rating.

Consumers shopping for a new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system should know that investing in a higher-rated model now will result in greater comfort and cost savings down the road. In reality, an air conditioning unit rated at 13 SEER will deliver approximately 23 percent more energy savings than one rated at 10 SEER.

To help you decide if your HVAC equipment needs to be replaced, take a closer look at these tips from ENERGY STAR, a program of the U.S. Department of Energy:

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While some of the above issues may be solved with simple maintenance checks, others may require an entirely new HVAC system.

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How to capture your child’s dreams

When it comes to decorating, kids’ rooms are unlike any other part of the house. With this space, you and your child can let your imaginations run wild and really be creative. Throw those traditional décor schemes out the window; this is your chance to try something new.

One of the best ways to start planning the décor for a room is by choosing a theme. Because it’s very important for a child’s room to reflect his or her interests, involve them in the planning process.

Maybe there is an animal or a certain color they love. Do they have a favorite movie or sport? Is there an artist whose work they enjoy? Try using your child’s favorite books as inspiration.

Once you have a theme, the fun begins.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

• Rain Forest: Many children are fascinated by the jungle animals they see in movies such as “The Lion King” or on the cable channel Animal Planet. Why not create a rain forest environment filled with friendly creatures? It’s easy to pull this theme together by using a wall mural to create the effect.

• Outer Space: Spark your child’s imagination by bringing the stars inside. To create an outer space theme, cover the walls with reflective planets and stars. From the ceiling, hang flying spaceships and decorate with arrangements of constellations. Use an outer space border to outline windows and doors. Images of the planets, the surface of the moon and even the shuttle cockpit are available from Murals Your Way.

• Ocean: Does your child love to play on the beach? You can recreate that happy environment year round with an ocean-themed bedroom. Use deep blues for the walls and paint the ceiling like a sky complete with fluffy, clouds scudding across the surface. Add aquatic accents with silver paint and stencils of ivy or flowers to portray a make-believe world. Add some glittery accents with silver paint and sparkles. Decorate the walls with themed murals you can customize to fit any room. Select the one your child likes the best and then complete the décor by adding soft fabric snakes, animal print pillows, a butterfly net on the wall and some cuddly stuffed lions and tigers.

• Fairy Tales: Well-loved children’s stories such as “Peter Pan,” “Sleeping Beauty,” “Cinderella” and “The Wizard of Oz” provide a fanciful focus for room décor. Use vivid paint colors and stencils of ivy or flowers to portray a make-believe world. Add some glittery accents with silver paint and sparkles. Decorate the walls with framed illustrations or a mural that depicts a scene from a book. (Check the Murals Your Way Fairy Tales section for ideas.)

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“Consumers can choose from a range of sites (starting at 4 feet by 6 feet) and from categories such as animals, nursery, fish, boys room and girls room, botanical, photography, nature and sports,” said company president Todd Ihmlot. Murals Your Way can also create a one-of-kind mural from an image, photograph or original artwork provided by you, so your decorating theme is only limited by your imagination.

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- **Check to see if trees are growing too close to the roof.**
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- **Branches leaning on the roof will eventually scrape and gouge roofing materials when they are blown by the wind.**
- **Tree roots can force branches from overhanging trees can damage, or even puncture shingles and other roofing materials and falling leaves can clog gutter systems, causing water to backup into the attic or living spaces, or to run down behind the fascia.**
- **If you have trees growing near your home, take steps immediately to trim them back from the roof.**
- **Are there black or discolored streaks on the roof?**

Provenzano says it's an indication that you have a problem with mold, algae or fungus. They really grow during periods of high humidity, especially on north-facing roofs and on roofs that stay in the shade for long periods of time. If left unchecked, over time they will eat away at the roofing material, causing deterioration and eventually leading to leaks.

Trimming back nearby trees to reduce shade and improve air circulation could help with the problem, but for permanent protection, it's a good idea to install zinc strips, such as Shingle Shield Roof Protector strips, along the ridge of the roof. These strips from zinc create an inhospitable environment for lawn and garden pests. But even when the trees are trimmed back, the problem remains - the damage is something you can do yourself. You'll need to loosen the ridge of the roof and remove them, and as the water rolls down the roof, it carries with it a protective coating that prevents growth from occurring," said Provenzano. If you have a new roof, just the strips will suffice. If you're installing them on a roof with shingles, Provenzano says you'll need to first clean off the shingles before installing them. You can use just bleach for that purpose, but I advise against it. It can be corrosive, I recommend people use Shingle Shield Roof and Deck Cleaner for this purpose.

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- **Inspect roof for signs of damage.**
  - When shingles are missing or torn off, a roof is structurally damaged and home or building interior are vulnerable to water damage and rot. Wooden shingles or tiles are easily blown off, torn or lifted by wind. Since a deteriorated roof system only gets worse with time, once you discover a problem, you should take steps to repair the damage immediately. If you have an asphalt shingle roof, fixing the damage is something you can do yourself. You'll need to loosen the first row of good shingles above the damaged one; then use a pry bar or putty knife to gently pull away the ad sheer shingles so the good ones are separated from the damaged one. Gently rock the damaged shingle back and forth to remove it; then replace it with a new shingle. Provenzano says replacing damaged shingles requires more precision and is a job best left to the professionals.

- **Key to a roof system's effectiveness is complete protection," he says.**
  - "Don't leave your roof's integrity to chance. Make a point of doing an annual inspection. You'll be glad you did."
**John Boyd**

John W. Boyd, 78, of Delmar died Monday, May 16. Mr. Boyd was an Army veteran of World War II. He was an investigator for the state Public Transportation Safety Board until his retirement in 1984. He was a member of the Albany Police Fife and Drum Corps.

Mr. Boyd was the husband of the late Herta Boyd.

Survivors include a son, John F. Boyd of Selkirk; a daughter, Gretchen Knowles of Mesa, Ariz.; and a granddaughter, Burial was in Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuyerville.

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**Robert Wensley**

Robert P. Wensley, 75, of Delmar died Sunday, May 22. Mr. Wensley was born in Albany. He was a graduate of Albany High School.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

For several years, he worked for the New York Central Railroad. He also worked for the Mechanics and Farmers Bank which was acquired by the Bank of New York and later Trustco Bank from where he retired as manager after 40 years of service.

He was a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post and a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth "Beth" Wensley; a son, Robert J. Wensley of Albany; and a brother, Richard Wensley of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Services were from St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Contributions may be made to the One squeathaw Volunteer Fire Co., Clarksville 12084.

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**John Labanowski**

John A. "Jim" Labanowski, 63, of Albany, formerly of Delmar, died Monday, May 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Labanowski was born in Hoosick Falls. He later lived in Delmar and Bennington, Vt. He worked as a meat cutter for over 20 years at the Grand Union in Bennington. He also worked as a independently for Temple-Inland Co. in Glenville.

Survivors include a daughter, Laura McClure of Willsiston, Vt.; a son, Kurt E. Labanowski of Ramsey, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Appleíveis Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in One squethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Contributions may be made to the One squethaw Volunteer Fire Co., Clarksville 12084.

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**Jane Jamison**

Jane K. Jamison, 79, died Tuesday, May 24, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland.

Mrs. Jamison was born in Chicago, Ill. She was a graduate of Francis Parker Academy in Chicago and Denison University and received her bachelor's of science degree in nursing from the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Jamison was a nurse at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Guilderland.

She was the widow of Robert W. Jamison.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Rose of Gu ilerland and Carol McEagle of Averill Park; and four grandchildren.

Services were from T ebbut t Funeral Home in Albany and Grace Baptist Church.

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Mary Crabtree

Mary MacEwen Crabtree, 80, formerly of Delmar died Friday, May 20, in Bedford, N.H.

Mrs. Crabtree was born in Lowell, Mass. She was a graduate of Pittsfield High School in Massachusetts and Skidmore College. She also earned a master's degree from Syracuse University.

From 1966 to 1980, Mrs. Crabtree resided in Delmar where she served as librarian for the Hospital Association of New York State in Albany. In 1980, she and her husband retired to Greenfield, N.H., where they lived for 20 years before moving to Bedford. She was active in Greenfield Congregational Church.

Survivors include her husband, James Crabtree; two sons, Alan Crabtree and John Crabtree; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Greenfield Congregational Church in Greenfield. Contributions may be made to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of New Hampshire, P.O. Box 12203, or to the American Heart Association, 330 Third Ave., Albany 12207.

Mrs. Crabtree was born in Albany. She lived in Albany for 15 years and moved to Cranell Avenue in Elsmere in 1953. In the 1980s she moved to Oxford Heights in Albany, before moving in 1994 to her current home in the city of Albany.

She was graduated from Albany High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree and a master of library science degree from the University at Albany.

She was a full professor, employed for 36 years as a librarian for Russell Sage College at its Albany campus, known prior to her death as the Junior College of Albany. She published several library reference books. She served on the curriculum and rank, tenure and promotion committees for both JCA and The Sage Colleges, as well as the council of faculty. She retired in May of 2004 and continued on at Sage as an adjunct.

She was a member of Temple Israel in Albany and Chasdei Abraham, West End, and a member of Chayim Chayim, South End.

Obituaries

Florence Reynolds

Florence W. Reynolds, 88, of Delmar died Thursday, May 19, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center.

Mrs. Reynolds was born in Hartford, Conn. She moved to Delmar where she attended school, graduating from Beelbekem Central High School and Albany Business College. She was a member of Third Reformed Church.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany 12209 or to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

She was the widow of Lerand Reynolds.

Survivors include a son, Richard L. Reynolds of Voorheesville, a sister, Doris Satterlee of Volatie; and a grandchild.

Services were from Third Reformed Church.

Mrs. Reynolds was a member of Third Reformed Church, graduating from a member of the Eastern Star.

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehelm Central High School and University of Maryland. He is currently working on a master's degree at Hebrew University.

She works for Young Judea in Jerusalem.

The couple plans an August wedding in Jerusalem.

Laurie M. Warner, daughter of Homer and Sandra Warner of Voorheesville, and Thomas M. Albert, son of George and Jean Albert of North Port, Fla., and Fran and John Schoenlein of Cameron, N.C., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School and Cornell University College of Agriculture. She is a research technician for Albany Medical College.

The future groom is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is a mechanical engineer for General Electric.

The couple plans an April 30 wedding.
A live at Five, now entering its 16th season, has kept downtown Albany’s spirits high after work on Thursdays throughout the summer. And starting this weekend, the stage comes alive with music from national, regional and local artists; each night plays host to a different genre of music. The weekend kicks-off with an early start, as many of Albany’s professionals, community members and families enjoy the diverse musical talent presented during the series. The music is not the only form of entertainment at Alive at Five as great crowd participation, dancing and people watching all make for a unique blend of concert atmosphere and hometown block party fun.

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June, 30
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Southern Rock Party with Leon Russell
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Zydeco band from Capitol, June 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Egg, info: 473-7413.

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**THE CIRCUS QUEEN**
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Emily Malinowski’s weekend plans changed in more ways than one.

The Bethlehem senior will take time from preparing for her prom to compete in the large school division 1,500- and 3,000-meter races at this weekend’s New York State High School Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Cicero-North Syracuse High School.

“I’m looking forward to it because I’ve always done the steeplechase (at state) totally new to me,” Malinowski said.

Malinowski was denied a berth last Tuesday when Saratoga’s Lindsay Ferguson and Hannah Davidson took the top two places at a separate Section II qualifier in Averill Park. But with two of Saratoga’s other runners, Nicole Blood and Caitlin Lane, missing from last Friday’s main qualifier in Johnstown, the door was opened for Malinowski in the two longest distance events.

“It was different because every year, I had gone for the steeplechase,” Malinowski said. “But without Nicole and Caitlin (Lane), this whole season’s been weird. You know the best competition isn’t there.”

Malinowski found some competition in the 1,500 from Scotia-Glenville’s Caroline King. The Tartan sophomore stayed close until Malinowski pulled away in the final lap for a five-second victory.

“I knew she was a good 400 and 800 runner,” Malinowski said of King. “That’s why I picked it up about 400 meters (to go) ... I knew she would be coming.”

The 1,500 was the only race on Malinowski’s agenda until her coach suggested that she enter the 3,000.

“I didn’t even warm up for it. I just decided to run in at the last minute,” she said.

The decision proved to be a good one for Malinowski. She won the 3,000 with a time of 10:12.13, 0.26 seconds ahead of teammate Kristin Kenyon.

“Many people were thinking which event or events Rhodes-Devey, a Guilderland resident, would pick after posting some of the fastest times in the section in 800, 1,600 and 3,200. The truth was, she was thinking the mile (1,000) and then the 4-by-400 relay because we felt we might have a chance (at qualifying). But then, we looked at the order of events at states, and we saw that the two-mile and the 4-by-400 were stacked on top of each other. So, I decided I couldn’t do that. Plus, I had times that were much more state record in the 800 by 3.2 seconds, so I thought I’d take another shot at it.”

The 800 turned into an adventure for Columbia’s Aaron Lozier passed Rhodes-Devey on the field, but he passed Lozier back in the final 50 meters to take first with a time of 1:53.1.

The 1,600 was less of an adventure for Rhodes-Devey. After letting Shaker’s Daren Myers lead for the first 800 meters, Rhodes-Devey surged to the front and kept the lead to place first in 4:12.7.

“The 1,600 was more of a controlled effort, while the 800, I tried to take it out hard and try to keep the (lead) as long as possible” Rhodes-Devey said.

Rhodes-Devey had hoped to meet up with one of her teammates, Dan McManamon in the 1,600, but McManamon chose to run

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Williams won their respective Section II, defeated him in the second in a time of 9:27.10.

Singleton-McKinnon then teamed with Marisa Palmer nearly three seconds ahead of Bethlehem's Matt Shaffer with a time of 48.46 seconds, qualifying two individuals and a relay team of Jared Jupin, John Maloy, Joe Belokopitsky and Brian Benson took first place with a time of 7:48.09.

The Voorheesville Blackbirds lost to Spa Catholic 2-1 in 14 innings in last Wednesday's class B semifinal in Latham, and the Ravena-Cohoes-Selkirk Indians fell to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 11-3 in last Thursday's class A semifinal in Amsterdam.

The Lady Eagles Basketball Camp takes place June 27 through July 1. The girls camp is led by varsity coach Mark Nealon and his staff, along with several former Lady Eagles.

The camp is broken into two sessions. Morning sessions are for girls entering grades three through six, and the afternoon session is for girls entering grades seven through 12.

The cost of the Lady Eagles Basketball Camp is $100 per player. The application deadline is June 20, and checks should be sent to Nealon at 6 Terrace Place, Troy 12180.

The Eagle Pride Basketball Camp takes place July 11-15. The camp is led by boys varsity coach Jeremy Klugman, with assistance from other Section II coaches and former Bethlehem players.

Sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon for players entering grades three through six and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for players entering grades seven through 10.

The registration fee is $100 per player and is due by June 15. Send checks to Klugman at 49 Cardinal Ave., Albany 12208.
Sports

**Lady Eagles roll into semifinals**
Bethlehem takes care of regional opponents to earn another trip to ‘Final Four’

**By ROB JONAS**

Pushing the girls lacrosse regional final between Bethlehem and Kingston back three days only delayed the inevitable for the hometown Tigers.

Katie Rowan scored six goals and added 10 assists to lead the Lady Eagles to a 25-2 victory over the Section IX champion Monday at Dietz Stadium in Kingston.

“It was a great opportunity to get a lot of players playing,” Bethlehem coach Dawn Austin said. “We were able to get a lot of the younger players in.”

The rain that postponed last Friday’s game was replaced Monday by a shower of Bethlehem goals, though it took a while for the Lady Eagles to get going. After all, they hadn’t played since defeating Section I champion Suffern 9-4 last Tuesday in a regional game.

“We came out flat in the first half,” Austin said. “We had a number of bad passes and dropped balls.”

Not that the mistakes really mattered. Bethlehem still scored 12 goals in the first half and added a baker’s dozen more in the second half when it was playing up to Austin’s standards.

“Our halftime talk, we really concentrated on our stick passes and really playing the way Bethlehem is capable of playing,” Austin said.

Kingston did its best to counterattack, but the Tigers rarely got the ball into Bethlehem’s end of the field to set anything up.

“I give Kingston credit. They kept playing hard under pressure,” Austin said. “They’re really trying to build up their program. They played several Section II teams this year, and they dominated Section IX.”

Theresa Ladouceur had five goals and two assists, and Kelly Hughes added five goals for Bethlehem, which advances to the state semifinals for the fourth consecutive year.

“They’re determined to reach their goal (of a state title) this season, and it’s really encouraging to see that we can talk to them at halftime of a game and turn things around. We did that against Guilderland (in the Section II final), and we did that against Kingston.

Bethlehem plays Long Island champion Shore in one of two semifinals Friday at SUNY Cortland. The other semifinal pits the central region (sections III and IV) and western region (sections V and VI) champions against each other for the right to play in Saturday’s championship game.

**Braverman’s Cadets pull off comeback**

**By ROB JONAS**

When last Friday’s Section II Class AA baseball championship game between Shenedehowa and LaSalle finished at 11:45 p.m., there was just enough time to virtually eliminate any doubt on both benches.

For Jesse Braverman’s LaSalle Cadets, though, there was also plenty of doubt.

Chris Fannan’s bases-loaded grounder in the bottom of the 11th inning hopped past Shen’s Dan Van Buren, allowing the Plainsmen to score in LaSalle’s 8-7 victory over the Plainsmen at Hudson Valley Community College.

“It thought it was out No. 3. I have no clue what happened,” Fannan said.

What happened was the ball took a wicked hop in front of Feenan, handcuffing the Shen third baseman. As the ball landed in shallow left field, LaSalle’s Sam Ogden raced home with the winning run.

Though it counted as Shen’s fourth error, it was hardly the most egregious mistake the Plainsmen made in the final. There were the two Shen runners that were picked off in the top of the third inning that denied the Plainsmen a possible scoring chance and the three errors in the bottom of the fourth that helped LaSalle stage a five-run rally to pull the Cadets back into a game that could have easily gotten away from them.

“The two key numbers are the four errors — and especially the three errors when we had a 7-0 lead — and the three base-running mistakes,” Shen coach James Carrese said.

Farnan was at the center of LaSalle’s comeback. Besides driving in the winning run, the junior pitcher limited Shen — which jumped all over Bethlehem 13-2 to win last Wednesday’s semifinal game — to one run on five hits after entering the game in relief of starter Joe Charron in the third inning.

“Farnan was incredible,” said Braverman, the former Bethlehem baseball coach. “That’s a potent-hitting team, and he was pitching from behind most of the time. Chris Fannan turned that game around.”

“I just kept them off-balance with curve balls and sliders — making them swing at bad pitches,” Fannan said.

Designated hitter Amar Lewis keyed LaSalle’s comeback at the plate. The freshman had a two-run single during the Cadets’ big fourth inning, and then added RBI singles in the fifth and seventh innings to pull LaSalle even.

The Cadets had an opportunity to win the game in the bottom of the eighth inning after loading the bases on two singles and an intentional walk. But Shen reliever Dave Skumaski got out of the jam by getting Ogden to pop out to shortstop Steve Gauck and striking out catcher Pat Reardon.

Skumaski couldn’t keep LaSalle’s bats silent in the 11th inning, though. Ogden led off the frame with a long double off the left field wall. Skumaski intentionally walked Reardon to set up a possible double play, but second baseman Chris Boudreau laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance the runners. Following an intentional walk to Lewis and a foul out by third baseman John Volks, Farnan hit his grounder...
Verizon
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expressed their desire for additional utility infrastructure, like Verizon's fiber-to-the-premises plan, to run below, rather than above, ground.

How much of the service and where it will run underground has not yet been determined.

The new lines will mark Verizon's move into the cable network industry, which Lee described as an "alternative to current cable television."

"The video component is a little further down the road," he said.

Delmar's optic infrastructure is set to be complete in the coming months, Lee said.

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Capitol District Senior Spotlight
A handshake and $375K in donations kick off Bethlehem YMCA campaign

The Bethlehem-area YMCA has kicked off the community and business phase of its $2 million capital campaign.

On Thursday, May 27, Capital District YMCA President/CEO John F. Flynn, (pictured left) officially kicked off the capital campaign for the YMCA project at the former BIG Arena and introduced the campaign chairs and donors, Frank and Donald Slingerland. The Slingerland brothers are joined by Ruth and Kermanis will be directed to the Health and Fitness Center, which will bear their name.

In addition to chairing the capital campaign, the Slingerland family will provide $275,000 for the creation of the new aquatics center at the branch.

The Slingerland family has been involved with the Albany and Capital District YMCA for more than 100 years. Kermanis has been a member of the YMCA for more than 70 years. Bill Flynn (right), Chairmen of the Bethlehem Board of Managers join the group at the announcement ceremony.

More than $480,000 has been raised to date to help fund this $7 million renovation and construction project.

Free tour of arboretum will show signs of things to come

A guided tour of the Pine Hollow Arboretum in Slingerlands will be offered on Sunday, June 5 at 1:30 p.m. This event is hosted by the Village Greenway Committee of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy.

The Committee's goal is to promote a system of hiking, biking and walking trails and to develop and steward natural areas in the vicinity of Delmar, Ellenville and Slingerlands.

The privately developed arboretum is an example of owners volunteering to protect their land for future generations.

Participants are asked to register in advance by leaving a message at 439-0041. Parking and directions to the arboretum will be available at the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church.

There is no charge for the tour. The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, a non-profit organization supported by volunteers, was formerly known as the Albany County Land Conservancy.

It recently changed its name to recognize its growing efforts in the Mohawk Valley. The Conservancy has protected almost 1200 acres and owns 13 preserves in the greater Capital Region.

Its 19.8-acre Phillipinkill Preserve is located less than a mile west of Bethlehem High School, with a marked trail entrance on Fisher Blvd. at the Mariscos at Delmar subdivision.

Visitors are authorized to use the apartment parking that is marked with Conservancy signs.

Students to talk about Mexico trip

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