Students net healthy hearts

- Shoot hoops and save a life.

Under the direction of physical education teacher Laurie Nolan, Glemsont Elementary School has been leading force in raising funds to combat heart disease and promote education and prevention. See story on Page 3.

Spring a stone's throw away

Yes, the kids have been home all week, and it's been a non-winter in terms of snow, but the first signs of spring are everywhere this weekend. See story on Page 17.

History in the making

History and intrigue were on the docket at last Saturday's Section 11 Wrestling Championships in Glens Falls.

The history happened early in the evening when Dunansburg's Amy Whitbeck defeated Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Andy Lyman to become the first female to qualify for the state tournament. See story on Page 38.

Inquiry won't affect education

Winchell on leave as investigation continues

By STEPHANIE LUBIS and MARTY RANNAN

For the first time since allegations of corruption were made against a recently retired school superintendent and his business partner, Voorheesville school board and residents of the district assembled to speak on the matter.

With a large turnout attending February's regular school board meeting on Feb. 13, district officials held the meeting in the school's auditorium. Although plenty of people were on hand, only three people took floor privileges to speak on the matter.

The allegations stemmed from a state Comptroller's Office, which revealed questionable payments to former Superintendent Alan McCartney and Superintendent for Business Anthony Marturano over the last decade.

Auditors found that McCartney and Marturano paid themselves a total of $216,000 for leave and other employment benefits. The two school officials allegedly authorized virtually all of those payments to themselves without the knowledge or approval of the board of directors. Voorheesville district officials conducted their own audit and subsequently filed a civil lawsuit to recover losses.

According to the report, McCartney and Marturano paid themselves more than their contracts allowed for unused vacation time; failed to charge vacation time; took unauthorized leave benefits, including sick leave and personal leave payments; and failed to notify the board about taking pay for unused vacation payments.

"The investigation required a lot of work by the board and administration, but in no way means we will neglect the mandate we have guaranteeing a quality education," said school board president John E. Poit.

As this was also the first public meeting since teaching assistant Aidy Uttle was arrested on rape charges for having relations with a 14-year-old girl, Poit addressed that matter, saying that it involves the police.

"We are not privy to the investigation," he said. "People with any information should call 798-2657, Steve Nutting."

As for the case involving McCartney and Marturano, Poit said, "Inquiry Page 20."

Infant's death still under investigation

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

There are no new developments in the case of the three-day-old month-old baby who died Feb. 15 at Little Wonders Daycare in Delmar, according to Bethlehem police.

At about 3 p.m. on the 15th, members of the Bethlehem Police Department, Delmar Rescue Squad and Albany County Paramedics responded to a call from the daycare center saying the baby was unconscious. The baby was administered CPR prior to being transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where the infant was pronounced dead a short time later.

An autopsy performed last Thursday determined that the baby died from inhaling vomit. No other signs of physical injuries or marks were observed.

Little Wonders Daycare was licensed through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, which has suspended the license of the daycare, but no charges have been filed against the daycare providers at this time.

Also ongoing in the investigation are the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, Albany County District Attorney's Office and the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families.

"Right now we're working with the three agencies and reviewing the evidence, but right now I can't make any comments at all," said Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department. "Right now, the death does not look suspicious."

Any time there is a death at a day care facility, those three offices will be involved, Heffernan said.

The investigation is still pending, and it's not known when it will be completed, Heffernan said.

Midnight at the movies

By STEPHEN PAUSE

In the 25 years that the Spectrum 8 Theatres have been around, they have perennially shown award-winning and Oscar-contending films, but a recently begun series on Friday nights that has given new life to a different genre: the cult classic.

Since its inception in January, the theater has been showing films that have gained cult status over the years as part of its midnight Underground Movie Series.

The brainchild behind the series is one of the theater managers, Mike Keegan, who said he came up with the idea after seeing the possibility in midnight films.

He said that in the past, employees would get together and watch movies after the theater closed.

"There was a niche that we thought wasn't being served," he said. "It's done as a fun thing to do."
Police make arrests for DWI, burglary & drug possession

At 3:09 a.m., Feb. 11, police arrested Daniel J. Hillman, 19, of 87 Magnolia Circle in Slingerlands, for DWI and petit larceny.

Hillman's vehicle was stopped in reference to the petit larceny at Price Chopper in Slingerlands, police said. Officers Michael Cozzy interviewed the suspects in the vehicle and noticed a strong odor of alcohol. Hillman failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI and petit larceny. Field sobriety tests were conducted at police headquarters on Delaware Ave. due to the number of occupants in the car and the hazardous weather conditions.

Hillman is due in court Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.

At 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 15, police arrested Michael P. Graham, 52, of 333 Delaware Ave., for burglary.

The burglary was reported at 333 Cafe on Delaware Ave. Graham resides in the apartment above the cafe and told police that he heard someone in the cafe earlier and that he looked out his window to see if there was anyone out on the street but saw no one, police said.

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Glenmont students show off their big hearts

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Shoot hoops and save a life. Under the direction of physical education teacher Laurie Nolan, Glenmont Elementary School has been a leading force in raising funds to combat heart disease and promote education and prevention.

Over the last eight years, the school has raised over $140,000, and last year raised over $25,000, earning it recognition of third national schools for size and first in the state.

Hoops for Heart is an American Heart Association program to educate youth about the importance of exercise and diet to maintain a healthy heart. County Executive Mike Breslin, D-Delmar, joined the fight, and announced the first one-on-one with a student and double his contribution to the cause if that student beat him. Breslin went home poor.

Fifth-grader Nathan Kale competed one-on-one with Breslin, fighting the good fight all the way. Breslin, a former varsity basketball player at West Point, had a tough time keeping up. Kale won the first round against Breslin, making seven out of 10 shots to Breslin’s six out of 10. The second round was tied, with each making their shots and making the one-on-one match longer than anticipated, but in the end, Kale was the victor.

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Nathan Kale shoots a basket in a one-on-one match against county executive Mike Breslin. Breslin promised to double his contribution to Hoops for Heart if Kale wins the competition.

BCSD hosts health and wellness fair Feb. 28

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Next Tuesday marks Bethlehem Central School District’s first Community Health and Wellness Fair, and the 10 months of work are down to the final week of last minute preparations.

Fresh approaches for dealing with stress, information on substance abuse, thinking about bone health and other health concerns will be the topics of numerous seminars, exhibits and vendors at the fair, and special fitness activities will be demonstrated by students at all BCSD schools, from synchronized swimming to basketball.

“We’re getting excited, we can’t wait,” said Kelly Ciavardoni, physical education teacher at the high school and cochair of the committee.

Last Friday afternoon, students from Slingerlands moved their health models to the high school. The health models are of health related places in the community.

The student did a model of CVS, and another did a model of a house with a backyard pool,” said Ciavardoni. “They came over to the high school on Friday and they’re adorable.

The Wellness Fair will be very hands-on. Many deliveries from vendors are arriving, including 2,500 pedometers donated from the Coca-Cola Company, Eastern Mountain Sports is donating whole-life and re-usable water bottles, the Cornell Cooperative Extension is donating 500 bags of trail mix, and a delivery of fruits and vegetables for kids and their parents to take home as snacks is also on the way.

The Wellness Fair will have fun activities, but it won’t be a carnival atmosphere. The health information to the public and boosting awareness of area resources are the goals.

Health information will be available for all ages, including the needs of young children and senior citizens.

Studies show that in the Bethlehem Central School District, children in grades six through 10 are at or above the national statistics for being overweight or at risk for overweight, and last year, the BC FitnessGram results showed that 15 percent of girls in grades four through 10 were in the “needs improvement” category for body mass index.

“Our goal this year is to reach out to the whole community, from elementary students to grandparents, in an effort to educate the community on wellness and fitness," said Frederick Powers, supervisor of the department of health and physical education at the school. "The Health and Wellness Fair is an event that underscores the community’s commitment to improving health and wellness.

Some of the specific topics will be diabetes; stress; metal health; bone health; anxiety and depression in children; senior fitness; asthma; performance enhancing drugs like steroids; building healthy habits; childhood obesity; athletic injury prevention; the rights and responsibilities of parents whose children host house parties when they are away; and nurturing the healer within.

Check the program guide for times.

Fitness activities demonstrated by students include basketball skills; synchronized swimming; exercise bands and stability balls; the p.e. central challenge; Adirondack paddling, paddling; dance; jump rope; and ballroom dance. Check the program for times.

Other activities and health screenings include cholesterol screening; glaucoma pressure checks; vision screening; body composition; blood pressure; BMI’s; body fat composition; Aikido demonstration; specialized yoga for teens; health education and SADD yoga kids; Lyme disease and ticks, and recreational possibilities; and cup stacking.

Numerous vendors and special exhibits are also featured. A radiator; Buster the Bus, an exhibit on bus safety; The Produce Line”, singing vegetables; and others will be on hand throughout the fair.

Bethlehem Library appoints Sobiecki

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Bethlehem Public Library trustees have appointed John Sobiecki to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of Louise Kavanaugh.

“I was involved with the library before as an architect, and I worked on their last capital improvement project," said Sobiecki. “Really I just want to give something back to the community. My kids have used the library for years, and it’s a great resource.”

Sobiecki was appointed at last week’s monthly meeting. He will serve until May and then he must be elected.

“I’ve already started,” he said. “Right now I’m getting my feet wet, absorbing information.”

Sobiecki’s appointment was a decision made by all of the trustees, and was chosen from a pool of five applicants.

“We’re delighted to have John serve on the board of trustees," said Nancy Pier. “I think he’ll make a tremendous addition to our board.

Sobiecki is a 15-year resident of Delmar and is a managing principal for Cannon Design in Albany. His work as an architect was also of interest to the trustees.

“I think they were interested in me as a trustee—partly because of my architectural experience," he said. “I know about buildings and I can advise.”

Pier agrees. “He’ll bring a lot of expertise to the board, and that’s very valuable,” she said. “It’s nice to have someone to help." There are seven trustees. The trustees are responsible for setting policy, developing the library budget, and overseeing library operations. Terms are for five years.
The stuff of our lives heats up our home

By KATHERINE MCCRATH

Our house is a hot spot. Who wouldn't be? Our home is filled with technology and gadgets.

Christopher discovered it when he was messing around with his latest handheld video game. He and his friends were caught beating the drum about being able to play games with friends while their friends were far away, and they were both dealing with a couple of reasons.

The first thing is that "friends" often includes people to be strangers. This is the natural next stop of the online world, moving from solo to computer conversations, and one that parents regard with great wariness. Chat rooms and games posts about subjects of specific interest fulfill the need for human contact without forcing us to leave other people.

Also, now that my kids are in their teen years, I do need to accord them some trust. Knock wood — and if you know differently, please call me — they haven't given me a reason to distrust them.

And it's great that our own Internet-dependent lives allow us to discuss whether and how to hook up to a wireless network, so that the kids can play their DS games with friends and others at a remote distance.

While on the face of it, I'm fully in favor of the increased technology as the future can bring (look at great things like washers, dryers, and telephones), and I try not to fight it, I do write if I were dealing with all the same changes as my home does that mine.

"When I first had a "friend,"" Christopher asked, clutching his handheld game, after discovering that, contrary to his long-held expectations, "I think that's black box on top of the computer tower," I told him.

"That sounds like what always happens when I have to call tech support on those horrifying instances when we lose our Internet.

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There are, of course, the toys, which seem to get so displaced, slushed, and even tossed aside in the basement. Maybe a basement is a bellwether for a home; when it's full, the upstairs will start bulging at the seams.

It distresses me to have so much stuff all over the place, for there are still so many people who go without the world. Every day a death rates continue to top the day before it.

"When I see this stuff strewn all over," I tell him as I pick up a tattered Super Mario Bros. treasure packet, "it looks like wasted money. Yours, mine and Dad's, and all the gifts that family and friends have given you."

His response is the time-lapse video of one of his favorite songs, carrying out his identity in the world. Every parent in the world, I think, has to let go.

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Chris' sleepiness is finally cured, thanks to a machine called a CPAP that forces oxygen into his airway. His eyes open and close. While the boys and I refer to him as Darth Vader when he wears it, because it makes him breathe funny, it eliminates the枕的 breathing does, it has at last given him the joy of a good night's sleep.

Not content to let him have all the fun, I recently got a night guard so I would stop grinning and grinding my teeth at night.

"Oh, baby, we're happenin' now," I told him as we kitted up for a tramp through the snow for a long winter's night recently.

I have high hopes for all this technology. Well-rested and with all our clothes perfectly pressed, I'm excited to usher in the next generation of technology. I sure hope that all of this technology doesn't fold and puts away the laundry.
School releases preliminary budget, looks for public input

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Bethlehem’s school district preliminary budget doesn’t leave a lot of room for additional requests.

Challenges facing all school districts in the state, such as rising pension, insurance and health care costs, have many districts feeling the pinch.

Debt service beginning this year for Bethlehem’s bond issue is yet another challenge the district is facing, and striking a balance between advancing program goals for the district and developing a budget taxpayers will accept will be even more of a challenge, in the next few years.

Debt service will likely add another two percent per year to the district’s annual average tax increase of about five percent, and tax revenues from the still-to-be-built Vista Technology Campus won’t be seen until 2009.

“It’s a tough time for us,” said Superintendent Leslie Loomis. “The tax rate will be a bit higher in the next few years because of the bond issue, but if we make cuts in the budget to off set those extra costs, we won’t be able to reach our program goals.”

Even though key program goals in the next year include advancing scores on the SATs and increasing passing rates in standardized testing and Regents exams, the school also wants to help the students who may be having problems not exhibited through their test scores.

“We do have some students who have been falling through the cracks, and so we are making it our goal that no student will be allowed to fail,” said Loomis. “We want to organize a series of interventions such as extra help, extra time, more monitoring, more parental involvement, and make sure that we give those students all they need to pass.”

A mentoring program for ninth grade students, which would put another teacher in each homeroom to help monitor for potential problems, is an idea the district will implement next fall. Ninth grade has by far the highest number of suspicious cases and cases of disciplinary action, Loomis said, and the program is designed so problems are more likely to be caught early and addressed.

A homework club being started at the middle school to help students with problems getting homework done, tutoring, and five-week progress reports sent to parents, in conjunction with other programs, are all ideas that Loomis said would be difficult with a contingency budget.

If a district twice defeats a school budget, the district must go to a bare bones contingency budget, and according to Loomis, the proposed budget for 2004/’05 can’t get much lower without cutting essential programming.

“Basically, we’re stuck with this baseline budget,” said Loomis of the proposed budget. “We really can’t cut anything else without cutting staff. There just isn’t a lot of room to go leaner.”

Loomis said the question is whether it is worth adding a percent to the tax increase to do the things proposed in the budget, and it is up to the board and the community to decide.

“These things are legitimate, they are not a wish list,” she said.

A total savings of $800,000 in the next year’s budget from returning 16 BOCES students to the district, reduction of bus attendants, and summer school for special education students along with no new proposals for next year’s budget would still mean an overall tax increase of about five percent, Loomis said, but with the programs the board wants to implement, a six just is half to seven percent overall increase is likely.

Part of the presentation at last week’s school board meeting included some consequences with a contingency budget, which would mean a meeting together will get exactly what they want,” said board member Stuart Lyman. “But we are interested in hearing suggestions, ideas and concerns from those school districts that just can’t do without.”

“People need to know what the board is looking for as far as realistic expectations,” said Loomis. Several parents spoke at the meeting, sharing suggestions to make the budget process more palatable to the average person. In addition to smaller meetings, a detailed explanation about how a defeated budget affects the school community was also a suggestion.

“We need to be able to picture how the budget relates to us on the household level,” said Ann Burdick of Glenmont.

The board will be working over the next six weeks on individual areas of the budget at its bi-weekly meetings. The meeting is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Ready for retirement? Not so fast

By Jack Connell

The writer is a resident of the town of Bethlehem and has been
struggling with retirement since 2000.

Retirement: magazine articles, countless books and countless media
"sites" bombard us with the critical need for
plan and prepare for this wondrous event. Often, we
think about it even in our 50s and 60s, or even earlier than that. We are
conscious of it and long for it sometimes decades before it might be a reasonable
possibility for most of us.

At age 60, increasingly we talk about it as if it was some happy state of
nirvana; we dream about it more as a place where stress is at a
minimum. We talk about where we can now do what we really always wanted
time to do. Simply put, we can't wait for this blissful event. Yet most of
our preparation and planning is, as we are cautioned to do, centered around
developing a sustainable financial plan which will allow us to
continue our current lifestyle without a significant negative adjustment. This is
a reasonable and necessary precaution, especially given that
many seniors are now projected to live longer after retirement than ever before
in our lifetime. Good news, but the rest of the story is, what will we do with
all our time?

Many of us rushed into retirement not necessarily
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Matters of Opinion

Development should not be built near Five Rivers

Editor, The Spotlight:

Unfortunately it appears that a proposed housing development in Slingerlands that will adversely affect a place many of us hold dear, flew under the radar of area residents when it appeared before the town’s Planning Development Committee on the morning of Jan. 19. I am referring to the proposed "Phillipinkill Manor," a development of 110 "upscale luxury residences" that will stretch from Fisher Boulevard to Over­ land Road on property owned by William Cade, and which will be adjacent to Five Rivers’ Instrumental­ education Center on Gane Farm Road. Please let your readers in the Capital District know of the threat to one of the few remaining natural areas in the region that is readily accessible and enjoyed by thousands of people year-round. The impact of a huge housing com­­pact in the midst of an ever-expanding metropolis cannot be underestimated.

As currently proposed by the owner’s representatives at the meeting, this enormous develop­ment will necessitate the leveling of much of the hilly topography of the property to create level building lots and to install the supporting infra­structure of water, sewer and road systems. The owner for the project boasted that several acres of "greenway" would be donated to serve as a buffer to protect the natural areas at Five Rivers. However, what is readily evident from looking at the map of this proposed areas is that they are existing wetlands, where develop­ment is not permitted by state or federal regulation anyway. Other wetlands shown will be filled in for paved roads and "nilified" (replaced) by large ponds, as if the two are the same type of bodies of water and support the same types of aquatic life.

What effect will the change in topography have on the Phillip­ inkill (a tributary of the Hudson River) and thereby also on Five Rivers? Obviously it will alter the biodiversity that thrives here currently by making it more uniform and less hospitable to diverse types of plants and animals. Leveling the land will lessen the area’s ability to act as a filter and sponge for the water that enters the stream from rain and melting snow. It will decrease the amount of water flowing to parts of Five Rivers, changes in the types of wildlife that can survive there would occur. Reducing the kinds of plants and animals able to live in this environment means that more of a single type would be fighting for the same limited food sources, with adverse results. The competition for food, shelter and water on protected land would be heightened further by the animals displaced by construction from their previous habitat to land at Five Rivers. Furthermore, if this housing is built, what type of experiences will we have at Five Rivers when we go there for educational programs or for recreation? Will the bright lights from the residences at night cause owls and other nocturnal creatures to seek their homes elsewhere?

Where will we and our children go to see the stars on a dark night when the ambient light from all those houses makes the celestial bodies visible no more? Five Rivers is the only place in the area whose prime focus is on environmental education for people of all ages, but especially for children.

When asked specifically by a member of the audience that evening, Mr. Cade’s lawyer indicated that he wouldn’t be persuaded by any financial inducements or tax advantages to donate or sell the property to the state or the town. So please, before Five Rivers is irreparably impacted by the proposed development, heed this wake up call to the dangers facing it.

Write the town of Bethlehem planning board, the town board, the supervisor, the head of the state Department of Environ­mental Conservation and the governor. Let them know you are in opposition to the proposed Phillipinkill Manor Housing development and insist that Five Rivers be preserved and protected for future generations. If we can find money to conserve large areas of the remote Adirondacks, we ought to be able to find funds for preserving and enhancing the gem we already have in our midst.

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**BC ’65 reunion packed with fun**

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The Bethlehem Central Class of 1965 held its 40th reunion during Columbus Day weekend 2005. In attendance were about 150 alumni, including an amazing 11 sets of twins. The Bethlehem Central Class of ’65 held its 40th reunion throughout the past two years, the town of Bethlehem has made enormous progress in enhancing the aesthetic appeal of our community that is now rates among the best place to live in the country. Bethlehem has improved the appearance of the Four Corners, created more green space, upgraded community parks and expanded perennial gardens all of which has increased our city to the quality of life here. Most of us care about preserving and protecting what we have in balance with an interest in attracting community-friendly businesses. The Bethlehem and our community-friendly businesses also have an obligation to keep the character, the quality and the look of the town intact.

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**Garden Club doubles grant**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Garden Club will double its science education enhancement grant this year, raising it from $500 to $1,000. The grant will be awarded this spring to the elementary classroom teacher who has the best proposal for enriching the school’s environmental science curriculum. Teachers from the Bethlehem Central and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School Districts are invited to apply.

Forms will be delivered to the two districts’ elementary schools by March 1. Teachers interested in applying for this grant are urged to complete the form by March 31. Suggested proposals might include attending a conference, purchasing nature-related garden or nature trails, hiring outside speakers or buying science supplies. The winner will be selected by April 28.

Last year’s grant was awarded to two teachers from A.W. Beekman Elementary School for their proposed improvements to their 21st Century Garden. The prize-winning project spurred even more grant money and physical help as well as other donations from area businesses.

Caroline Miller
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Stand firm on freedom

Editor, The Spotlight:

Katherine McCarthy was correct when she wrote that “free speech doesn’t give any of us carte blanche to say what we want” in Feb. 15 issue of The Spotlight. Indeed, it was George Washington, who Mrs. McCarthy mentioned in her article, who said, “It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity, but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn.”

She doesn’t get the big picture when she said, “to stay safe I am willing to give up some liberties.” It is important to understand that the current administration does have the authority to conduct wiretaps and all they have to do is go through the secret court which has denied about 1 percent of all the requests it has ever received and even gives retroactive warrants.

There is no spin that can explain why the president chose not to do this legally, especially after he specifically told the American people on more than one occasion in the past that it is always necessary to obtain warrants for wiretaps.

Mrs. McCarthy should also keep in mind the statements of some American statesmen. Patrick Henry said, “Give me liberty or give me death.” Benjamin Franklin wrote, “They that can give up liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.” Ronald Reagan said, “Those who would sacrifice freedom for security have embarked on the downward path.” And Thomas Jefferson wrote, “When the people fear their government, there is tyranny. When the government fears the people, there is liberty.”

I believe if we were to give up any of our liberties for any reason, the terrorists will have won.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Music Association is pleased to announce the kick-off of The Grand Campaign – The Steinway Grand Piano Campaign for town schools. Over the next few months, we will be actively engaged in a fund-raising campaign to purchase a 7-foot concert Steinway grand piano for the school district.

The Bethlehem Central School District music program is renowned locally and across the state. In December, our district sent more students than any other Suburban School program to the All-State conference with 12 fine student musicians being selected from Bethlehem.

Our noted music program is missing one important component, a concert quality piano. An excellent music program such as ours deserves an excellent piano, so the Bethlehem Music Association is working with the community to raise the funds to donate a Steinway piano to the district. Student musicians, faculty, accompanists and guest artists will benefit from the piano to be housed at the high school. Currently, the high school piano is in great disrepair, and we are excited to be able to purchase this fine musical instrument. Our Steinway piano will last for generations, and will appreciate in value.

Parents with children currently enrolled in a Bethlehem school will soon be receiving a mailing about The Grand Campaign. Others interested in knowing more about this project and anyone willing to make a donation should contact the music department at the high school, 439-4821.

We would particularly like to thank the Bethlehem Central High School Student Senate for their very generous kick-off contribution.

Lisa Finde & Lisa Callahan
Co-Presidents, Bethlehem Music Association

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Parenting class offered at grade school

Voorheesville Elementary School will be offering the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting Program on three Mondays, Feb. 27, March 6 and 13. There will be a $13 book fee for this program.

For information, call Suzanne Paulson at 765-2382, ext. 518.

Middle School movie night planned

There will be a middle school movie night at Voorheesville high school in the commons area on Friday, March 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be chances to win prizes while you enjoy a movie. Movie night is sponsored by the Freshmen Class of Voorheesville. The cost is $2.

Ugly Dell workshop at library

These quirky colorful dolls are soft and huggable and kids in grades four and up can learn about this craze in a two-day workshop Feb. 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to register, call 765-2791.

Cross-country ski, snowshoe at night

A night cross-country ski and snowshoe will be held from 10 to 11:30 p.m. at Thacher Nature Center Saturday, Feb. 25. Plan to meet at the park office for a snowshoe walk in the woods. Snowshoes are available to rent and may be reserved in advance. Program fee is $1 per person and for information or to reserve snowshoes, call 872-0800.

Garden club meeting set

The Heldiever Garden Club will be having its next regular meeting Thursday, March 2, at 6:45 p.m. at the Voorheesville Legion Hall. The topic is "Hanging Baskets" with master gardener Molly Kelly. The public is welcome.

Snowshoe walk

A snowshoe walk will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Thacher Nature Center. Call 257-3331.

Fun festival set

The Voorheesville PTA is sponsoring a Fun Festival 2006 Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Voorheesville elementary school. Volunteers are needed for various duties and if you would like to help, call Mary Flansburg at 581-8876 or Christine Whiteley at 765-4019. There will be games, prizes, lots of food and fun. All are invited to attend and support the Voorheesville PTA.

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Local students study abroad

Hartwick College freshman David J. Janik of Delmar participated in Hartwick’s January term off-campus program in the Czech Republic.

Students enrolled in the course, “Golden Prague,” visited Prague’s Jewish Museum and its famous cemetery as well as take side trips to Poland to visit Krakow, a former concentration camp in Auschwitz, and Czesky Krumlov, a UNESCO protected Czech medieval town.

Bon-Ken is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Hartwick College sophomore Kristopher Hauser of Slingerlands participated the college’s January off-campus program in Costa Rica.

Students enrolled in the course, “The Biodiversity History of Costa Rica,” were introduced to tropical biodiversity and its study in Costa Rica. Students lived and studied at biology field research stations, tropical rain forests, cloud forests, and dry forests on both the Atlantic and Pacific sides of Costa Rica.

There is an emphasis on vertebrate animals, including mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians in the program. Students also examined invertebrates and visited museums, national parks, and historical sites.

Hauser is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School in Voorheesville and is majoring in art.

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Local fundraiser helps Guilderland shelter

By STEPHEN PAUSE

Guilderhaven Inc. will be holding its opening fundraiser of the year beginning today at Val and Mike’s Sweets and Treats in Delmar.

Sue Green, the treasurer of the animal shelter Guilderhaven, said the event will be a garage-type sale that will feature a bevy of items both new and old. There will be some items mixed in with antiques, jewelry and kitchen and other household items. There will also be some items from the shop on sale, in addition to all the regular sweets and treats it regularly sells.

Green said the group has had such events in the past, including Valentine’s Day and Easter. “Sue Green has been a friend of mine for a long time,” she said. “I love animals too, so it was kind of natural for me, between helping animals and helping a friend.”

She said that this time of year is ideal for her sweet shop to hold the fundraiser, since it’s between Valentine’s Day and Easter.

“I enjoy doing anything that I can to network with other businesses and organizations and businesses,” Barrett said.

Barrett said the store with two main charities in the area, Guilderhaven and the Regional Food Bank, through both outright donations and fundraisers with the groups selling the chocolates and fudge from her shop.

The sale started today and will run through Saturday, March 4. The sale will run Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The garage sale is the first event in what will most likely be a banner year for Guilderhaven.

The expansion of the animal shelter is nearing completion and will most likely open later this year. In addition, Guilderhaven is working on getting a Web site up and running.

The group will have a display at the Guilderland YMCA’s sixth annual health and fitness fair on Saturday, March 4. That event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There is also the biannual book, barbeque and bake sale, which will be held near the shelter.

Guilderhaven Inc was inspired by a group of volunteer from Guilderland Animal Shelter. They work to raise money for the animals of the shelter, with medical costs to have them spayed or neutered, and to raise public awareness through education. They help not just cats and dogs, but all animals in need of a helping hand.

Sweets and Treats has been in operation for 26 years and offers homemade chocolates fudge, jams, and wedding favors. Sweets and Treats is located at 259 Kenwood Ave, at the Four Corners in Delmar.

For information, or to make a donation to Guilderhaven, call Sue Green at 81-6801 or Pat House, 456-2007.

Val and Mike’s Sweets and Treats in Delmar is the site of the opening fundraiser of the year for Guilderhaven Inc. The event will be a garage-type sale that will feature a bevy of items both new and old, said Sue Green, the treasurer of the animal shelter Guilderhaven.

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Lamont named executive director

Sheila Lamont has been named executive director of CASA: Advocates for Children of New York State (CASANYS), the state association for affiliated CASA programs in 33 counties across the state. CASA is an advocacy organization for children who have been abused, neglected or who are at risk.

Lamont previously served as assistant Albany County attorney for seven years. She provided legal counsel to the Department of Children, Youth and Families, the Department of Social Services, and the Probation department among others. Lamont, a resident of Delmar, received her juris doctorate from Union University, Albany Law School, and earned her bachelor’s degree at the State University at Oswego.
Many people have voiced the need for a community calendar which lists meeting information about local organizations. The library is happy to now meet this need with an online calendar for community announcements.

You can submit an event at the library’s Web site any time of the day. Go to the library home page, www.voorheesvillelibrary.org and choose “calendar” on the left-hand bar. On the calendar page you will choose “click here to submit an event for this calendar.” Fill out the form and e-mail it to the library. The library will review it to make sure it meets its guidelines and grade two can get in the need for a community. Then put on the calendar. Readings and an art activity are planned as well.

Community calendar unveiled

Catch the spirit
“School’s out, Library’s in” features indoor Olympics Thursday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m. Children aged 4 through grade two can get in the Olympic spirit with some team and individual competitions. Readings and an art activity are planned as well. Sign up is necessary.

Poets to gather
Thursday Night Poets is scheduled to meet Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. New or experienced writers are invited to attend with a short sample of their work to share with the group.

Library closed
The library will be closed Friday, March 3, for a staff seminar day.

Tax time
Tax forms are available at the library. If you don’t find what you need, ask at the reference desk.

Quilt show
Remember that the Nimblefingers quilt show will hang Feb. 7 to 23.

Barbara Vink
All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at S1 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 756-2700 or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Capital District Community Gardens recently welcomed five new members to its Board of Directors.

The new board members, who will serve three-year terms, will join a 14-member board that actively participates in the organization’s program development and implementation. “Capital District Community Gardens is thrilled to add five new members to our Board of Directors. These individuals bring valuable skills and insight that will greatly help our organization’s ambitious plans for the future,” said Amy Klein, Executive Director of the organization.

The new board members include:
Kathy Agneta of Delmar. She is employed by the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, a gardener at the Normanskill Community Gardens and longtime CDCG volunteer. Agneta will serve on the board’s program committee.

Bill Karchner of Delmar. He is a client and community advocate with the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute, and an avid gardener at the Chuck Shoudy Memorial Garden in Albany. He developed a fondness for vegetable growing and an appreciation for the stewardship necessary to sustain our global environment growing up on his father’s farm. Karchner will serve on the board’s Ad Ruc Planning Committee.

Bill Sage of Latham. He is owner and president of Sage Brothers Painting Co., on the Board of Directors of the Painting & Decorating Contractors of America and was the New York State past president and past president of the Rotary Club in Waterford. He also is currently on the Board of Directors of St. Ambrose in Latham and a member of the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce. He will serve on the board’s Program Committee.

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Grant renewed, program will continue at nursing home

Last summer, Bethlehem Public Library was offering library service to the residents of the Good Samaritan Health Care Center and Associated Living facility in Delmar. Adult services librarian Gissy LaLauje visits monthly, bringing books and A/V materials, to lead book discussions and offer reference help and reading suggestions. The materials are added to a growing collection on site. Residents may borrow freely from this collection; no due dates are set, no fines are imposed.

This innovative outreach has been well received by residents and Good Samaritan staff. It's a way of reconnecting people with their community and the library they once loved and frequented.

The project was made possible with a grant from the Upper Hudson Library System. The grant was renewed last month. Our goal this year is to expand the service to include materials and services helpful to residents with low vision.

Support for state aid

A recent statewide poll commissioned by the New York Library Association confirmed continued public support for increased state aid to libraries for augmented services and construction needs. New York State currently ranks 13th in the nation in per capita state support for libraries.

Asked whether libraries deserved more state financial support, 63 percent of respondents said yes. An overwhelming 85 percent said they would support an increase in state aid for library construction and reservation projects. Right now, only $580,000 in aid is spread among the 754 public libraries in the state.


Peer group study

Here are a few interesting facts from closer to home. We recently ran figures for 34 comparable state libraries with annual circulation of 450,000 and 750,000 in the year 2003. With a total circulation of 583,067, Bethlehem Public Library had the highest circulation per capita at 22, almost twice the average. Yet cost per circulation was lower than average for the group. That figure ranged from a high of $12.84 to a low of $2.46, with Bethlehem at $4.62.

This presents a telling profile of our community's commitment to public and involvement in its library. It also points to prudent fiscal practices by our staff and trustees — our commitment to you.

The Spotlight
They're typically the last to walk out the doors of the Mohawk & Hudson River Hudson Humane Society. But, this February the humane society is giving its black-and-white felines the upper hand in the game of adoption, said Kim Martin, the shelter manager. "We try to do these specials at times, for instance, when we have a lot of black-and-white cats."

So far, 25 cats have been adopted so far. Programs such as "Tuxes and Tails" is the society's latest program offering all black, or black and white cats six months and older for $35 dollars. Standard adoption rates, after shots, de-worming, and vaccinations, are $75.

The hope is to get these cats out of the shelter by kitten season when we get moving out as fast as they move in. "Tuxes and Tails" is the society's latest program offering all black, or black and white cats six months and older for $35 dollars.

"We want to get prepared for kitten season and often enter one of the societies seasonal specials."

The turnover rate is good, according to Martin. Animals are held for five days as they are checked for disease or injury, and shelter volunteers seek the pet owner if they believe there is one.

If still unclaimed on the sixth day, the animals go up for adoption and often enter one of the societies seasonal specials. Puppies and kittens fare well in adoption, but older animals have less success in moving onto to a new home, or a second one.

To learn how to adopt an animal from the shelter, contact the society at 434-8128 or visit www.mohawkhumanesociety.org.
Selkirk $189,900
Let the tenant pay the mortgage. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial with a separate 1 bedroom cottage. Delmar $239,900
Well cared for. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with 2 car attached garage. Hardwood floors, screened porch, finished basement with kitchen. Deep private yard, prime location.

Glenmont $595,000
Fabulous river views, 2-sided FP, hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, small greenhouse, walkout basement on Historical VanWies Point Rd.

Ravena $154,500
4 Bedroom, 2 bath village home w/ remodeled kitchen & baths, natural woodwork, walkout basement on historical location.

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Bethlehem Central High School has announced its honor and merit rolls for the second quarter. To be on the honor roll, students' averages must be between 91.5 and 100, with no grade below 84.5 and 91.4, with no grade below 65. An incomplete grade qualifies students from either quarter.

Grade 9 honor roll
Sere Adedapoju, Thomas Bell, Melissa Berger, Leanna Blanch, John Bosco, Matthew Brani- gian, Megan Brodziak, Jessica Carroll, Margaret Chu, Kevin Coffey, Patrick Cullen, Courtney Dawson and Caitlin Dole. Also, Mary Dougher, Michael Dymsound, Anna Fast, Jessica Fiore, Lindsay Fitzpatrick, Jeffrey Fossett, Jennifer Gorman, Spencer Gyory, Alon Harari-Ar- noild and Daniel Hart. Also, Jesse Hofman, Sarah Hooper, Molly Howland, BoQian Jia, Marie Kaler, Suya Kassoff, Dewon Kez, Kevin Kennedy, Michelle Ken- nedy, Emily Knapp, Adam Kohl, Kristiana Laccetti, Michael La- due, Madison Lang, Jon Leck- erling, James Lee, and Christi- anne Ludwick. And Madeline Magin, Thomas Matthews, Kelsey McNary, Ashley Moak, Ashley Moore, Bradford Morris, Michael Mouther, Xiaoxi Niu, Rebecca Nordhauser, Casey O'Connor, Megan Olsen, Sean Osborne, Jonathan Piedmont, Samantha Polika, Rachel Porter and Ryan Prinzo. Also, Ariel Rodriguez, Elena Rooney, Austin Santoro, Dippet Saran, Carolyn Schrade, Caroline Sloot, Stephen Smith, Joshua Steinert, Samuel Stewart, Elizabeth Sullivan, Kiersten Swete, Thomas Swift, and Joseph Tenenbaum. Also, Seth Tobolsky, Alexander Vald, Gregory Welter, Samantha Welter, Rebecca White, Layla Wolgung, Allison Yates, Kristan Yates, Ali Zaidi.

Grade 9 merit roll

Ariel Ricard, Jillian Ricciardi, Cynthia Royle, Emily Rudolph, and Christopher Riedel.


Samantha Sobiecki, Madeleine Steppe, Kevin Stephens, Sarah Stanek, Christian Stang, Sean Stansbery, Kayla Stewart, Katherine Stringfellow, Janelle Supple, Kylie Swain, Alex Szymanski, and Morgan Tatum.

Ariel Ricard, Jillian Ricciardi, Cynthia Royle, Emily Rudolph, and Christopher Riedel. Also, Andrew Rinaldi, Alexander Rosa, Cynthia Boyle, Emily Redolph, Kayla Salisbury, Kathryn Schimanick, Allison Schreffler, Alexandra Scibordone, Rebecca Simone, Nathan Singer, and Morgan Sirabakal. And, John Slattery, Bridget Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Samuel Smith, Jillian Smitha, Alexander Sobiecki, Ryan State, Brian Supple, Allison Swiatowicz, Jamie Swirsky, Alexander Syrek, Taylor Teal, Noelle Tummimello, and Ryan Tumwey. Also, Michael VanDenburg, Carrie Viviano, Matthew Weiss, Rebecca Weiss-ton. Kevin Wendth, Nicholas Youngblood, Shuming Zhang, and Rachael Zima.

Grade 10 honor roll
Amanda Bailey, Emily Barnes, Rachel Barnett, Matthew Barron, James Blanch, Rachel Boocheyer, Jesse Brunner, Vanessa Breguez, Catherine Burgess, Andrew Carden, Matthew Catalano, and Kelsey Cornell. Also, Ashley Eberle, Amanda Eckert, Jillian Egan, Dominique Fantroy, Lauren Peasley, Ross Felceberg, Brenna Filippone, Audrey Fishman, Kate Foley, and Jennifer Frangella. Also, Rachel Garbo, Maria


Also, Debra Sheppard, Samantha Shragar, Marsha Shuman, Celeste Smith, Konstantin Stilow, Kaitlin Taub, Daniel Tick, Zbik Tosi, Boris Virnai, Anand Viswes- waraha, Craig Wilcox, Nina Wolskina, Sarah Wong, Olga Yamolion, and Yu Zhao.

The honor roll will continue in next week's paper.
JANUARY
- Health Diet & Fitness
  Issue: Jan. 4 • Deadline: Dec. 21
- Update 1 – Education/At Home
  Issue: Jan. 18 • Deadline: Jan. 4

FEBRUARY
- Update 2 – Banking/Finance/Law
  Issue: Feb. 1 • Deadline: Jan. 18
- Update 3 – Health/Communications/Services
  Issue: Feb. 15 • Deadline: Feb. 1

MARCH
- Spring Home Improvement
  Issue: March 1 • Deadline: Feb. 15
- Update 4 – Retail/Leisure/Food/Building Our Future
  Issue: March 15 • Deadline: March 1
- Health
  Issue: March 29 • Deadline: March 15

APRIL
- Automotive
  Issue: April 12 • Deadline: March 29
- Senior Living
  Issue: April 26 • Deadline: April 12

MAY
- Home & Garden
  Issue: May 10 • Deadline: April 26
- Capital District Summer
  Issue: May 24 • Deadline: May 10

JUNE
- Summer Health
  Issue: June 7 • Deadline: May 24
- Home Improvement
  Issue: June 21 • Deadline: June 7

JULY
- Update 5 – Summer of Excellence
  Issue: July 12 • Deadline: June 28
- Senior Lifestyle
  Issue: July 26 • Deadline: July 12

AUGUST
- Back to School
  Issue: Aug. 9 • Deadline: July 26
- Campus Survival Guide
  Issue: Aug. 23 • Deadline: Aug. 9

SEPTEMBER
- Community Services
  Issue: Sept. 6 • Deadline: Aug. 23
- Fall Foliage/Autumn Adventures
  Issue: Sept. 20 • Deadline: Sept. 6

OCTOBER
- Women's Health
  Issue: Oct. 4 • Deadline: Sept. 20
- Home Decorating & Remodeling
  Issue: Oct. 18 • Deadline: Oct. 4

NOVEMBER
- Senior Lifestyle
  Issue: Nov. 1 • Deadline: Oct. 18
- Holiday Gift Guide
  Issue: Nov. 15 • Deadline: Nov. 1
- Non-Profits
  Issue: Nov. 29 • Deadline: Nov. 15

DECEMBER
- Holiday Gift Guide 2
  Issue: Dec. 13 • Deadline: Nov. 29
- Bridal/With this Ring
  Issue: Dec. 27 • Deadline: Dec. 13

All Ad Deadlines are at Noon.
Bethlehem comments on Thruway sound barriers

By STEPHEN PAUSE

As part of its draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the 6.7 mile reconstruction of the Thruway between exits 23 and 24, the state Thruway Authority has recommended 10 of the 15 noise barriers originally proposed for the area along the highway.

The EIS, compiled by Clough Harbour and Associates, LLP, described the project as designed to alleviate traffic congestion, improve the pavement conditions, and have the potential for better response times by emergency personnel. The bulk of the construction will involve the addition of a third lane in the median that would service traffic in both directions.

Don Reeb, the president of the McKownville Improvement Association, said he was pleased that others were left out of the plans. All five of the barriers within the town of Guilderland that were included in the study were recommended by the EIS, but five within the city of Albany and town of Bethlehem were deemed too expensive or not effective enough to be included.

"Based on the analysis, the remaining five barriers would not provide a substantial noise level reduction and/or would involve a cost-per-unit benefited that greatly exceeds $50,000; thus, these barriers were eliminated from consideration," the EIS said.

Reeb said the Schoolhouse Road barrier, which was not one of the 15 included in the EIS, was turned down because of the way the state conducts its sound survey. He said they state only the noise impacts of the project and stressed that noise barriers should be built to protect the neighborhoods.

Guilderland Town Supervisor Ken Runion said that his office is still reviewing the document and would comment at a later date. In a letter dated March 1, 2005, Runion expressed the concerns of residents about the noise impacts of the project and stressed that noise barriers should be built to protect the neighborhoods.

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Bethlehem escaped major storm damage

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Like most of the Capital District, the town of Bethlehem had far less than its share of wind damage and power outages throughout town last Friday.

An underground fire near the Delmar Fire Department on Feura Bush Road, which was the result of lines that had come down from the storm, forced work crews to close the road for several hours.

"A pine tree brought down the primary wires in the area, and the tree fell so hard that the pavement had to be repaired," said James Kerr, Delmar fire chief.

Flint Drive was also closed, sending traffic along Dover Avenue down to Elm Avenue. The wind added to the problem, with power outages all over town.

"There were power lines down on Feura Bush; but no real issues," said Oliver Holmes, commissioner of public works.

"Aside from the Feura Bush Road incident, there were just a few branches down, some wires down and some power outages, but no big problems at all," said Kerr. "We only ran three calls."
CNY Fertility opens in Latham

By DAVID TYLER

After eight successful years in Syracuse, Dr. Robert Kiltz and the CNY Fertility Center are expanding into the Capital District. In March, in association with Dr. William Anyasobi, Kiltz will open a new office in Latham.

The Albany practice is born from the Bellevue Hospital IVF practice, which the CNY Fertility Center recently purchased. The Bellevue staff will move to 584 Old Sparrowbush Road, Latham, "so people will know the friendly faces that they've known for years that have been supportive," Kiltz said.

The first floor of the building will focus on the infertility practice. The second floor will host a healing arts center.

Voytek Polanski was the first embryologist Kiltz worked with and he will set up the new facility in Latham. Dr. Michael Grossman will work primarily in Albany and Kiltz said he hopes Dr. Chris Lapari will join them in 2007 after he finishes his fellowship.

Kiltz's practice focuses on stress reduction, fertility drugs, and/or in vitro fertilization. "The mind/body connection is often overlooked in our society," Kiltz said. "We have neglected complementary, alternative medicine and the emotional side for too long."

Kiltz pointed out the well-documented connections between stress and heart disease, among several other ailments. Alternative medicines, he said, will become more mainstream as people take into account the importance of a sound mind in the pursuit of a sound body.

Through CNY Healing Arts, a referral service provided at CNY Fertility Center, Kiltz makes meditation, yoga, reiki, acupuncture and other non-traditional medicines available. He also advises patients to find stress-reducers in their own lives—things like music, art or pets—that relieve the pressure of our fast-paced world.

"I'm very open to techniques that have been around for thousands of years that I've found helpful," he said.

Still, Kiltz and his staff remain on the cutting edge of technology.

"The new evolution of fertility treatment is getting down to the gene level," Kiltz said. The practice now has the ability to biopsy a cell from an embryo and determine its gender and whether it suffers from a growing list of genetic disorders. Potential parents can choose the gender of the embryos that will be used in vitro fertilization. Parents who have a high risk of giving birth to a child with a genetic disorder can select healthy embryos for IVF.

Infertility treatment can be expensive, but there are a variety of ways to help offset those costs. To learn about CNY Fertility, call 469-8700 or visit cnyfertility.com.

CNY Fertility opens in Latham

CNY Fertility Centers offer comprehensive fertility testing, diagnosis and treatment at our State-of-the-Art facilities, while providing a homelike atmosphere. For more information visit our website at www.cnyfertility.com.

- Semen Analysis & Freezing
- Ovulation Induction, IUI, IVF, ICSI & PGD
- Egg Donation Program - No Waiting List
- On-site Lab & Radiology Services
- Extensive Educational and Support Services
- Payment Plans and IVF Refund Program available

CNY Healing Arts

We are pleased to offer CNY Healing Arts, an integrative holistic approach designed to complement our traditional fertility treatments.

Our referral services include:
- Massage
- Energy Healing and Relaxation Therapies
- Individual Counseling and Peer Support Groups
- Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine
- Hypnotherapy and Lifestyle Coaching
- Consultations and Retreats

For more information, please call our office or visit our website at www.cnyhealingarts.com.

Assessing fairness

By DANIEL LOVELL

James Grossman is one of the attorneys in Hiscock & Barclay LLP's more than 200-person practice groups who strives for excellence each day. A partner in the firm, Grossman has concentrated in real property tax since 1975. He has defended assessments for municipalities, and challenged them when his clients have deemed them too high. And he's worked with all three accepted approaches to valuation: the comparable sales approach, the income approach and the cost approach.

Grossman approaches every case the same way by finding the property's fair value.

Grossman has appeared before the state Court of Appeals five times. He is a former chairman of the real property tax assessment and condemnation committee of the state Bar Association, and a fellow in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He now serves as president of the Monroe County Bar Association.

"Any time you are collecting taxes on a person's property, you are, in effect, taking a portion of their property," he said. "It's important to stay within the bounds of constitutionality."

Grossman has also represented nonprofit organizations, working with individuals with developmental disabilities, mental retardation and mental health issues, in dealing with corporate compliance and employment issues. He chairs the AI Sigl Center and Mary Carida Children's Center boards, among others. Grossman helps nonprofits understand compliance with Medicaid regulations.

"I believe we have the best legal system that's ever existed on our planet," he said. "I feel privileged to be part of that system."

Packham, Heiss to marry

Holly Packham, daughter of Garry and Terry Packham of Hemet, Calif., and Flynn Heiss, son of John Heiss of Severance and Michele Heiss of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hemet High School and California State University Northridge. She is employed by L.A. Unified School District in Windsor Hills and is a 4th grade teacher at the Math/Science/Aerospace Magnet School.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central School and SUNY College at Geneseo. He is pursuing a doctorate degree at UCLA.

The couple plans a May 6 wedding.

Rich, Dzekciorius engaged

Kerri Rich, daughter of Guy and Virginia Rich of Granby, Conn., and Joel Dzekciorius, son of Donald and Joyce Dzekciorius of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Carolina State University. She is in public relations for Horizon Wind Energy in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Villanova University. He is director of sales and technical services for Chase Corp.

The couple plans a July 8 wedding.

Adopt Me, Please!
Sweet Margo is patiently waiting for a home of her own. She loves to lie in laps, get petted and brushed, and play with toys. Pretty much the perfect cat!
To meet her, call Whiskers at 448-9565 or visit www.ewhisken.com
Elizabeth Morgan

Elizabeth H. Morgan, 84, of South Wellfleet and formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, Jan. 25. Mrs. Morgan was born in Wayne, N.Y., and was a graduate of Wayne High School. She attended Wayne State College for two years. She ran a bed and breakfast in her home on Cape Cod for many years.

She was a resident of Wayne for 20 years and lived in Lincoln, Neb. For three years, Philippiusburg, N.J., for four years, and Delmar for 31 years. She and her husband retired to South Wellfleet 20 years ago.

Mrs. Morgan was a member of the Nauset Fellowship and a volunteer for Wellfleet Senior Center and Cape Cod National Seashore. She also entertained visitors from many countries for the International Center in Albany.

She was a gourmet caterer, as well as an avid reader and bridge player.

Survivors include her husband, Jack F. Morgan, three sons, Douglas Morgan of Straatsburg, William Morgan of Albany, and Frank Morgan of Ojai, California.

Mary Dushek

Mary E. Dushek, 83, of Glenmont, died Thursday, Jan. 26. Mary was raised in Gold, Pa., and was a graduate of Ulysses High School and Mansfield State Teachers College. She taught home economics in Harrison Valley, Pa. for three years and in Ulysses for half a year.

Mary was an adventurous woman who traveled extensively to Denver, Chicago and New York City, where she was an eyewitness to the crash of B-25 bomber into the Empire State Building.

Mary moved to South Bethlehem in 1950 and became a homemaker. She was an active member, trustee and former officer of the Capital District Mineral Club. She was also an active member of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. She was a Sunday school teacher and youth leader and a member of UMW.

Mary was recently recognized in church for her 55-year cookie ministry to Hudson Correctional Facility. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was an active member of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. She was a Sunday school teacher and youth leader and a member of UMW.

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Survivors include her companion, Russell Zindle of Slingerlands; a daughter, Jennifer Zindle of Slingerlands; and a sister, Maria Upton of Menands.

Services were at W.J. Lyons Jr. Funeral Home in Rensselaer and St. Brigid’s Church in Watervliet. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont. Contributions may be made to the Hospice Inn at St. Peter’s Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

**Vincent J. Popolizio**

Vincent John Popolizio, 92, of Glenmont, died Feb. 10.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Diana Popolizio; a brother, Arthur Popolizio of Conn.; and a grandchild.

Mr. Popolizio was the chief of the bureau of art education for the state and was a World War II veteran.

Services were at St. Pius X Church, 23 Crucifixie Road, Loudonville.

Josephine Diana Popolizio

Joseph F. Longo, formerly of Delmar, died in New York, on Feb. 5.

Mr. Longo was born in Herkimer and graduated from Herkimer High School and was active in sports. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces and during WWII was a bombardier on B-25 aircraft. As a first lieutenant of the 319th bombardment Group, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He flew over 70 combat missions, in Europe during WWII and retired from active duty as a major. He married his high school sweetheart, Betty Haskell, and graduated from Syracuse University in 1949.

For most of his career, Mr. Longo was employed by Albany International Corp., in sales and traveled all over the world. He retired and moved to Worcester, Mass., in 1979 and spent time rifle and bow hunting, camping, fishing, golf, and with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Elks, and the Worcester American Legion Post 1934.

Mr. Longo was husband of the late Betty Longo.

Survivors include a son, Marc Longo of Milford; a daughter, Michele Edor of Newport, Ore.; and two grandchildren.

Services were at St. Joseph’s Church in Worcester. Contributions may be made to the Joseph F. Longo, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Worcester High School, 194 Main Street, Worcester 12197.

Paul Clark

Paul R. Clark, 68, of Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Born in Albany, Mr. Clark was employed for many years in the foundry industry, including Albany Casting Co. and Adirondack Steel.

Mr. Clark enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include two sons, Paul C. Clark of Albany and Michael Clark of Voorheesville; a daughter, Lynda Pearl of Los Angeles, Calif.; and several grandchildren.

Services were from New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie. Interment will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

James P. Donnelly

James Jake P. Donnelly, 64, of Ravena, died Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Mr. Donnelly was born in the Bronx and lived in Ravena for 24 years. He retired in 1995 after 33 years of service with Blue Circle Cement Co. He had been active in the Selkirk No. 3 Fire Co. before his illness and, in the late 50s, Jake was a rodeo bull rider in the Cairo area.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Rosetti Donnelly; son, James J. Donnelly of Albany; stepchildren, Marylou Delamaro of Albany and Michael Margiasso of Ravena; brother, Jerry Donnelly of Earlton and Edward Donnelly of Fl., and a granddaughter.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home and burial was in St. Patrick’s Church, Ravena. Contributions may be made to the Albany Regional Kidney Center, 2 Clara Barton Drive, Albany 12208 or to Senior Projects of Ravena, P.O. Box 142, Ravena 12143.

Olga E. Miller

Olga E. Miller, 81, of North Bethlehem, died Wednesday, Feb. 15. She was born and raised in Troy and was employed for 17 years with the state Thruway, Workers Compensation Board and Tax Finance, retiring in 1983. She enjoyed singing in the choir and spending time in the Adirondacks.

She was the widow of Robert H. Miller. Survivors include three sons, Robert R. Miller, William E. Miller and David W. Miller; a daughter, Susan Dowkewell; a sister, Anne Fallon; a brother, John Karichkowsky; and several grandchildren.

Services were from New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie, and interment was at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Cemetery in Troy. Contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, 35 Everett Road, Colonie 12050.

**Planetarium explores ancient Egypt**

The Henry Hudson Planetarium, located at the Albany Heritage Area Visitor Information Center, is offering a new program examining ancient Egyptian astronomy. The program is being presented to enhance trips to the only Northeastern U.S. exhibit of the domed theater that shows the flat screen movie version of “Stars of the Pharaohs” and a five minute show, “The Rise and Fall of the Pyramids,” produced by the Hudson Planetarium’s education staff. The program explores how the ancients used the Ark of heaven to tell time, to make workable calendars, create early zodiacs and draw the tombs and temples of their leaders.

Hands-on family activity follow each show. The February school break program Thursday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m., planetarium show only will be followed by a April 5, at 1 p.m., an introduction to spring school break program; Thursday, April 9 at 1 p.m., hands-on activity for adults and children.

**Letters policy**

I welcome letters from readers on a variety of subjects. Letters should be the author’s own words. Maximum length is limited to 200 words. Include your full name, address and phone number. Letters of 150 words or fewer are published without a name or address.

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Kara Scisci, daughter of Marino and Christine Scisci of Delmar, and Benjamin Makowski, son of Dennis and Linda Makowski of Schenectady and Cynthia Roe of Schenectady, were married Aug. 6.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Berberian at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

A reception followed at Crossgates Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Guilderland.

The matron of honor was Rachel Wolf. The maid of honor was Jessica Scisci, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amy Beffort, niece of the groom, and Audrey Leczinsky of Delmar.

The best man was McGline Sebastien. Groomsmen were Anthony Scisci, brother of the bride, Ed Luberd, Bernie Scisci, brother of the groom, and Bill Swidorski.

The ring bearer was Zachary Makowski, brother of the groom.

The flower girls were Madison Sabrina Scisci, niece of the bride, and Isabel Scisci, niece of the groom.

The couple resides in Latham.

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Get the fun going this weekend!

The Capital Region provides countless opportunities to put some spring in your step!

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder will be at Troy Music Hall this Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $35 and $32. For information, call 273-0038 or go to the Web site, www.troymusichall.org.

**Never too soon**

St. Patrick’s Day might not be till March 17, but all things Irish fill the Capital District this month. The Irish-American Heritage Museum gets the fun going with its annual fundraiser, “A Salute to St. Patrick” at the Troy Savings Bank on Friday, March 3. Popular crooner Andy Cooney will bring his “Forever Irish” tour, with soprano Kathryn Smith, and Mac & O, billed as Ireland’s best music and comedy duo, playing the button accordion and telling jokes. Irish dancers will show off their flying feet, and there’s sure to be bagpipes. Andy Cooney’s band will be with him, so if you’re looking for a chance to get your Irish up, this is it.

Tickets are $20; $18 if purchased by this Friday, Feb. 24. Museum members pay $16; school or senior citizen groups of 10 or more pay $10 each. For information, call the museum at 432-6598.

Andy Cooney and his band, left, will perform at the Troy Savings Bank on Friday, March 3. Mac & O, below, will join them to kick off the St. Patrick’s Day celebrations.

**Tappin’ toes**

The earth theme continues at the State Museum this weekend. There are flowers, too, at “New York in Bloom.”

Skaggs is named as the man making sure that bluegrass continues in legend Bill Monroe’s vein. Skaggs played for a while with Emmylou Harris, and made a mark on country music before creating the Skaggs Family Records label and turning his attention to bluegrass. He also played with Ralph Stanley, the Country Gentlemen, J.D. Crowe and the New South. He’s known for the tunes he created with his own band, Boone Creek.

When Ricky Skaggs brings his Grammy-winning bluegrass music to town, he’ll be appearing with Kentucky Thunder, which will bring fiddles, rhythm guitar, banjo, banjo, mandolin, and an acoustic flat-top player into the hall with perfect acoustics.

**Rock on at the Gan**

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder will bring bluegrass to the Troy Music Hall this weekend.

**THE SPOTLIGHT**

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Yes, the kids have been home all week, and it’s been a non-winter in terms of snow, but take heart, signs of spring are everywhere this weekend.

**Bloomin’ joy**

Even before the first crocuses push through the ground, the State Museum in Albany’s “New York in Bloom” gives us a preview of what our summer gardens might yield. The 15th annual flower show takes place this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 – 26, and coincides with the 13th annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale.

A schedule of lectures and activities go with both shows. There are gallery tours, face painting for kids, and lectures that run the gamut from rock formation in the Catskills to discussions about orchids; flowers for home entertaining; and how to grow a perennial garden.

There’s also a new exhibit at the museum: “Preserving Family History: The History of an Albany County Family,” which traces the history of Stephen Tompkins, whose ancestors include the people who shaped the area. They include the Ten Eycks, Vanderzees, VerPlanks, Whitbecks and many of the early Dutch families of Coeymans. Historian John Scherer will discuss the exhibit at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Proceeds from New York in Bloom and the Gem and Mineral Show will benefit the museum’s after-school programs, The Museum Club and The Discovery Squad. Admission is $3 on Friday, and $5 on Saturday and Sunday. Children under 12 are free with an adult.

For information, including a schedule, visit www.nyng.mnysed.gov, or call 486-2011 or 474-5877.

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ALL IN THE TIMING, written and directed by David Mamet, presented by City Stage. 8 p.m. Wed-Sat, 2 p.m. Sun. Information, 273-7272.

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Niskayuna wins swimming title

The Niskayuna boys swimming team ended Shenendehowa’s three-year reign as Section II champions by downing the Spartans at last Saturday’s state qualifier in Amsterdam.

The Silver Warriors swam away to first place with the best of the field with 421 points. Shen was second with 333.5 points, while Bethlehem placed third with 300 points. Shaker was fourth with 255 points.

Mike DeRocco and Spencer Booth led Niskayuna with a pair of individual victories. DeRocco — a newcomer to the Warriors — won the 50-yard freestyle with 42.1 points. Bison Kevin Kearney won the 100 backstroke with a time of 44.38.

Both Booth and DeRocco also teamed up with their fellow Silver Warriors to win the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. The team of Booth, DeRocco, Phil Munro and Greg Daubue took first place in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:44.52, while the quartet of Booth, DeRocco, Daubue and Shaker seconded the 400 freestyle relay in a time of 3:18.75.

Other state meet qualifiers for Niskayuna included Parkes in the 200 individual medley and Daubue and Shaker in the 100 backstroke.

Bethlehem is also sending several swimmers to the state meet. Michael Slocum took the 100 butterfly title with a time of 55.31 seconds and placed fifth in the 200 IM, and placed third behind teammate Paul Cafero. Larry Gloeckler had second-place finishes in both the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle, and Drew Aquaviva added a second-place performance in the 500 backstroke.

Shaker’s Nathan LARowe set a Section II record by winning the diving competition with a score of 457.1 points. Nick Diamante earned a state berth by placing third with 419.53 points. Fellow Blue Biron Kevin Kearney won the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:41.76, Brian Maloy, Nick Maxwell — who qualified for states in the 200 IM — and Nick Brennan swam the other three legs of the medley relay.

Saratoga, Balston Spa and Guilderville are also sending representatives to the state meet.

Balston Spa’s Jerry Dumary won the breaststroke and finished second in the 200 IM, while Shaker’s Taylor Somowsky was second in both the 50 and 400 freestyles. Guilderville’s Vadim Tsapay defeated Dumary for the 200 IM title and placed fourth in the 500 freestyle.

Saratoga’s Tyler Olsen (100 freestyle) and Justin Knaulig (diving) also qualified for states, as did Ballston Spa’s Ian Hogan (100 IM). In the combined class B-C-D division, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake won the diving competition, and the team from the Gloversville Union Free School District won the team title with 145 points. Shaker’s Knaulig was second with 92 points.

Jordan and Jamie Matthews each qualified for states in an individual event for BH-BL. Jordan won the class B title in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:01.20, while Jamie took first place in the 100 butterfly with a time of 54.30 seconds.

Scolti-Glenville’s Ryan Brooks added a victory in the 100 backstroke with a qualifying time of 56.29 seconds.

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**Strong Section II track class heading to states**

By ROB JONAS

Section II is sending its big guns to the state indoor track and field championships next weekend.

On the boys' side, Shenendehowa's Dan Steve Murdock and Greg Kiley lead a list of top distance runners heading to Cornell University. The quartet of Brian Benson, Mike Kippins, Steve Martin and John Maloy took care of business at Sectionals. Benson, Kippins, Martin and Maloy are among the top area distance runners heading to Cornell University, where he had been one of the nation's top runners, to to beat off Saratoga teammate Greg Tyler Johnson, Kyle Nadler on the boys' side include in girls track events include Villanova (long jump); Niskayuna's Jennifer Rybak (55 hurdles), Angela Villanova (pole vault) and Jennifer Villanova (long jump); Bethlehem's Sara Turner (high jump); Colonie's Brian Rhodes-Devoy (3,200). The intersectional relay team — made up of the top non-qualifying runners in the 300, 600, 1,000 and 1,600 — consists of Lansingburgh's David McGuirk, Burst Hills' Ballston Lake's Cody Buell, Niskayuna's Kyle O'Connor and Colonie's Kevin Treadway.

Daedon and Ferguson events at Sectionals.

In the field events, Kippins and Shaker teammate Fred Davidson pulled away from Jillian King. However, the 55 hurdles title went to Gregory with a time of 9:29.40. Niskayuna's Ashley Atwell (pole vault), Burst Hills' Brittany Dexter (high jump) and Saratoga's Melissa James (shot put) won individual field events at Sectionals.

Other individual qualifiers include Gregory (1,500); Jillian King (3,000); Colonie's Naji Singleton-McKinnon (55 dash); Mohegan's Lauren Lester (600); Niskayuna's Sarah McGauley (1,500 race walk) and Jillian Gold (pole vault); Shen's Jennifer Rybak (55 hurdles), Angela Villanova (pole vault) and Jennifer Villanova (long jump); Bethlehem's Sara Turner (high jump); Colonie's Amber Bowman (triple jump); and Ballston Spa's Kaitiyn Stautlers (shot put).

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weekend. Shen's Austin Meyers, who won a state title at 103 pounds last year, will go after the 125-pound championship after defeating Columbia's Zachary Crew 11-0 in their Sectional final, while Schalmont's Jeremy Cuomo is going to his third state tournament after pinning Guilderland's Mike Cubillos 57 seconds into their 103-pound title match.

"It was a little more calm this time, and I wrestled as hard as I could," said Cuomo, who lost in last year's Division 2 finals. "He was all business," said Schalmont coach Rich Kranick. "We had six minutes to work, and he got it done in a lot less."

He's on a tournament twice, defeated tournament he's attended. I Sectional final, while Goossens 'We Schalmont coach Rich Kranick.

"Those guys are both top seeds, but in this tournament, you never know," said Scotia-Glenville coach Ron Burch.

"Those are the kind of matches we play in this tournament," said Burch. "It's tough to predict who's going to win.

Riggi built a 6-2 lead on Shen's Luke Polizzi before hanging on for a 6-4 victory. Riggi scored the lone takedown of the match with 0:02 left. The match was declared over with 0:02 left, and Burchhardt's score in the 106-pound division.

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Other area wrestlers are making their first trip to states. The list includes Scotia-Glenville's Dan Riggi (96 pounds) and Mark Burchhardt (130), Ballston Spa's Mike Goossens (135) and James Cooper (171), Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's Matt Kaylor (145), Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's John D'Ambrosio (151) and Michael Simmons (145), and Guilderland's John D'Ambrosio (149) and Colton's Ed Smith (219).

Shen's Jon Corsetti for the third consecutive week, and the familiarity helped Goossens. He scored the lone takedown of the match in the second period and held on for a 4-2 victory to win the season series against Corsetti 2-1.

"I figured I had a shot (at states). It's still hard to believe that I actually did it," said Goossens.

"He's worked hard for four years for us, and he's come a long way," said Ballston Spa coach Harvey Schwabe.

Kaylor became Burnt Hills' first state tournament wrestler in six years when he defeated Columbia's John-Michael Donahue 9-2 in the finals. His teammate, Casey Leahy, also reached the finals, but Cooper shut out Leahy 12-0 to take the title.

D'Ambrosio gave up a 3-1 lead to Queensbury's Tim Elbert late in the third period, but he escaped to pull out a 4-3 victory.

"I knew he was going to get out," said Guilderland coach Regan Johnson. "(D'Ambrosio) got a little greedy by going for a headlock and Elbert took him down, but I knew he'd get up."

"That was one of my goals since the start of the season," D'Ambrosio said of going to states. "This is one of my goals since I started wrestling." Smith had no trouble in his championship match against Shen's Ed Rosiak. He scored take downs early and often in defeating Rosiak 18-8.

"I wanted to wrestle good," said Smith. "He's a good wrestler, and he did a good job."

"We were happy to have a representative in the Division 2 tournament at states. Nate Graham earned a 4-1 victory over Salem's Braxton Martinson for the 160-pound division title.

"It feels pretty good," said Graham. "This isn't my ultimate goal, but it's a good start toward a state title."
Section II wrestling tourney one for the record books

By ROB JONAS

History and intrigue were on the docket at last Saturday’s Section II Wrestling Championships in Glens Falls.

The history happened early in the evening when Dunneberg’s Andy Whitbeck defeated Ravena-Coeymans-Seilkirk’s Andy Lyman in the Division 2 (small school) 96-pound championship match to become the first female to qualify for the state tournament.

“It feels nice,” said Whitbeck, a sophomore. “I didn’t think I could do it (at the start of the season), but I do now.”

The intrigue came when two reigning Sectional champions, Shenendehowa’s Hunter Meys and Christian Brothers Academy’s Michael Chaires, met in the Division 1 (large school) 152-pound title bout. Chaires, the defending champion in that weight class, scored the match’s only takedown nine seconds into overtime to pull out a 3-1 victory.

“Last year was great, but this year was better,” said Chaires. “To go into Sectionals, go into overtime and win 3-1 again against a great competitor is great.”

Michael Chaires

Chaires, who had missed on several earlier attempts, ended the match by ankle-picking Meys at the edge of the mat and scoring the takedown before Meys could pull himself and Chaires out of bounds.

“I really just sucked it up and thought the same thing as last year — one takedown and I’ll go to states,” Chaires said.

Two more area Division I wrestlers with state tournament experience will be headed to Long Island this weekend to look over the brackets for the boys and girls basketball playoffs, and what follows is an unadulterated breakdown of the favorites in each class.

Boys class AA: It shouldn’t come as a surprise that Shenendehowa and Christian Brothers Academy are the favorites to reach the March 7 final in Pepsi Arena. They have been the two strongest teams in the Big 10 all year, even though CBA came out on top with a score of 72-43 in last Friday’s league championship game.

One team to watch in Albany is Colonia, which had several close losses in league play this year. The Falcons may knock off Suburban Council Blue Division champion Shaker in the quarterfinals if they can force the Blue Bison guards into turning the ball over.

Boys class A: Suburban Council teams usually fare well in this bracket, and Averill Park could easily continue that trend, but I believe this is the Foothills Council’s year. Glens Falls and Gloversville are too talented to be denied berths in the finals.

Boys class B: Voorheesville is the top seed and the team to beat, but keep an eye out for Spa Catholic. The Saints are coming off a crossover victory over Western Athletic Conference South Division champion Fonda-Fultonville, and they have four players who can hit for 10 or more points in any game. Still, I like how Voorheesville survived a tough stretch of Colonial Council games to hold on for the league title. I think the Blackbirds will be headed back to states.

Boys class CC: This division has the best chance to see a top seed get knocked off before the finals. Dunneberg is very good, but I think there’s a chance we could see a little game between No. 5 Salem and No. 3 Schoharie. Whoever wins this class probably won’t survive the crossover game with the class CC champion, though — especially if it is Stillwater.

Boys class D: I keep waiting for Loudonville Christian’s breakthrough, but I don’t think it will happen this year. Fort Edward is really strong, and I think the Adirondack League has better competition top-to-bottom than the Central Hudson Valley League, where LCS is from.

Girls class AA: This class could go any number of ways, but I like the way Colonie has been playing down the stretch. If the Lady Raiders’ second-half performance against Averill Park last Thursday is any indication of how well they can play in clutch situations, I think they will thrive. I give the nod to Colonie over Shenedehowa in the finals.

Girls class A: Again, this is a class where Suburban Council teams usually thrive, and...
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was never to make money. Instead, founders only wanted a place to show movies not commonly found at malls, McKenna said. The forum is filling a niche. The Oscars night benefit, the group's major fundraiser, assures that the forum has a place in Saratoga and the Capital District, he said.

"The benefit enables us to keep our ticket prices down," said Susan Stratton, the Oscar night benefit chair woman. "[The benefit] has been an evolving process for 15 years."

For forum members pay $20 a year to join the group. Movie screenings are at the Saratoga Arts Council Building, 320 Broadway, on Thursday, Fri-

days and Sundays. Members pay $4 per showing; non-members pay $6.

Ticket sales go toward purchasing movies to show, but the March 5 benefit allows the forum to screen larger budget independent films. It also allows the forum to bring in the directors, writers and producers of such films to speak with members about the industry.

"It's as cheap as renting a movie," he said. "At Hollywood video, a DVD is around $4.75."

He is also said a midnight film is a good alternative to the bar scene, and it attracts many teenagers.

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"It has been really successful thus far," he said. Keith Pickard, one of the owners of the Spectrum, said that is the case. The midnigh movie series the theater has continuously run, and he is pleased with the success.

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foster a sense of community among Albany moviegoers," he said.

That particular niche is hard to define, as the films shown are an interesting mix of genres and decades, with Korean slashers films and 1970's sci-fi shown in the same league as 1990's independent films.

The theater gave the series a test run, showing a film once a month for three months, and the venue was so successful that in January it became a weekly event.

The series has gained in popularity, and in the six weeks that the series has run, four of the films have sold out "Die Hard and Confused," "Eraser Head," "Reservoir Dogs," and "The Big Lebowski." The others have been widely attended by audiences of a primarily under-25 age.

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A knight's tale

Officially, the Academy Award of 1995 is a silver Oscar, created 1929. The gold-plated statuette depicts a laurel wreath holding a sculpted sword, flanked on either side by two allegorical figures, signifying the original branches of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences. The award, which includes producers and technicians.

It weighs 8.5 pounds and stands 13 3/4 inches tall. The Oscar's original designer Cecilia Gibbons designed Oscar.

According to Oscar.com, the award was designed by Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences executive director Margaret Herrick said that the statuette resembled little gold Oscar. The term was first used in the 2002 Academy Award presentation. It was Hollywood color commentator Sandy Shaw used in reference to Katherine Hepburn's first Best Actress win. The Academy didn't officially recognize the nickname until 1930.

"Saratoga is the kind of place where that is possible," he said. Still, a large-scale festival is a way down the road.

For now, Stratton and McKenna are focusing on landing the revenue at this year's Oscar benefit to continue bringing smaller, independent movies to the area.

The Oscar Night Benefit is Sunday, March 5, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at Sarro's at the Saratoga National Golf Club on Union Avenue. The night will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a late supper buffet.

Seating is available for 230 people and the event often sells out.

Reservations are $50 per person and need to be made as soon as possible. To make a reservation, place a bid in the silent auction, or to learn more about the film forum visit www.saratogafilmforum.org, or call 584-FILM.
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