

# The Spotlight

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## Town may hire full-time planner

By Tom McPheeters

A continuing dispute on the Bethlehem Town Board over how to plan for the impact of development along McCormack Rd. may be pushing the town toward hiring a full-time planner.

For the second time in two months, the town board last week tabled a traffic study proposal for the area prepared by Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, recommended by the Bethlehem Planning Board and endorsed by Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. The 3-2 vote was taken with no discussion, but the three board members who voted to table the issue — Scott Prothero, Sue Ann Ritchko and John Geurtze — indicated later that their concern is that planning for the area should be more comprehensive.

"A traffic study has to be done, no question, but it has to be done in conjunction with a comprehensive plan," said Prothero after the meeting.

And during a discussion on another long-standing project, new zoning restrictions for Delaware Ave., Geurtze expressed concerns about the overall lag in town planning. "I'm really concerned about Rt. 9W," he said. "I think something has to be done pretty quick."

Hendrick admitted after the meeting that an in-house study of Rt. 9W, which is expected to be the town's major commercial growth area in the next decade, is on the "back burner" because current development work is

## School bus seat belts no surprise here

By Patricia Mitchell

Two school districts had already buckled down on placing seat belts in buses before state legislation was signed last week mandating that new school buses come equipped with belts.

Bethlehem Central and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts had already decided to place seat belts in school buses, with their first use expected this September when the school year starts.

With no new buses being placed on the road this year, Voorheesville Central School district will not be facing immediate compliance with the new law.

Gov. Mario Cuomo signed legislation last week that will require school buses delivered

after July, 1987, to come with seat belts and increased back-seat padding.

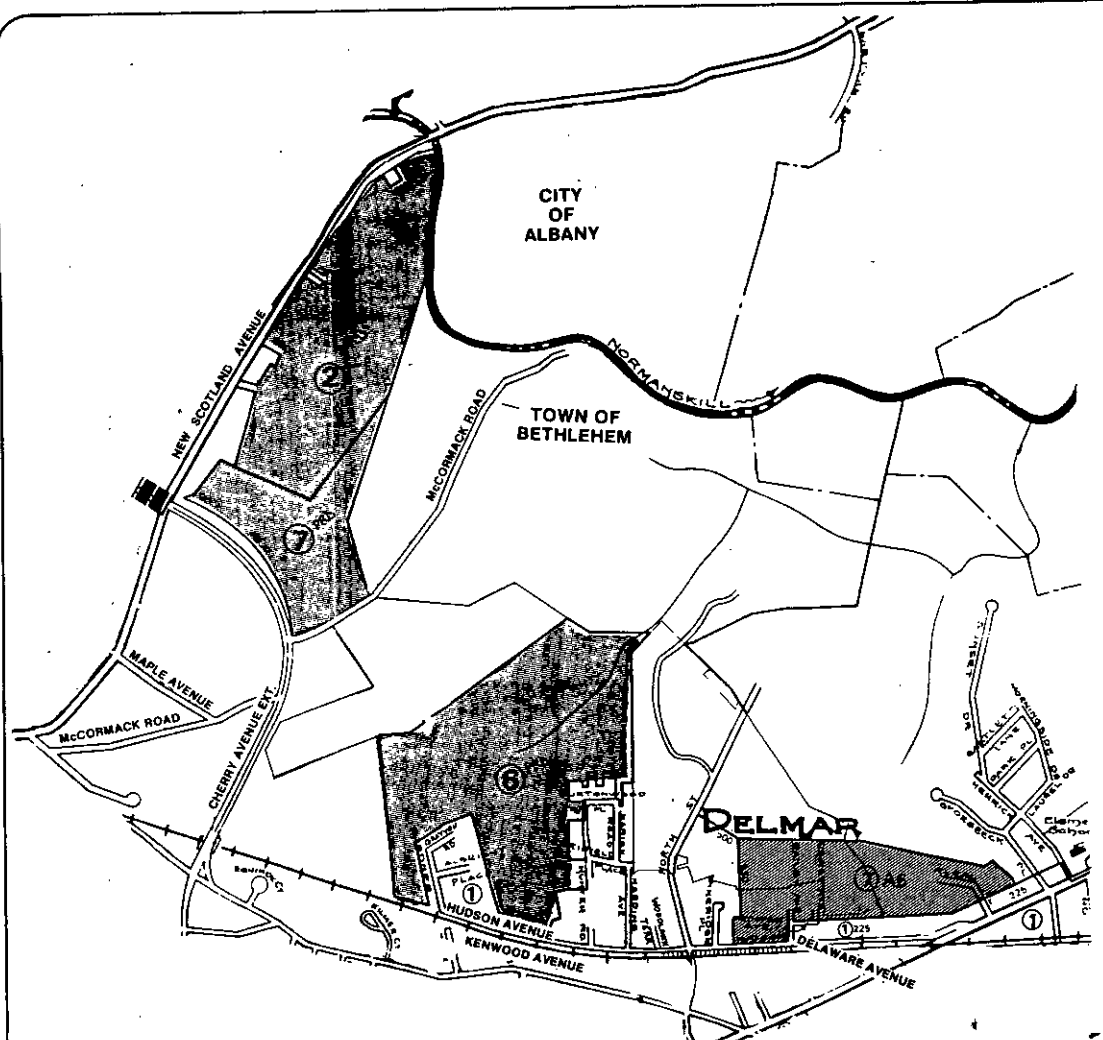
Local school boards, however, will be able to decide if the seat belts are required to be used by students.

Under the law, school boards may adopt resolutions following a public hearing to renovate older buses with seat belts and increased seat-back padding. School districts which chose to do so may receive up to 90 percent reimbursement for the renovations.

New York is now the first state in the nation that requires seat belts on school buses.

Voters in the BC district

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Large expanses of vacant land in the area east of the Cherry Ave. Extension and north of Hudson Ave., much of it zoned for high-density housing, have become more attractive to developers now

that there is access to sewers in the area. But town officials are wondering how existing roads can handle the additional traffic.

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## Planners study road layout

If the large tracts of wooded land along McCormack Rd. leading to Bethlehem's Normanskill border are developed as expected, something is going to have to be done to get the new people in and out. Whether that is feasible is at the heart of the debate over planning in Bethlehem.

Among the possibilities are an extension of Hudson Ave. to the Cherry Ave. Extension (Rt. 140), a new carrier street extending from New Scotland Rd. through McCormack Rd. and North St. possibly as far as Delaware Ave., or even a new bridge over the Normanskill so McCormack Rd. would again go through to Albany.

The Hunter's Ridge development, with 80 single family homes and 145 town house units, is currently before the Bethlehem Planning Board. And there is new interest in the Lafayette-Edison land on New Scotland Rd., where a developer once proposed 600 housing units. Other projects are also anticipated in the area, now that the town's latest sewer district extension has made the area attractive to developers.

Any new roads in the area would be very expensive because of the difficult terrain, and those roads would simply increase traffic on the

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## Delmar Fire Department celebrates 75th

By Allison Bennett

In honor of its 75th anniversary, the Delmar Fire Department is sponsoring an Antique Fire Apparatus Muster this Saturday at the Bethlehem Central School and is inviting the public to participate in the celebration. There will be a display of antique motorized fire apparatus at 10 a.m., a parade at noon with a competition and trophies awarded in the afternoon.

By Allison Bennett

Seventy-five years ago, on May 15, 1911, a small group of residents gathered at the Adams House to discuss the formation of a volunteer fire company. With town board approval, the Delmar Fire Company No. 1 was



The first home of the Delmar Fire Department on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

incorporated, with Alton C. Rowe Sr. as chief. Other officers were: first lieutenant, W. Scott Palmer; second lieutenant, Ira Boynton; treasurer, George E. Yeager; trustees, C.F. Williams, C.E. Mochrie and F.A. McMillan.

The company continued to hold its meetings in the Adams House until some time in 1912, when suitable quarters were secured on Kenwood Avenue, just below the Four Corners (now Erlich's Auto Parts building). The first fire apparatus was a one-tank chemical machine, the liquid being thrown by compressed air.

In 1917 it was decided that the equipment then in use was entirely inadequate for the service required. A new American La France two-

tank soda and acid truck was purchased. In February, 1920, the Adams House was purchased as a permanent home for the company and alterations and improvements were made, but the fire fighting equipment was still stored at Kenwood Avenue. In 1925 a new Larabie Hose Cart was purchased and that piece of apparatus was kept in service until 1941. In 1932 a fire alarm system was installed, replacing the old fire gong that was located on Borthwick Ave. The Delmar Reformed Church bell was also used for sounding an alarm.

The Delmar Fire Company No. 1 continued in service until it was reorganized in 1934 with F. Harris

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# County business nods in August

By Patricia Dumas

The agenda for the Albany County legislature last week held all the excitement of a laundry list — and indeed laundry was one of the items considered by the members during a meeting that lasted less than half an hour.

Carrying out their duty of being present at their monthly meeting Aug. 11, the legislators on a hot evening made sure there will be enough laundry carts at the county jail, that snow and ice will be properly dealt with in the next few winters, and that the city of Albany is duly congratulated on its 300th anniversary.

They also agreed to have Callanan Industries of South Bethlehem rebuild sidewalks around the county courthouse, which houses the legislative chambers, and to have a sprinkler system installed in the county Hall of Records.

Each of the authorizing resolutions were speedily voted upon

after the clerk read them out. A few members asked for clarification of one or two items and were satisfied with the explanations supplied by the county attorney. There were no protest speeches by the minority and no slow roll calls.

The approved resolutions authorize a \$56,994 contract with Callanan Industries for sidewalk repair around the courthouse on Albany's Eagle and Columbia Streets, a \$1,776 purchase of six laundry carts from Tinkle Brown Co. of Englewood, New Jersey — the carts are needed at the county jail — and a \$5,224 contract with Terra Electronics Associates of Kingston for a Halon Fire Suppression System to be used in the secure file room of the Hall of Records where master image microfilm is stored. The county will be reimbursed by the city of Albany for the purchase.

Another of the routinely approved resolutions extends the county's agreement with the state Department of Transportation to



Bill Wright, left, past chief of the Delmar Fire Department, and Kurt Uhl, past president, put some last minute touches on a fire truck before Saturday's celebration of the department's 75 years. The Delmar Fire Department will be hosting an Antique Fire Apparatus Muster, starting at 10 a.m.

at the Bethlehem Middle School, a parade at noon starting from the school, and a competition using antique equipment following the parade at the school. Over 12 departments are expected to participate in the day's events.

Patricia Mitchell

remove snow and ice from highways.

Recognizing Albany's Tricennial observance, the county lawmaker's also noted that "the city of Albany has been an important factor in the early history of our great nation, a vibrant force in the greatness of our own State of New York, and the centerpiece in making our county a good place to live and work." The congratulatory resolution is to be sent to the city mayor's office.

## Epilepsy picnic

The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District will hold its annual summer picnic on Aug. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Albany Yacht Club, 71 Broadway, Rensselaer.

## Missing man found safe

An elderly Crowridge Rd., Voorheesville, resident was found safe near his home, 24 hours after he was reported missing, state police said.

Carl S. Baumbach, 74, and reported to walk with a cane, was found alert and in good health at about 7:30 p.m., Friday, and was transported to an area hospital to be checked, state police said.

Baumbach was last seen near South Acres and Crowridge Rd. Thursday, and state police said residents of the area started looking for him before he was reported missing.

Baumbach's son reported him missing to a state police officer, who was in the area on other

business at 9 p.m., state police said.

State Police from East Greenbush and Albany County Sheriffs from Voorheesville searched for about two hours with a tracking dog Thursday night, but their attempts were unsuccessful, state police said.

Impromptu headquarters were set up at the Voorheesville Elementary School the next morning to pick up the search for Baumbach again. A state police helicopter used the athletic field in back of the school as a landing field, and forest rangers, tracking dogs, mounted patrols and about two dozen personnel searched the Voorheesville area throughout the day on Friday.

That night, state police set up an informational roadblock near Rt. 85A and Crowridge Rd., asking for information on Baumbach. State police said they learned of a small cabin near the his home from the people interviewed in the roadblock. When state police went to check on the cabin, they found the missing man nearby.

## Key ring taken

An Albany man reported a key ring with an assortment of keys was taken from the front seat of his vehicle parked at Bethlehem Town Hall at about noon Thursday, Bethlehem Police reported.

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'Crack' virtually enslaves its users—much faster than other drugs. It also kills everyone from the users to the victims of the users, such as a 2-year-old child in New York City who was beaten to death by a 'crack' addict furious at the fact that the boy's mother was wasting 'crack' money on food.

“I will lead the fight against drugs”

Fortunately a tough new law, Chapter 280 signed on July 16th, will increase penalties for drug pushers convicted of selling drugs near school yards. While this new law will help, we still need to do more to protect our kids.

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Old timers of the department, above left, Gary McBride, from left, Frank Patterson, Harry Bender, and Alton Rowe, Sr., the first chief of the department gather for an



evening of their own. At right, an early picture of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Department.

## □ Anniversary celebration

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Patterson as its chief. The name was changed to the Delmar Fire Department. That same year a new Mach fire engine was purchased, which is still stored at the firehouse and used now as a parade truck. In 1945 some of the equipment and trucks were moved into a small wing behind the Adams House that more recently housed the headquarters of the Bethlehem Town Police. The Adams House was sold to the town in 1948 for use as a new town hall and a fire station was constructed at the rear of the property at a cost of \$44,000. With the new engine room having a capacity for six trucks, the Kenwood Ave. location was abandoned. The year 1968 saw an addition to the fire station that doubled its size to the present modern building. In 1972 a second fire station was built on Feura Bush Rd.

The Golden Anniversary year of 1961 saw the start of modern fire fighting equipment with the purchase of an American La France 1,000 gallon pumper. The department now has two 1,250 g.p.m. pumpers and a 75-foot ladder truck, plus a utility, foam and brush truck and two full life-support ambulances. There are a total of over 1,000 fire and ambulance calls per year. The company membership stands at 58 active members.

The only way that the Fire Department raises its funds is by conducting a house-to-house canvass once a year within its district. Tax monies of the fire district can only be used for oil and gasoline, maintenance and purchase of new equipment. The money from the canvass is used by

the department to pay the expenses of sending delegates to conventions, support of the ambulance squad, sponsoring of a fire drill team and a ball team, a Christmas party for children and providing a scholarship each year for scholastic achievement to a child whose parent may be a member fireman in any company within the area. The company also distributes invalid and tot finder stickers.

The Delmar Rescue Squad was organized in 1939 on the initiative of Floyd Irons, who served as its first captain. Members were recruited from the Fire Department roster and received first aid instructions. The late Peter Applebee of Applebee Funeral Home donated the first ambulance to the Department in 1940 and the following year he donated an inhalator to the emergency equipment. As a token of gratitude and sociability, Mr. Applebee is also fondly remembered for the fact that he provided an oyster dinner annually for the Fire Department members.

A new ambulance was purchased in 1949 with donations from Tri-Villagers and the surrounding communities. In 1961 the first Cadillac ambulance was purchased. Now the squad has two ambulances of the modular type that allows the paramedics to stand inside the vehicle and has facilities to transport four patients. The Rescue Squad has also established a loan closet for people in need of hospital beds, crutches and wheel chairs, and a bed patient hoist is also available.

After much urging by Amos Bastiani, the present Delmar fire chief, the state Health Department was finally persuaded to allow a

paramedic program in our area. The Delmar Rescue Squad, which serves Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands, sent the first five men to Albany Medical Center for instruction in January of 1978. Almost 500 hours of instruction are given the paramedics and in many cases they can give immediate on-the-spot treatment that can make all the difference in saving a life. Their aid can compare to emergency room care because there is a close link between the hospital and wherever the paramedic happens to be, as specially trained physicians at the hospitals send out directions via radio to the paramedic. In this way the benefits of the emergency room can be brought to a patient 20 to 50 minutes earlier. Many think that these men are paid for their services, but actually they are all volunteers.

In 1937 the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Department was organized with its primary objectives being the advancement of civic welfare in the community and cooperation with the Fire Department. At its first meeting, with nine ladies in attendance, Mrs. Frank W. Ryan was elected president. Mrs. Edith Wright was also instrumental in organizing the auxiliary. Card parties, dances and food sales were sponsored to raise money for uniforms, a flag and an emblem. The ladies assisted the men at the annual convention of the Hudson-Mohawk Firemen held in Delmar in July, 1937, and have paraded with the firemen since that time. During World War II the members participated in first aid and fire-fighting courses, prepared food for the canteens for servicemen and sewed and rolled bandages for the Red Cross. They



An ambulance donated by Peter Applebee in 1940 that was reconstructed from a hearse.

also received a citation for outstanding efforts in the sale of war bonds, totaling \$22,647.05.

In 1948 they participated in a Foster Parents Plan toward the maintenance of an orphan child and have sponsored children in Mexico for many years. They contribute to those less fortunate in our community with donations of food and clothing through the White Christmas Fund. The women also assist the firemen by serving coffee and doughnuts at fires, serving a turkey dinner for the firemen and an election day dinner for the election workers each fall and they assist in planning the yearly Installation Banquet.

The Diamond Anniversary Dinner of the Department was held in February of this year. At that time Gerald Day of Delmar was honored for 25 years of service to the department. The present officers of the Delmar Fire Department are: chief, Amos Bastiani; president, Martin Ferguson; auxiliary president, Maureen Wright.

The Delmar Fire Department today continues to serve the community, ever growing, ever improving. The support and patronage of the people of our community is deeply appreciated by these firemen. Our hats go off

in congratulation to the members of the department, not only when they pass in parade, but every day of the year that they are on call to protect the lives and property of our town.

### Driver found, charged

Bethlehem Police said they charged an Albany man with driving while intoxicated after they found his vehicle on the side of Wheeler Rd. in Glenmont at about 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Tommy G. McClaney, age unknown, was arrested for felony DWI and sent to Albany County Jail following the incident. Police said he was expected to appear in town court yesterday (Tuesday) on the charge.

Police said they found McClaney's vehicle off Wheeler Rd., and after checking the registration, they found him at The Samaritan Shelter on Rt. 144 in Glenmont.

### Equipment stolen

Over \$700 worth of boating equipment was taken from two boats parked at a Wemple Rd., Glenmont home, Thursday or Friday, Bethlehem Police reported.

Items reported taken include a boat motor, a depth finder, five life jackets, two gas tanks and an anchor, police said.

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# From Manila to Glenmont: Thanks for your support

By Patricia Mitchell

"If the Shoe Fits..." has received rave reviews from the real-life heroine of the opera — President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines.

Dedicated to Aquino, "If the Shoe Fits..." is a parable based on current political events, written and performed by students of the Glenmont Elementary School. The students' reaction to events in the Philippines earlier this year was the basis of the opera.

Directors of the opera sent a videotape of the performance to Aquino in June, along with a script.

In her letter, dated July 23, and received last week, Aquino thanked the directors for sending her a copy of the opera.

"It is gratifying to know that the popular support we have received from our people extends beyond the boundaries of our islands," Aquino said in her letter. "It is this underlining call that inspires us to perform our duties unselfishly and with dedication."

Muriel Nevens, music teacher at the school, and Erin Kolsinger, student director, sent the videotape to Aquino because they said they thought what she did in the Philippines was "wonderful."

"As you know, art comes from life, and we have drawn from your experience, and elaborated on it," Nevens and Kolsinger said in their letter.

"If the Shoe Fits..." was created for the Imagination Celebration

in June at the State Museum, and performances were also given at the Glenmont Elementary School.

The opera was the result of a collaboration with students from the Glenmont Elementary School, the Lake George Opera Festival, and composer Roger Ames of Williamstown, Mass.

The opera was co-funded by grants from the state Council for the Arts, the Glenmont Parent-Teachers Association and the Lake George Opera Festival.

Aquino came to power after former president Ferdinand Marcos fled the country in February following a national presidential election that was covered extensively in this country.

## BC board to begin search process

By Patricia Mitchell

The Bethlehem Central Board of Education is expected to receive the resignation of Superintendent Lawrence Zinn at its special meeting Wednesday, following his formal appointment last week as superintendent of Saratoga Springs city schools.

The BC board will meet at the district offices at 8 p.m. today. Board President Bernard Harvith said the board will make some personnel appointments and then go directly in to an executive session to discuss more personnel matters.

Zinn received unanimous formal approval by the Saratoga Springs school board at its Aug. 12 meeting. He is expected to leave BC and take over that position on Sept. 22.

Anticipating a national search for a new superintendent at BC, Harvith said the school board will appoint a temporary superintendent within the next few weeks. He said he would like the temporary superintendent in place for a few weeks before Zinn leaves.

"Things will be in good hands," Harvith said. "Everything has been planned, appointments have been made, and (the budget and academic programs) have been put in place."

Harvith said he expects the school board will start discussing the search process about the second week of September when the full board will be available.

"It is absolutely important in these situations," Harvith said, explaining that the board and the district should be clear on the search procedure. "You have to be very careful. You need someone who really looks good and someone who really is good. It will probably take a long time."

A search for a new superintendent can take six months to an academic year.

Harvith said the BC board must wait on appointing a temporary superintendent or starting the search process until after Zinn hands his resignation to the board. He said the Saratoga Springs board has the privilege of appointing the new superintendent and approving the contract before Zinn signs the contract and hands in his resignation to BC.

Saratoga Springs City Schools district announced Aug. 1 that Zinn had been selected from 80 applicants. He has been superintendent of Bethlehem Central schools for 15 years.

using the belts. Students will also receive classroom instruction on the use of seat belts.

RCS ordered two 60-passenger buses, two 30-passenger buses and one bus with a wheelchair lift to come equipped with the seat belts. Those vehicles, with the purchase of an eight-passenger wagon, will cost \$225,000.

Voorheesville Central Schools could order one or two buses next year, and under the law they will have to be equipped with the seat belts. Superintendent Louise Gonan said she is concerned that their are unanswered questions under the law.

She said she is also concerned that the law mandates the buses to be equipped with the belts, but not their use. The use of the seat belts will now be up to the school board.

"I am for anything that is safer as long as it can be used. I wonder, though, if seat belts will be used on buses," Gonan said. "There are a lot of questions. I am concerned that there are a lot of unanswered questions. It seems to be up to the board if they are used or not."

## School bus belts

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approved eight new school buses to come equipped with seat belts during the annual election in May. The bond issue for the school buses with seat belts, including a station wagon, will cost the district \$326,000 over five years.

"Our plan had been to try this and figure if it (seat belts) worked," said board President Bernard Harvith.

The use of seat belts on BC's buses will not be required, said Superintendent Lawrence Zinn. The use requirement would require monitors for surveillance that the district can not provide.

"It is going to be up to the student, the parents, and the instruction," Zinn said.

Students will be trained in the use of the seat belts, a request of the school board, Zinn said. The district will also recommend their use.

Before the buses with seat belts were placed on the ballot, school board members were concerned that students would not use the seat belts, use the buckles to hit other students or that the belts would jam during emergencies, Harvith said.

There have been no serious injuries during collisions on BC buses that Harvith said he could remember.

The new law will have no immediate impact on the BC district, and Harvith said he didn't know whether older buses will be renovated to add belts and extra padding.

Even though districts can receive up to 90 percent of the costs of renovations, Harvith said the cost could be substantial because he does not know if the frames of the buses could be adapted to seat belts and extra padding.

Harvith said no definitive scientific study has been done to determine if seat belts and extra padding are preventative to injuries during bus collisions. He said he thought it would have been a lot better to wait for a scientific study before the legislation was signed into law.

The RCS school board decided to place seat belts on five new school buses that were up for voter approval during their annual election in May.

"I applaud them for doing that," said RCS Superintendent William Schwartz. "They (the board) are genuinely concerned about the safety of the students. If this is one way to increase the safety of the students, they were willing to do it."

The five buses with seat belts were be used this year by elementary school pupils to educate them on the safety of



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# Money playing role in 102nd campaign

As the Sept. 9 Republican primary for the 102nd Assembly District seat nears, candidates Bernard Kaplowitz, John Faso, Gary Swan and Nils Backlund all appear to be working hard to get their names before the voters.

While much of that work involves old-fashioned door knocking and shoe leather, modern campaigns require another ingredient — money. The Republican candidates, who are running for the seat being vacated by Assemblyman Clarence D. Lane, have reported raising some \$21,492 and spending some \$14,218 during the period from the second week of July through Aug. 4. No additional borrowing was done during the latest report period.

Kaplowitz has filed two financial disclosure statements showing \$5,175 in contributions and \$4,351 in expenditures for the Delmar attorney's campaign.

A balance of \$18,511 remained after the period from July 14 through Aug. 4. Kaplowitz reported raising \$16,124 and borrowing \$5,000 during the reporting period that ended in the middle of July.

Campaign expenses included bumper stickers, billboards, cards, ads and signs.

Among the campaign contributors were some Bethlehem public officials, including Thomas Scherer, J. Robert Hendrick, Charles Fritts, John Williamson, Dennis Corrigan, John LaForte, Orrin Barr, Ruth Bickel and Earl Jones, and area builders, including Van Woert and Son, J. Wiggand and Sons, Bronco Development Ltd. and Pagano Weber Inc. Kaplowitz itemized all but \$425 of the contributions in his financial disclosure statement.

Between July 11 and Aug. 4, Swan, a Glenmont resident who has served as a State Assembly employee, reported receiving a total of \$4,628 in contributions, plus a \$100 transfer-in from George H. Winner Jr. for Assembly. Some \$3,578 of the contributions were not itemized on Swan's financial disclosure statement. A balance of \$3,089 was reported at the end of the period.

Swan reported raising \$1,784 and borrowing \$3,000 during the previous reporting period.

Campaign funds were spent for direct mailings, advertisements, a reception and signs.

Faso, a Columbia County attorney who is a commissioner on the State Bill Drafting Commission, reported receiving \$5,684 in cash contributions and \$350 in non-cash contributions for the period from July 16 through Aug. 4. Many of the contributions were from outside the district. Faso also received \$2,500 in contributions listed as transfer-in funds from the Columbia County Young Republican Club and the Town of Kinderhook Republican Club. The candidate did not itemize \$2,284 of the contributions for the period. Faso reported a balance of \$12,728 as of Aug. 4.

The candidate reported raising \$12,000 during the previous period.

Backlund, a Greene County legislator from the Town of New Baltimore, reported raising \$5,905,

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spending \$2,949, and leaving a balance of \$20,367 at the end of the period from July 16 through Aug. 4. \$4,465 of the contributions were not itemized in the financial disclosure statement.

Backlund reported raising \$320 and borrowing \$20,000 during the previous reporting period.

In the sprawling, predominantly rural district there have been few opportunities for the candidates to meet face to face, but they have been making their views known via press releases. Here are some of the recent campaign statements from the Republican candidates:

### Kaplowitz

Kaplowitz has stated that his three main priorities as an assemblyman will be taxes, education and economic development.

"Somehow we have to learn to hold the line on taxes and yet not sacrifice the absolutely necessary programs to maintain our quality of life," said Kaplowitz.

"Second, I would pay a great deal of attention to the area of education. I think it is imperative that we provide the best possible education to all the young people in the State of New York. After all, they are our most important natural resource.

"Third, I believe attracting industry and the resulting new jobs to our state is of prime importance. I have worked with a town industrial development agency as its attorney and with several companies that we've been able to attract to the Town of Bethlehem that have broadened our tax base and provided new jobs. I think this is imperative throughout the 102nd Assembly District," said Kaplowitz.

Kaplowitz has also urged Gov. Mario Cuomo to call the legislature back from vacation to enact a prescription drug plan to help senior citizens pay soaring costs for medicine. "The senior citizens who contributed so much to making this state as great as it is deserve more than rhetoric — they deserve action," said Kaplowitz in a letter to the governor.

### Swan

Swan recently released the contents of his 1985 income tax returns. He challenged the other candidates to do the same and called for a new law that would require financial disclosure by those who serve in the State Legislature.

"Many serious questions have been raised in recent months concerning the potential conflicts of interest which may exist within the New York State Legislature," said Swan. "Public confidence in elected officials is the bedrock of representative government. We must move to restore that confidence, and at the same time, assure that conflicts of interest are prevented."

Swan has also called for more candidate forums prior to the September primary.

### Faso

Faso has called for stricter penalties to be enacted against those who default on student loans.

"New York State has the highest default rate in the entire nation with over one-half billion dollars in defaulted loans outstanding. In fact, for 1983-84, the last period where figures are available, defaulters skipped out on 41,944 loans totaling over \$139 million," said Faso. "If elected, I would vigorously pursue legislation which would send a message loud and clear to defaulters that we will no longer tolerate their breaking the law."

### Backlund

Backlund has attacked the real property tax as particularly unfair in its treatment of taxpayers. Backlund said the people hit hardest by real property taxes are those on low or fixed incomes and the elderly, many of whom have owned their homes for years and see their property values and taxes increase, with no corresponding increase in their ability to pay.

Backlund has also declared that as a state assemblyman he would increase state aid to state and local police agencies to target the growing problem of drug and substance abuse, especially among school-age children.

### Eugene Keeler

Eugene Keeler, the Columbia County District Attorney, who will be the Democratic candidate in November, has announced his support of the Toxic Tort Reform Law of 1986, which was signed on July 30. The law gives victims of toxic exposure their day in court. The law extends the three-year statute of limitations when the injury caused by exposure to toxic chemicals or drugs could not have been discovered within a three-year period.

Keeler has also endorsed the recently-enacted Child Victims Bill of Rights, which was passed to minimize the trauma that child victims and witnesses suffer when called upon to participate in criminal proceedings involving crimes allegedly committed against them.

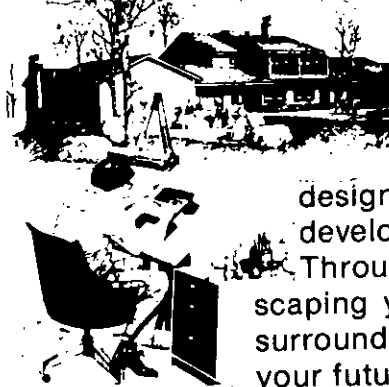
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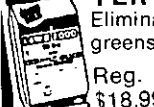
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# Town to close Rupert Rd. landfill

Bethlehem has agreed to close its landfill on Rupert Rd. is South Bethlehem by Nov. 30 — just in time to start negotiating a new solid waste disposal contract with Albany.

The landfill closing "consent order" from the state Department of Environmental Conservation was approved at last week's town board meeting and climaxes lengthy negotiations with the state, according to Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. He added that the town intends to seek permission to open six to eight acres of unused land adjacent to the landfill to use as a "hard fill" for the disposal of construction debris and nonorganic material.

The state has been pushing the town to close the Rupert Rd. landfill for nearly five years and the project was originally expected

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to cost about \$500,000. But the town opted to proceed at a slower pace using its own labor and clay from a farm purchased in Selkirk as a cover. The agreement with the state stipulates continued monitoring of the leachate from the site.

By coincidence, the agenda for last Wednesday's meeting also contained a notice from the City of Albany giving notice that it intends to cancel its contract with the town to use the ANSWERS facility, which is currently handling all of Bethlehem's solid waste. However, in keeping with the terms of the contract, the cancellation notice would take effect in 1991, and city officials

# Road layout reviewed

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major arterials. New Scotland Rd. already has serious congestion during rush hours, and the two existing outlets for Hudson Ave. (from Adams St. onto Kenwood Ave. and at Delaware Ave.) are notoriously dangerous intersections.

Bethlehem officials are proposing a major traffic study for the area. A proposal prepared by Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor and approved last month by the Bethlehem Planning Board calls for the town to hire Vollmer Associates, which prepared a town-wide traffic study last year. Vollmer would assess the impact of traffic from new developments in the area and develop alternatives to handle the increase.

Secor's list of alternatives for new roads includes Hudson Ave., the cross-town carrier street between New Scotland Rd. and Delaware Ave. and rebuilding McCormack Rd. and the bridge over the Normanskill. He also suggests the possibility of a second access road for the Hunter's Ridge development to Cherry Ave. (the current proposal is to link with McCormack Rd.) and a connection to North St.

It may be, Secor told the town board last month, that there are no feasible ways to alleviate traffic problems in the area — something the town needs to know before approving development proposals in the area.

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Hendrick told the town board members that he and Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz plan to meet with Albany Corporation Counsel Vincent McArdle to discuss the situation. "There's no question that our rates have been relatively low in comparison with other parts of the state," he said. Town board members said Bethlehem should be looking at regional solid waste disposal plans, and Hendrick agreed.

On another matter, Hendrick reported that an informal audit of reports made by Adams-Russell Cable Services by the state Cable Commission indicates that the company's franchise fees, paid quarterly, are "in order." The payment for the second quarter of 1986, received last week, was \$9,412.

The report sparked a discussion on the board, with Councilman Scott Prothero pushing for a formal audit of the company's books. Hendrick said he doubted such an undertaking would be worth the cost, but said he would look into the idea.

In other action, the board:

- Referred two speed limit requests to Police Chief Paul Currie. Residents of Old Ravena Rd. are asking that their road be reduced from 40 to 30 m.p.h., and residents of Jericho Rd. are asking for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit for the portion of the road between the railroad bridge and Rt. 55.

- Held a public hearing on the water district extension for the Honda warehouse adjacent to the Conrail Yards. No one spoke for or against the extension, and the board tabled the matter pending an environmental review.

- Authorized bidding for the final phase of the town's water district improvement project, a second interconnection with the Albany water line near General Electric, and a pumping station nearby. The estimated cost is \$175,000.

- Accepted "with regret" the retirement letter of Gerald J. Day, director of field operations for the

Department of Public Works, as of Sept. 2. Day worked for the town for 34 years in the Highway Department and in public works.

- Approved the appointments of two new police dispatchers, Douglas Vogel and Steven Michaels. Hendrick said the department is losing three dispatchers to other jobs, and will be making more appointments soon.

## Call for planning

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taking all of the time of Secor's staff and part-time town planning consultant Edward Kleinke. However, he said, The planning board will make a review of setbacks on Rt. 9W a priority because there is already discussion about widening that road.

The issue of a full-time planner for the town has been kicking around for years, but became more acute when the Delaware Ave. Task Force was formed. Recommendations from the task force, which completed its work two years ago, are still being translated into legislation, and the town board last week set a public hearing date for Sept. 24 for major changes in the zoning code that will affect Delaware Ave. and other commercial zones in town.

Currently, Bethlehem's planning staff work is done by Kleinke, who is engaged on a case-by-case basis, working with Secor, Building Inspector John Flanagan and Planning Board Chairman John Williamson. Much of that work consists of reviewing individual building projects and preparing the necessary paperwork to comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Since most of those projects

require a strict time table, they tend to push long-range planning to the background.

Hendrick has never been enthusiastic about hiring a full-time planner, but said Friday he is not opposed to the idea as long as the planner's duties and relationship with other town officials is well defined.

"It's something we definitely will explore in the budget-making process this year," he said. The board is expected to begin work on the budget next month.

As for the stalemate over the McCormack Rd. plan, Hendrick said he is "wrestling" with a compromise. A traffic study by Vollmer Associates would cost the town about \$15,000, he said, while a full-blown study of density and land use in the area would run \$50,000 to \$60,000. And, Hendrick said, if the study determines that the road system won't handle the larger traffic volume that larger study would be wasted.

Prothero disagreed — if the traffic study finds no solutions, he said, a comprehensive plan will still have to be done in order to justify reducing the densities allowed on the undeveloped land in the area.

## YMCA registration

Registration for the YMCA fall and winter programs will be held between Aug. 28 and Sept. 12 for members and between Sept 3 and 12 for non-members.

Programs being offered will include exercise, Mid-Eastern ethnic dance, weight management, ski club, outdoor clubs, youth and government, swim programs and youth sports programs. For information call 449-7196.

## Council elects

The Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art has elected its officers for the 1986-88 term. Among those elected were Mrs. Ralph Pape, Mrs. John Bellizzi, Mrs. Harry Meislahn, Miss Rita Delapp and Mrs. Dixon Welt of Delmar, Mrs. Neal Baldwin, Mrs. Kenneth Ford and Mrs. Frances McKone of Glenmont and Mrs. Robert Messenheimer of Slingerlands.

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# News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup



## Church school success

Some 60 youngsters attended this year's Vacation Church School at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, making it one of the most successful ever held. The program was directed by JoMary Dragon, with Ada Court, Sandra Cheney and JoMary Dragon providing the instructions and supervision.

The children enjoyed a full week that included religious studies, special music with Rev. Gary Dickson and his guitar, and the creation of a variety of crafts. On Friday, families were invited to share a picnic lunch. They also saw a movie, were visited by clowns, and were presented certificates for participation in Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. Dragon was presented a "Precious Moment" figurine, in appreciation for all her efforts, from the children.

## Practice schedule

The RCS Athletic Department will begin practice for their fall sports this week. Students interested in participating should report to the senior high school on the following dates: varsity and jv football, Wednesday, (today) at 8 a.m.; varsity and jv girls soccer, Wednesday at 8 a.m.; cross country, Wednesday at 9 a.m.; girls tennis, Monday at 9 a.m.; golf, Monday at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Country Club; modified freshman football, Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 1 p.m.; modified girls soccer, Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. varsity and jv cheerleading will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m. Boys soccer is not being offered for the 1986-87 school year. Physical examinations are required before a student will be allowed to participate.

## Toys on parade

Just two Sundays remain for anyone who wishes to visit the Bethlehem Historical Association

Museum. Sunday, Aug. 31, will be the last opportunity to view the delightful exhibit "Toys of the Past" displayed in the museum located on Clapper Rd., and Rt. 144 in Selkirk. The museum has been open every Sunday throughout the summer but will close early this year due to the fact that the facility is required for voting in September.

The museum is open Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. In addition to the fascinating toys that are displayed, visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy an exhibit by the Bethlehem Archeology Group, featuring artifacts uncovered from area digs. A free-will donation is appreciated, but there is no admission fee.

## Keenan in Albany play

The first of six performances of "Time After Time" will be held Thursday, Aug. 21, at St. Joseph's Hall at the College of St. Rose in Albany. Produced by the Sarah B. Players, area performer Kathy Keenan of South Bethlehem will be appearing in the murder drama. Keenan will be playing dual roles as Shirelle and as a security guard in the performance. Jennifer Keenan, her 14-year-old daughter, will be assistant stage manager and set designer for the company.

"Time After Time" will run Aug. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30.

## Trip to Olana

Thursday, August 29, the "Sunshine" Senior Citizens of Selkirk-South Bethlehem are planning to visit the New York State historic landmark at Olana. The seniors will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful home, studio and estate of Hudson School artist Frederic Church. The 250-acre landscaped estate with walking paths and

restored gardens is located in Hudson.

The seniors will meet at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, at 8:45 a.m., departing from there by bus. Arrangements have been made to dine at an inn in Kinderhook. All seniors of the area are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by contacting Herb Strumpf 767-3052.

## Old-time radio

The United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem Church have planned a very special meeting for their first gathering after the summer break. On Wednesday, Sept. 3, they will have as their guest Jack Keenan, who is well known for his extensive collection of old-time radio shows. If you have fond memories of being glued to the family radio when your favorite program, whether mystery or comedy came on the air, you won't want to miss the meeting, which is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the church on Willowbrook Ave. The women are inviting the public to join them for this very special evening. Hostesses will be Ruth Radliff and Dolores Arneiter.

## More bargains

The UMW of South Bethlehem would also like to inform the public that in addition to the many bargains in clothing, books, and household items to be found at their Thrift Shop, you can now purchase a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. The shop is located behind the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Ave. in a separate building and is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

## Best in fair

Two area residents were among the many arts and crafts winners at this year's Altamont Fair. Anita Whalen of Glenmont won a Best of Fair award in quilting and Joanne Brady of Voorheesville was crowned champion of the table setters as she won the outstanding table setting award.



During the hay lift from the Selkirk Conrail Yards to drought-stricken farmers in the south, 40 Glenmont Job Corps volunteers pitched in to help load three box cars full of hay. Glenmont Job Corps member Oscar Brooks passes a bale of hay along to corps member Robert Richards, while Gilbert Alvase waits for another bale.

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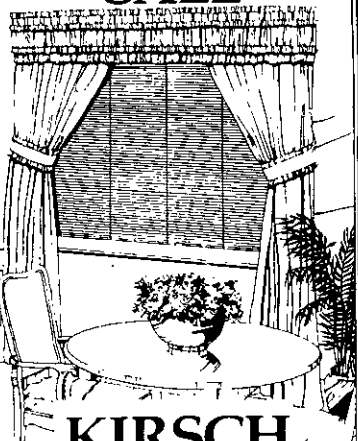
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# Tobiassen named assistant principal

By Patricia Mitchell

Appointing an elementary school assistant principal and receiving updates on other vacancies in key positions dominated last week's Voorheesville Central Schools Board of Education meeting.

At its Aug. 11 meeting the board also approved opening a new section to the kindergarten class, for a total of five sections.

John O. Tobiassen, from the Schalamont School District, has been appointed assistant principal at the Voorheesville Elementary School. Principal Donna Grant Canavan said Tobiassen is a College of St. Rose graduate, is experienced in primary and intermediate teaching, was involved in transportation activities at his other district, and is a volunteer firefighter. He will receive \$31,000 in his new position.

Tobiassen is replacing Elizabeth Singer, who resigned on Aug. 1 to accept a position as an elementary school principal in the Lansingburgh Central School District.

The board also accepted the resignation of Terence F. Barlow, high school assistant principal, who has accepted a position as assistant principal at the Guilderland School District.

Superintendent Louise Gonan said a committee has been set up at the high school to begin reviewing candidates for the position. Finalists could be decided on within two weeks, she said.

Gonan said she is in the middle of interviewing for the business administrator position, left vacant since Aug. 1. She has said she expects the position will be filled

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before the school year begins in September.

"Yes, we need someone. No, we won't be desperate," Gonan said before the meeting.

Rodger Lewis, who had served as business administrator for seven years, left to become business administrator for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District. That position will be unfilled for about a month, but Gonan said the district has taken steps to be sure everything will be running smoothly.

Lewis worked in the district for a few nights recently preparing bids for milk, ice cream and baked goods, Gonan said.

"Rodger will be available. He has made arrangements over there if he needs to come over here for a day," Gonan has said. "I do not see any problem with that at all."

Lewis did a "fine job" of wrapping things up before he left, Gonan said. The administrative office is extremely well organized, and district treasurer Serita Winchell, with experience in assisting former Superintendent Werner Berglas, is also available.

In other personnel matters, the board accepted four other resignations, from a bus driver, a kitchen aide, a cook/manager and a teaching assistant. Four other appointments were approved, including a district office account clerk/typist, a custodial worker and an account clerk.

The school board also appointed Susanne Hudacs a high school



Primary grade members of the summer reading club listen closely to the original songs and stories

by Lisa Atkins at one of their outdoor meetings at the Voorheesville Public Library. Lyn Stapf

social studies teacher. Griffen said Hudacs was at Columbia High School last year, and has recently been working with gifted and talented students.

With 92 students already enrolled for kindergarten in the fall, the school board approved opening another section. There will be three sections offered in the morning and two in the afternoon.

The district originally anticipated about 70 to 80 students, and Canavan said some of the increase is due to the new Orchard Park development. However, some families within the district are moving to Orchard Park, and the effect of new families moving into those homes has not been felt yet, she said.

Gonan said on Thursday the district has already received about

70 applications for the half-time kindergarten position. She said she expects that position will be appointed soon.

In a related personnel matter, Gonan said she will sign papers to apply for Excellence in Teaching funds before the Oct. 1, deadline. The funds were appropriated in this year's state budget and Voorheesville is expected to receive \$49,000.

The board must reopen negotiations with its teachers' union to determine the allocation of the funds. Gonan has said she has begun meeting with union representatives "very, very informally."

The board also held a special executive session on July 28 to begin work on EIT funds. Gonan said no action was taken at the meeting.

In the school budget approved by voters in May, tax rates were estimated at \$266 per \$1,000 in New Scotland, \$473 per \$1,000 in Berne and \$16 per \$1,000 in Guilderland.

Equalization rates were up in Guilderland, and down in Berne and New Scotland, Gonan said.

With respect to a request of five families that are not residents to allow their children to attend the Voorheesville Schools, the board set tuition at \$250 for each family for each semester. The families will have to provide their own transportation, and will have to provide proof of ownership of property in the district and intend to move into the district during the school year.

The policy will cover the five families that have requested attendance at Voorheesville and any others that request in the near future. Board members said, however, that the requirements and the tuition will need to be explored further.

### Clarksville dance

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company Unit 4 will hold a 50's and 60's block dance at the Clarksville Firehouse, Plank Road, on August 23 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

In other Voorheesville School Board action, tax rates for the year were approved. For 1986-87, tax rates for the Town of New Scotland will be \$266 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, up 2.65 percent; for the Town of Berne will be \$468 per \$1,000, up 1.19 percent; and for the Town of Guilderland will be \$15 per \$1,000, an increase of 1.19 percent. The budget for the district is set at \$6.653 million.

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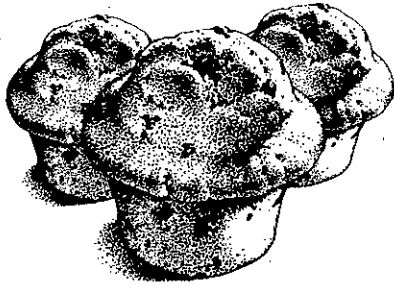
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# School board writes about mining safety

By Patricia Mitchell

The Voorheesville Central School Board of Education is supporting Concerned Citizens of New Scotland in its fight against the proposed William Larned and Sons gravel mine.

At its Aug. 11 meeting, the school board informally agreed to draft a letter to the New Scotland Planning Board raising safety concerns over the proposed mine just outside of the Village of Voorheesville on about 27 acres of the former Tall Timbers Country Club off Hilton Rd.

The land is located in low density residential and industrial zones, and Larned needs a special use permit from the New Scotland Planning Board before it can begin to mine.

Board President John McKenna said he will draft a letter raising the school board's concerns for traffic and safety issues of the district and especially the Voorheesville Elementary School over the proposed gravel mine. He said safety concerns are in line with the responsibilities of the school board if it is addressed to the planning board during the next public hearing.

The application has drawn concern from neighbors of the proposed mine, and culminated in a four-hour public hearing in May in front of over 400 people. The public hearing was adjourned to a later date until more information on the effects of the mining operation could be gathered.

Concerned Citizens President Bob Morrison and member Bruce Houghton spoke before the school board, requesting that the board submit a letter against the mine to the town board before the public hearing.

The group is preparing to take the town to court if the gravel mine is approved, and Morrison said other concerns need to get on the record for a factual and broad-based case. He said that 99 percent of the first public hearing concentrated on concerns over water tables and water wells.

About 35 truck trips would be generated by the mine on a normal day, and about 100 would be generated on a busier day, Morrison said the Larned group reported at the first public hearing. While a large amount of the gravel from the proposed Tall Timbers mine would be ready for use, a large amount would also need to be processed. Large trucks can only use designated routes such as Rts. 85, 85A, 146 or 155.

The Larneds operate a large gravel mine in Guilderland Center, and Houghton said trucks would pass the elementary school via Rt. 146 on a "routine" basis for processing there.

Ready-to-use gravel would be transported the shortest distance through the village if it is to be delivered in Voorheesville, other parts of the town, or Altamont, Morrison said. With construction now going on at Rts. 5 and 155 in Guilderland, Larned trucks may also reroute through the village to avoid traffic congestion. Morrison said these routes could often bring large trucks past the elementary school and along the bike path on Rt. 85A.

Steve Schreiber, a school board member and a Concerned Citizens member, said the hours that the proposed mine is in operation,

between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., is also hours that school is in session. When large trucks from the mine would be on the road, school buses would also be on their routes picking up students.

School board members said that potential harm to the aquifer is more of a concern of the Village of Voorheesville rather than the school district, and the noise impact generated by the mine is not as important as the safety concerns.

In other action the school board:

- Discussed a preliminary draft by board member Steve Schreiber on board priorities for the upcoming year.

- Authorized Gonan to apply for a short term tax anticipation note of about \$10,000 to \$12,000 if necessary. With tax bills being sent out for the year, Gonan said the district may come up short because a large amount of supplies that were ordered earlier are being delivered with their bills due and there is also an early payroll this year.

- Learned that the district's fuel tanks were expected to be tested on Monday, Aug. 18. The gas tank at the elementary school will need to be dug out for its test, and the oil tank at the high school was not done because oil was not delivered for the test and the tank needs to be full for the test. Required by the Department of Environmental Conservation, the pressure test will determine if the tanks leak. The tanks were originally scheduled for tests last month.

The next meeting of the Voorheesville Board of Education is slated for 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8.

## Childbearing course

Registrations are being taken for Nancy Wainer Cohen's workshop "Childbearing, Cesarean Prevention and WBAC's." The workshop is open to consumers, parents, childbirth educators and health professionals and will be held Sept. 26 to 28 at Junior College of Albany.

To register call 273-5421 or 489-6379.

## Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451

### Library grand finales

The summertime activity at the library will come to an end next week as members of the summer reading clubs hold their respective Grand Parties. On Tuesday, Aug. 26, children in the primary grades will be treated to an afternoon of fun beginning at 1 p.m. During the festivities the students will view a performance by the Poppy Doodle Puppets, as well as prizes and games.

On Thursday, Aug. 28, intermediate grade students will view the antics of Bill Murray and Dan Ackroyd in the comic hit "Ghostbusters." Fun and refreshments will fill out the afternoon party, which also begins at 1 p.m.

This week's visit by naturalist Dean Davis ends the official weekly meetings of the elementary grade groups.

The final movie in the summer film series will also run next week. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, the comedy "Support Your Local Sheriff" will be shown at the library beginning at 1 p.m. Starring James Garner and Harry Morgan, the movie is a western spoof about a gold rush and the need for law and order provided by a cowardly sheriff. All are invited to the free showing.

The last summer story hour will be held on Friday, Aug. 29, at 10:30 a.m. After a brief vacation, story hours will resume in September. A reminder that the second and last Bedtime Story Hour will be held this Thursday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. All are invited to bring their favorite doll or stuffed animal and come and listen.

### Steve Bart in the park

The concert in the park series will continue this week on Sunday when the Steve Bart Band will perform at Hoteling Park, beginning at 7 p.m. The band which plays country and rhythm and blues, will feature Voorheesville musician Jamie LaClair, who is perhaps best remembered by local residents for his memorable vocals in earlier PTSA variety shows. All are invited to come and enjoy this free concert.

### Craft fair planned

Artisans are still welcome to rent tables at the upcoming craft fair to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Voorheesville Fire

House on School Rd. Those wishing to display their wares at the Fire Department Auxiliary function are asked to call either Beth Timmis at 765-2421 or Sandy Thomas at 765-4047 for more information.

Fire Department and Auxiliary members also invite everyone to join them for their annual Labor Day weekend breakfasts to be held on Sunday, Aug. 31, and Monday, Sept. 1, at the fire house. The fund raising event featuring pancakes, french toast and all the trimmings will run from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. until noon on Monday.

### Classes in the Egg

Voorheesville senior Ted Teuten has a special reason for looking forward to "classes" resuming this fall. It was recently announced that the local thespian will be an intern this semester at the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts in Albany. Teuten, who has participated both on stage and behind the scenes in productions at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, will attend classes exclusively at ESIPA in preparation for their upcoming productions of "Murder at Cherry Hill" and "A Christmas Carol".

Teuten acted as student director of the spring production of "Alice in Wonderland" presented by the Dionysians, Voorheesville's student drama club. He is the son of David and Marguerite Tueten.

### Evening on the Hudson

Members of St. Matthew's men's association will sponsor a boat trip on the Dutch Apple the evening of Friday, Sept. 5. Cost of the evening cruise is \$10 a person. Association members interested in making reservations or securing more information are asked to contact association president Bob Dougherty at 439-9951 or Dan Reh at 765-4766.

The men's group will also hold their annual family picnic this

Saturday, Aug. 23, beginning at 1 p.m. in the town park on Swift Rd.

### More student honors

Although summer vacation is nearly over it's not too late to remember the good work of area students last year. Those at the high school who were honored in June ceremonies were: Mimi Wagner and Steve Smith for outstanding leadership in activities; Mary Beth Smith, Audrey Fitzgerald and Steve Smith for their contribution to the Key Club; Matt Ramsey for superior ability in art; Jennifer Gordinier for excellence in business subjects; Kris Bisnett for outstanding business qualities; Lucretia Rathke for excellence in typing; Shara Smith as outstanding driver; Kathy Glastetter, Lisa Semenick and Jennifer Mistretta for the highest averages in English 10; Laura Martin for highest average in English 11; Matt Ramsey for excellence in creative writing and poetry; Stacy Loewy, Laurie Warner, Laura Martic and Kevin Reeth for excellence in French and Donna Mensching, Jennifer Mistretta, Jennifer Meilinger, John Corcoran and Nathalie Renvillard for excellence in Spanish. Alissa Van Zutphen and Betsy Rourke were also recognized for excellence in foreign language.

Jamie Cohen received the award for most improved in home economics while Kathy Card received an award for excellence in the same area. Industrial arts awards went to Kevin Germaine, Kevin Deleskiewicz, Jay Curtis, Ed Hampston, Lisa Follos and Elvira Azaola. Mathematics awards were given to Jennifer Mistretta, Shannon York, Mark Veeder, Staci Loewy, Frank Berbrick and Cheryl Nendza.

### At Yankee Stadium

Shari Bogen of Delmar was the winner of a contest held by the New York Yankees and will take part in the Chiquita Banana/New York Yankees Baseball Clinic at Yankee Stadium on Aug. 23. Bogan also received three tickets to the Yankee game following the clinic. She will be accompanied by her parents, Sam and Miriam Bogan, on the trip to the New York.



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**Town of New Scotland**, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt. 85.

**Village of Voorheesville**, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

**Bethlehem Board of Education** meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

# THE Spotlight Calendar

## Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

**Voorheesville Board of Education** meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

**Bethlehem Landfill** open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

**New Scotland Landfill** open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall.

**Project Equinox**, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

**American Legion**, meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

**League of Women Voters**, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Linda Marshall at 756-6421.

**Project Hope**, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

**Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education** meets first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

**Welcome Wagon**, newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for Welcome Wagon visit. Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Bethlehem Youth Employment Service**, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Call 439-2238.

**Food Pantry**, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area. Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

**LaLeche League of Delmar**, meets one Thursday each month to share breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

### PLAYGROUND BUS SCHEDULE

#### Becker Playground Route:

Pickup at 8:15 a.m., noon return, or pickup at 12:30 p.m., 4 p.m. return. Pickup at the Jericho School, north on Albany County Rt. 55, left on Rt. 32, left on Quarry Rd., left on Bell Crossing Rd., south on south Albany Rd. to South Bethlehem School, left on Bridge St. (Rt. 396) to Lasher Rd. (YMCA), left on Lasher Rd. to Rt. 9W, north on 9W to Elm Ave., left on Elm Ave. to Jericho Rd., right on Jericho Rd. to Rt. 9W, south on Rt. 9W to Beaver Dam Rd., left on Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 144, north on Rt. 144 to Clapper Rd. — turn around. South on Rt. 144 to Rt. 396 to Thatcher St. to Rt. 9W, right on Rt. 9W to Cottage La. to Beaver Dam Rd., left on Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 9W to Becker School.

#### North Bethlehem, Selkirk and South Bethlehem Bus Route to Elm Ave. Park:

Leave Bethlehem Central Bus garage at 10:45 a.m. to North Bethlehem Fire House via Cherry Ave., Rt. 85, Blessing Rd., Krumkill Rd., Schoolhouse Rd. and return to Elm Ave. Park, south on Elm Ave. to Houcks Corners, east on Feura Bush Rd. to Rt. 9W, north on Rt. 9W with stop at Glenmont School. Rt. 9W south to Dowerskill Village to Rt. 396 to Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 144, north on Rt. 144 to Clapper Rd. to Halter Rd. via Rt. 144-turn around. South on Rt. 144 to Maple Ave., west on Thatcher St. to Rt. 9W to Rt. 396, west on Rt. 396 to South Albany Rd., north on South Albany Rd. to Bell Crossing Rd. to Quarry Rd. to Rt. 32 to Albany County Rt. 55, Long Lane east to Elm Ave. west to Fairlawn to Elm Ave. Park. Bus will return from Elm Ave. Park via the same route at 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 20  
AUGUST

**Glenmont Homemakers**, third Wednesday, Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lions Club**, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233** meets at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

**Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star**, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Delmar Fire District**, regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

**New Scotland Senior Citizens**, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilla at 439-4039.

**Farmer's Market**, area's only late afternoon farmer's market until harvest ends, First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6 p.m. Information, 439-1450.

**Physicals**, Voorheesville boys' junior varsity soccer team, 3 p.m.

**Summer Film**, "Karate Kid," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Wild Berries You Should Know**, field study on berries, poison and safe, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m.

**Summer Film**, "Karate Kid," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Summer Film Series**, "The Great Muppet Caper," Voorheesville Public Library, free, 1 p.m.

**Board Meeting**, Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education, executive session to discuss personnel matters, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY 21  
AUGUST

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club**, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens**, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**American Legion Luncheons**, for members, guests and applicants for membership. Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

**Food Stamp Form Aid**, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

## area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

### THEATRE

"Miss Julie," Berkshire Public Theatre, Union St., Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 22, 29, 8 p.m. Information, (413) 445-4634.

"Threepenny Opera," Berkshire Public Theatre, Union St., Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 25, 28-31, 8 p.m. Information, (413) 445-4634.

"57 Chevy," Berkshire Public Theatre, Union St., Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 21, 28, 8 p.m.

"20th Century," Berkshire Public Theatre, Union St., Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 23-24, 30-31, 8 p.m.

"The Pearl Fishers," Glimmerglass Opera Theatre, Coopers-town, Aug. 21, 23, 8 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m. Information, (607) 547-5704.

"Chorus Line," Mac-Hayden Theatre, Chatham, Aug. 20-24, 27-31, Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 5 and 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m.; second Wednesday, 2 p.m. Information, 392-9292.

"Once Upon a Fable," children's musical, Mac-Hayden Theatre, Chatham, Aug. 22, 23, 30, 31, 11 a.m. Information, 392-9292.

"The Wizard of Oz," Coliseum Theatre, Latham, Aug. 21, 11 a.m.

"The Robber Bridegroom," Live at the Lakehouse, Washington Park, Albany, Aug. 22-24, 27-30, 8:30 p.m.

"Go Back for Murder," Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 212 and 375, Woodstock, Aug. 22-24, 29-31, Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 5 and 9 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. Tickets, (914) 679-6000.

"Avner the Eccentric," Jacob's Pillow Festival, Lee, Mass., Aug. 26-30, Tuesday-Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets, (413) 637-1322.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs," Woodstock Playhouse Theatre, Rts. 212 and 375, Main St., Woodstock, Aug. 26-31, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30; Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday matinees, 2 p.m.

### MUSIC

Orchestral Studies Concert, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Aug. 20, 22, 7 p.m.

Vic Damone, Coliseum Theatre, Latham, Aug. 21, 8:30 p.m.

Avalon, Rydell and Fabian, Coliseum Theatre, Latham, Aug. 23, 8:30 p.m.

Gatlin Brothers, Coliseum Theatre, Latham, Aug. 25, 8:30 p.m.

New Age Performances by David Foliver, Interarts Colony, Palenville, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Mirinda and the American Country Show featuring the Friehofer Cross Country Dancers, Tawasentha Park, Gunderland, Aug. 24, 5 p.m.

Fund Raising Concert with Andrij Dobriansky, Grazhda Music and Art Center, Rt. 23A, Grazhda, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.

### JAZZ

On-The-Lamb Street Band, Traditional Dixieland, Interarts Colony, Palenville, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m.

### DANCE

Inside/Outside New Dance with Victoria Marks, Fred Holland and Ishmael Houston-Jones, Jacobs Pillow, Lee, Mass., through Aug. 30, Tuesday-Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Jacob's Pillow Jazz Parade, Jacobs Pillow, Lee, Mass., Aug. through 23, Tuesday-Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m.

Jazz Dance with Danny Buraczski, Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 212 and 375, Woodstock, Aug. 25 8 p.m. Tickets, (914) 679-6000.

The Sole Sisters, tap, jazz of Vaudeville and dance of early American theater days, Live at the Lakehouse, Washington Park, Albany, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.

### ART

"Bitter Hope: From Holocaust to Haven," photographic exhibit, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, permanent exhibit.

"A Present from Pontypool," exhibit of floral painting, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, through September.

"From Music Halls to Movie Places," exhibit of theatre ephemera and artifacts, State Museum, Albany, through Sept. 14.

"Remembrance of Patria: Dutch Arts and Culture in Colonial America," a major exhibit of Dutch paintings, silver, furniture, ceramics and graphics, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Aug. 24.

"Daniel Chester French and Chesterwood," exhibit of works by sculptor of "Minute Man" and "Abraham Lincoln," off Rt. 183, Stockbridge, Mass., through Oct. 31.

"Dutch Arts and Culture in Colonial America," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Aug. 24.

"The Iroquois Doll," exhibit at Schoharie Museum of the Iroquois Indian, through Oct. 31. Information, 295-8553.

Exhibit of paintings by Samuel H. Sexton, on display at Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady, through Aug. 31.

17th and 18th Century housing and lifestyles can be seen at Bronx Museum, Coxsackie, Tuesdays through September, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Hudson River Chronicles of the 1980's," pastel paintings by Elizabeth Mowry, The Rice Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through Aug. 29, Tuesdays to Fridays.

"Contemporary Sculpture at Chesterwood," Rte. 183, Stockbridge, Mass. through October 12. Information, (413) 298-3579.

"The Hudson River of the 1980's," Albany Institute of History and Art, Rice Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through Aug. 29. Information, 463-4478.

"Hudson Valley Orientation," salute to Albany's Tricentennial, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through October, Wednesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, noon-3 p.m.

The Cooperstown Art Association, annual art exhibit, Cooperstown Art Association, 22 Main St., Cooperstown, through Aug. 22, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Picture Post Cards of Rensselaerville between 1900-1940, The Grist Mill, Rensselaerville, through Aug. 23, noon-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday.

Imaginative Images IV, New York State Museum, Albany, through Sept. 21. Information, 474-5842.

## Special On Wmht CHANNEL 17

- National Geographic Special Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- Aaron Copland: American Masters Thursday, 9 p.m.
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**Overeaters Anonymous**, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Silver Bullets Square Dance Club**, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

**South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens Meeting**, Elm Ave. Town Park, 1 p.m., sponsored by Bethlehem Lion's Club.

## FRIDAY 22 AUGUST

**Recovery, Inc.**, self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Weekly at 12:30 p.m.

**Youth Group Meetings**, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

**Farmer's Market**, fresh homegrown produce, baked goods, jams, jellies and crafts, St. Thomas Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## SATURDAY 23 AUGUST

**Flea Market and Bake Sale**, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, \$8 donation for table space, 10 a.m. Information, 439-2170.

**Delmar Fire Department**, 75th anniversary celebration, over 12 companies invited, featuring antique fire truck muster, parade, company competitions using antique equipment with hot dogs and soda for all, Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. Free.

## SUNDAY 24 AUGUST

**Delmar Presbyterian Church**, Worship 9:30 a.m.

**United Pentecostal Church**, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 439-4410.

**Delmar Reformed Church**, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**Bethlehem Historical Assn.**, "Toys of the Past Exhibit," Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, through September, 2-5 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

**Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Association**, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

**Delmar Presbyterian Church**, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2983.

**United Pentecostal Church**, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 439-4410.

**Delmar Reformed Church**, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**Concert in the Park**, Steve Bart Band with Jamie LaClair, Hoteling Park, Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

## MONDAY 25 AUGUST

**Delmar Kiwanis**, meet Mondays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.



Timothy Wenk, left, will be a strolling magician, and Helen Wallace Fitzgerald will produce a fashion



show at Funfest '86, from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

**Al-Anon Group**, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**Quartet Rehearsal**, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

**Monday Night Western**, "Shane," Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY 26 AUGUST

**Delmar Rotary**, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

**Twilight Program**, summer evening of wildlife behavior, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-6092.

**WEDNESDAY 27  
AUGUST**

**Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary**, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

**New Scotland Elks Lodge**, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

**New Scotland Senior Citizens**, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

**Farmer's Market**, area's only late afternoon farmer's market until harvest ends, First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6 p.m. Information, 439-1450.

**Bird Watch**, tips and tricks of bird identification and typical bird behavior during summer season, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 439-6092.

**Book Pick Up**, private school students who live in Bethlehem Central School District and have ordered textbooks for new school year can start picking up books, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Summer Film Series**, "Support Your Local Sheriff," Voorheesville Public Library, 1 p.m.

## THURSDAY 28 AUGUST

**Elsmere Fire Company**, meets last Thursday of each month at fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club**, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens**, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Silver Bullets Square Dance**, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

**Tour**, Olana in Hudson, South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, leave from First Reformed Church, Rt. 9W Selkirk, 8:45 a.m.

**Blood Mobile**, St. Thomas Gym, Delmar Place and Kenwood Ave., Delmar, sponsored by St. Thomas Church, 1-7 p.m.

## FRIDAY 29 AUGUST

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## SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

**Delmar Presbyterian Church**, Worship 9:30 a.m.

**United Pentecostal Church**, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

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**Pancake Breakfast**, Voorheesville Fire Dept., Fire House on School Rd., adults \$3, children under 10, \$2, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

## MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

**Delmar Kiwanis**, meet Mondays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

**Al-Anon Group**, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**Temple Chapter 5 R.M.**, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Quartet Rehearsal**, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

**A.C. Sparkplugs Dance**, modern western square dancing featuring mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

## TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

**Delmar Rotary**, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

**Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club**, first Tuesdays, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarks-ville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

**Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM** first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Medicare Form Aid**, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

## WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

**New Scotland Senior Citizens**, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

**Farmer's Market**, area's only late afternoon farmer's market until harvest ends, First United Methodist Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6 p.m. Information, 439-1450.

**Orientation**, ninth graders and new high school students, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, transportation provided, ninth graders report to homerooms, new students to cafeteria, 7:30-11 a.m.

## SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

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call 439-5770, 9-11 a.m.

**August 21** Senior Citizens Lion Picnic at Elm Ave. Park  
**August 28** Meeting. Crafts in Room 116.  
**September 3** Bowling: 9:30 a.m. at Del Lanes for Senior Citizens.

### GROCERY SHOPPING DAY

**Mondays** Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, and North Bethlehem to Delaware Plaza 8:30-11:30

**Thursdays** Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, So. Bethlehem to Glenmont Plaza 9:00-11:00

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**Nature Games**, relay races and exploration through wooded areas, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga, 7 p.m.

**Dancing Under the Stars**, "An Incredible and Charming Night with The Capital Big Band," Empire State Outdoor Plaza, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Plaza Arts and Crafts Show**, over 25 artists featuring homemade crafts, Empire State Outdoor Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., through Aug. 22.

**Auditions**, for "Possession: The Murder at Cherry Hill," and "A Christmas Carol," males and females between ages 7 and 22, Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7-10 p.m. Appointments, 474-1199.

**Pre-training Interviews**, for those interested in volunteering to work at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany. Information, 454-1686.

**Retirement Reception**, Dr. E.J. Josey from N.A.A.C.P., music and cash bar, open to public, Quackenbush House, Quackenbush Square, Broadway, Albany, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Orientation Meeting**, support services and information on parenting, pregnancy and childbirth for expectant mothers, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Information, 463-6960.

**Bloodmobile**, New York State Cultural Education Building, C and D Conference Room, Madison Ave., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Mezzanine Conference Room, 40 North Pearl St., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Time Shortened Admissions**, for Hudson Valley Community College, Crossgates Mall Food Court, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Dance**, Albany County Young Republicans, guest speakers, Assemblyman Arnold Proskin, Peter Crummy, Republican candidate for state senator from 42nd District and Victor Caponera, Republican candidate for county court judge, Saint Ambrose School Gym, Latham, 8 p.m.-midnight.

THURSDAY 21  
AUGUST

**Albany's Downtown Farmer's Market**, arrival of mid and late summer fruits and vegetables, across from Main Post Office, Pine St., Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 731-8051.

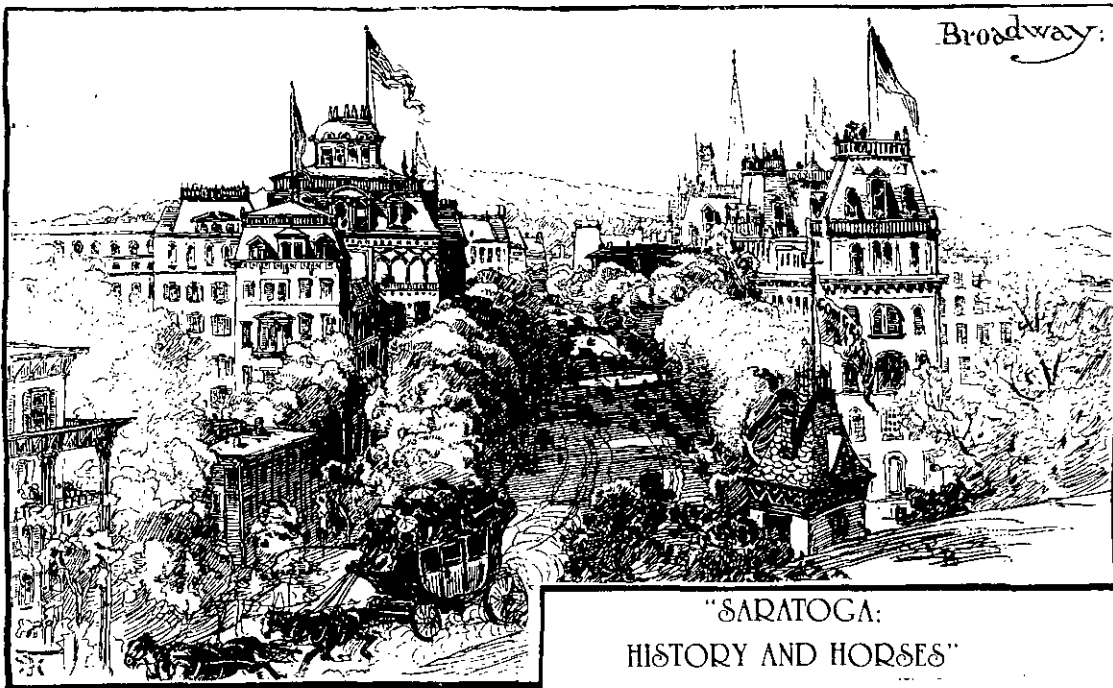
**Concerned Friends of Hope House**, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, rear of Christ Lutheran Church, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30-10 p.m.

**Bloodmobile**, Duaneburg Fire Hall, Rt. 7, Duaneburg, 1-7 p.m.; Mezzanine Conference Room, 40 North Pearl St., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Evening Walk**, leisurely stroll on less travelled pathways, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga, 7 p.m.

# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

## Events in Nearby Areas



A view of Broadway in Saratoga Springs is part of the exhibit, "Saratoga: History and Horses," at the

Soave Gallery on Broadway in Saratoga through Sept. 27.

**Empire State College Information Session**, College's Albany location, Center for Capital District, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 587-2100.

**Music at State Park**, Barb Heller, solo guitarist performing on acoustic guitar, banjo and vocals, bluegrass folk and contemporary, Moreau Lake State Park, South Glens Falls, 7:30 p.m.

**Registration Deadline**, for students wishing to receive mail registration forms, Siena College fall Evening Session, Siena College, Loudonville. Information, 783-2431.

**"Lions and Tigers and Bears: Safari to the Bronx Zoo"**, trip to New York City to see Bronx Zoo, bus departs from the Washington Ave. lot, State Campus, \$20 children, \$25 adults, 8 a.m. Reservations, 474-5842.

**Workshop**, Victorian Flower Arranging, "Late Nineteenth Century American Floral Decorators," Olana State Historic Park, Hudson, \$15, 9 a.m.-noon. Registration, 273-3400.

**Alzheimer's Meeting**, families, patients, friends and professionals will talk about Alzheimer's Disease, Childs Hospital, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-8728.

**Time Shortened Admissions**, Hudson Valley Community College Main Campus, Siek Campus Center, second floor, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

FRIDAY 22  
AUGUST

**Early Bird Walk**, exploration of birding hot spots, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga, 7:30 p.m.

**Music at State Park**, Barb Heller, solo guitarist performing on acoustic guitar, banjo and vocals, bluegrass folk and contemporary, Thompson's Lake Camping Area, Rt. 157, 7:30 p.m.

**Public Health Forum**, "Masks: Patterns of Interaction in Adult Relationships," Blue Cross and Blue Shield, third floor Conference Room, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, \$5, 7:30-9 a.m.

**Hunter Mountain Music Festival Part II**, Ronnie Milsap, Sawyer Brown, The Hagers, Kris Kristofferson, Ray Stevens, Lucy J. Dalton and George Dalton, Hunter Mt., Hunter, through Aug. 24. Information, 263-2800.

**Canoe Camping**, three-day workshop to develop self-sufficiency afloat and ashore, paddling skills, food preparation, choosing campsite and map reading, Mt. Gate Lodge, Olivera, Catskill Mts, Aug. 22, 9 a.m.-Aug 25, noon. Information (914) 478-0411.

**"Shakespeare at St. James"**, two-evening Renaissance Fair featuring musicians and dancers from all over upper New York State, St. James Church, Lake Delaware, 5 p.m.-dark. Information, (607) 746-2910.

**Time Shortened Admissions**, Hudson Valley Community College Main Campus, Siek Campus Center, second floor, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

SATURDAY 23  
AUGUST

**Farmer's Market**, homegrown fruits and vegetables and homemade crafts, parking lot of First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon.

**Columbia County Bicentenary Celebration**, Town of Ancram Bicentary Summer Festival, Ancram. Information, 828-2252.

**Riverspark North Tour**, by air-conditioned van, through Lansingburg, Cohoes, Waterford and Green Island, Troy City Hall, River Street, Troy, \$5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Reservations, 274-5267.

**Albany Comic Fandom Convention**, auctions, comics and door prizes, Colonie Holiday Inn, 1614 Central Ave., through Aug. 24, Saturday, 11 a.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

**Victorian Picnic**, celebration of Victorian picnicking, music, clowns and 19th century games, Olana State Park, one mile south of Rip Van Winkle Bridge, Hudson. Information, 828-0135.

**Airshow 86**, featuring Blue Angels, B-17 Flying Fortress, "Spirit of St. Louis," plus world's largest and smallest aircrafts, Schenectady County Airport, \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, through Aug. 24. Information, 382-0041.

SUNDAY 24  
AUGUST

**"Funfest 86"**, entertainment, food, crafts, baked goods and booths of all kinds, three stages, for all ages and tastes, Empire State Outdoor Plaza, Albany, noon-8 p.m.

**Card Convention**, meet Hank Aaron and get autographs, largest baseball card convention in Capital District area, dealers from 14 states and Canada, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, 9:30 a.m.

**The Fools Journey**, empowering workshop using tarot as key to transformation, Eldridge Research Center, Huych Preserve, Rensselaerville, \$40, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 797-3163.

MONDAY 25  
AUGUST

**Epilepsy Association Picnic**, hot dogs and hamburgers, bring own dish, Albany Yacht Club, 71 Broadway, Rensselaerville, 5-8 p.m. Reservations, 272-4074.

**Russell Sage Registration**, Evening Division, Aug. 25-29, Sept. 8-12 and Sept. 15-19, late admission, College's Albany or Troy locations, noon-6 p.m., Monday-Thursday, noon-4 p.m., Friday. Information, 445-1717.

**Live at the Lakehouse Second Annual Bar-B-Que and Hoedown**, Lakehouse Showcase, country and western music, square dancing, hayrides, chili and hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob, Live at the Lakehouse, Washington Park, Albany, 6 p.m.

**Job Search Program**, designed for under and misemployed persons, Sage Associates, 169 Central Ave., Albany, Aug. 25-28, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 436-5238.

TUESDAY 26  
AUGUST

**Staying Found**, instructional course on how to use compasses and maps, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga, 1 p.m.

**Free Blood Pressure Clinic**, Red Cross Chapter Building, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Guest Speaker**, Capital Region Chambers of Commerce present Richard M. Flynn, chairman of New York Power Authority, Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, buffet 7:30 a.m., program -8 a.m.

**Christmas in August**, benefit for Vietnam Veterans Christmas Fund, Christmas buffet and open bar, Loudon House Restaurant, Loudonville, \$25, 6-9 p.m. Information, 785-0904.

**"Adirondack Man," Maimed**, William Chapman White's classic Adirondack Country, noon, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany.

**Film**, "Silverado," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

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Lyn Stapf

## New Scotland examines Swift Rd. facilities

By Patricia Mitchell

Development of the Swift Rd. area moved forward last week as the New Scotland Planning Board gave conceptual approval to a six-lot subdivision on about 26 acres.

About 15 residents of the area appeared before the board at its Tuesday, Aug. 12, meeting, with concerns that development along Swift Rd. would increase traffic, sewage and water supply problems.

Proposed by Swift Road, Inc., the subdivision is the second section of a project proposed by developer James Breen of Albany. Both sections are located just north of the town park.

The first section, presented to the planning board at its July 22 meeting, is a two-lot subdivision on the east side of Swift Rd. covering about six acres, and

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planning board members said they had no problem with the concept.

The board did have some problems with the second section, which would be six lots on the west side, when it was first proposed with two cul-de-sacs, and asked the developer to resubmit the plans with a development road instead.

Last week, Howie Johannsen of LaBerge Engineering, presented plans for extending a road from Swift Rd. to Wood Hill Rd. with a large loop. Board attorney Fred Edmunds said the road would have to comply with requirements of the town highway department

before the final go-ahead is given.

Swift Rd., Inc., has applied to the town board for an extension of the Swift Rd. water district for the eight lots, but that request was tabled at the board's July 2 meeting. Edmunds said at the planning board meeting that the subdivision would have to have a water supply before it is approved, either public water or private wells.

"The concept is there. Next time the applicant comes in with more specifics," Edmunds said, pointing out that the board was just granting conceptual approval and not holding a public hearing.

The board sent the developer to the Albany County Health Dept. for a recommendation on sewage systems. Then, the developer will have to come back to the planning board for a preliminary public hearing and then a final public hearing.

Residents of Swift Rd. have appeared before the town board

and the planning board with concerns that smaller lot sizes could spur leaching of sewage systems and that water taps originally on larger properties are being divided up as the lots are divided up. Residents are also concerned that the character of Swift Rd. is changing as smaller lots are being approved for development.

The average size of lots along Swift Rd. are about two acres, but the town's zoning ordinance allows lot sizes in the area at about one-quarter of an acre with a sewage system.

At its June 4 meeting, the planning board decided to study the possibility of rezoning Swift Rd. to require larger lot sizes, and on July 2 the board decided to consider updating current zoning laws, including the Swift Rd. area, that were set in 1961 and updated in 1981.

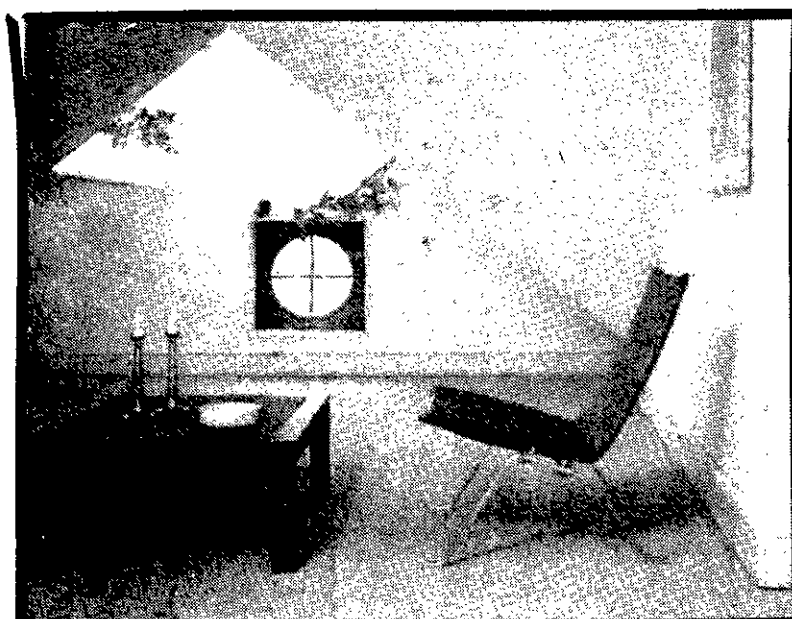
Mike Brennan, a resident of Swift Rd., said that as more lots

are developed, the pumping well at Rt. 85 is unable to meet the capacity for the demand. With a source of water still not found, he asked the board why they are going ahead with the development.

Brennan also noted that at its July 22 meeting the planning board said in "no uncertain terms" that until a meeting is held with the health department on the transvap septic systems in the area the board would hold a moratorium on development along Swift Rd.

Edmunds said the board agreed to put a hold on the development of smaller sized lots in the area, but pointed out that lots in the Swift Rd., Inc., subdivision were either three or four acres each. He said he is trying to get a representative of the county health department to meet with the planning board to discuss the transvap system as it relates to Swift Rd.

The next meeting of the New Scotland Planning Board is set for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26.



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## Glenmont boy hurt

A 7-year old Glenmont boy was listed in serious condition at Albany Medical Center Hospital Tuesday morning after he was struck by a vehicle while playing in his driveway at 4:30 p.m. Monday, a hospital spokesman said.

Bethlehem Police said Frederick J. Frattura of Wemple Rd., was playing in his driveway when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Yvonne Myer, 17, of Ravena.

Myer was driving northbound on Wemple Rd., and police said when she rounded a curve in the road she went off the east shoulder of the road and lost control of her vehicle. Police said the vehicle then went into the southbound lane and into the driveway of Frattura's home, striking the boy.

Myer was also taken to Albany Medical Center, where she was treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Police said she was ticketed for failure to keep right and not wearing her seat belt.

## Old engines ruined

Several freight cars being "bumped" on D&H Railroad tracks near the Niagara Mohawk steam station on Rt. 144 in Glenmont apparently broke loose Monday night and badly damaged historic locomotives stored at the plant.

A security guard at the Niagara Mohawk steam station said Tuesday no one was hurt in the incident.

Bethlehem Police said Tuesday they had no knowledge of the incident and had no personnel on the scene.

The Niagara Mohawk security guard said quite a few antique trains were involved, but didn't know how many. He said trains from outside the gate were being switched when they broke loose and went through the gate of the steam plant and through the wall of the building where the locomotives were being stored. The locomotives reportedly belonged to the National Locomotive Society.

## Rutnick scholar

Mary Rutnick of Clarksville has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Russell Sage College. Rutnick, a senior physical therapy major, is the daughter of George and Mary Jo Rutnick.



Recently confirmed members of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Delmar are, from left, back row: Amy Budliger, Shannon Ryan, Britta Wehmann, church Pastor Warren Winterhoff, Mike Bailey, Gary Mabee, and Jeff Ballou; second row: Barbara Lawrence, Heidi Reinemann, Brenda Alexander, Matt Dennin, and Jim Kelley; and front row: Sara Ryan, Trixi Wirth and Ken Zwicklbauer.

## Banjo theft charged

A Castleton woman was to appear in Bethlehem Town Court yesterday on grand larceny charges after an incident Aug. 12 at a Delaware Ave., Elsmere, music store, Bethlehem Police said.

Danielle G. Nelson, 52, of Green Ave., Castleton, was charged with grand larceny, a felony, driving while intoxicated and driving while under the influence of drugs, police said.

According to police reports, Nelson entered Skippy's Music Store on Delaware Ave. with a banjo to be repaired. When an employee left the room, she went behind a counter and removed a banjo valued at \$700 and left the store with it.

The employee went to look for Nelson and found her outside the store, where she returned the banjo, police said. The employee left to call police, and Nelson was later found in a neighboring store.

When police interviewed Nelson, they reported an odor of alcohol on her breath, and she admitted to have taken a prescription drug and driving to Elsmere from Castleton, police said.

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## Benefit for MS

A special performance of "A Chorus Line," sponsored by Freihofer's and Grand Union to benefit the Capital District Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Coliseum in Latham. At a special price of \$10, tickets are a tax deductible contribution to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Tickets are available at the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 421 New Karner Rd., Albany 452-1631 or at Community Box Offices.

## Resolve group meets

A film entitled "Coping with Infertility," featuring five couples and the impact that infertility has played on their marriages and lives, will be shown at the next meeting of Capital District Resolve on Aug. 21. The program will be followed by an open discussion and refreshments will be served.

## Mother's milk needed

Milk for Life, Inc., a non-profit organization that supplies mother's milk for children with special needs, is in need of milk donors to help replenish supplies that have decreased greatly during the summer. Present milk supplies will only last until Aug. 24. To donate milk call 966-4182 or 399-2601.



## FIRE FIGHTERS CORNER

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Time	Department or Unit	Event or Type Call
Aug. 8	4:13 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue	Personal injury
Aug. 9	6:45 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue	Medical emergency
Aug. 10	5:47 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue	Auto accident
Aug. 10	3:25 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue	Respiratory Distress
Aug. 11	9:46 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Wires down
Aug. 11	5:03 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Aug. 11	5:09 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue	Personal injury
Aug. 12	10:54 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Unknown
Aug. 12	10:55 a.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Personal injury
Aug. 12	11:03 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Aug. 13	5:05 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto accident
Aug. 13	7:41 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Aug. 13	7:41 a.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Aug. 13	7:41 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue	Stand by
Aug. 13	3:16 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue	Medical emergency
Aug. 13	7:21 p.m.	Onesquethaw Fire Dept.	Vehicle Fire

Selkirk Fire Department in South Bethlehem will host a clam steam on Aug. 24 starting at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased from any member.

Selkirk Fire Department Auxiliary will have a Flea Market on Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South Bethlehem firehouse on Rt. 396.

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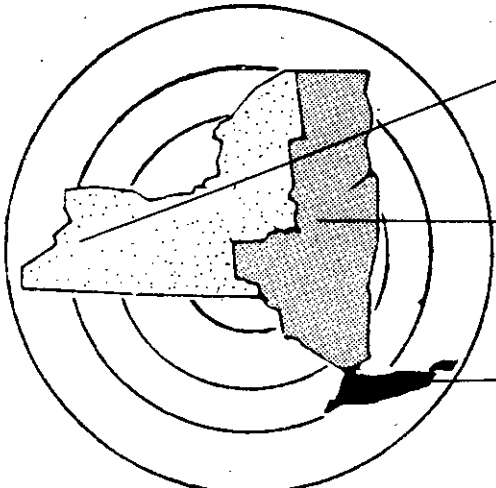
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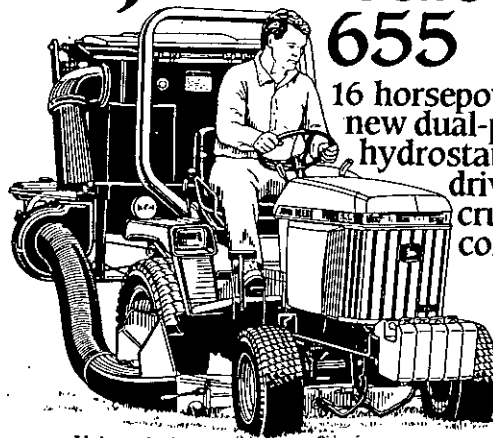
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Jim Connolly pitches St. Thomas I to victory while shortstop/manager Si Karam waits for a ball to come his way.

## St. Thomas I on to series

Defending and regular season Church Softball Champion Glenmont was one of five teams to be knocked out of this year's title race during second and third round play-off action this past week.

After receiving a bye in second round action, Glenmont was pitted against Wynantskill, a 6-1 winner over Delmar Reformed in the previous round, and after seven innings of fly balls, ground outs and hits, Wynantskill dethroned the champs and earned a trip to the world series of the Church Softball League.

While Wynantskill and Glenmont were doing battle, St. Thomas I and St. Thomas II were involved in a rivalry similar to

those of the Mets vs. Yankees, Giants vs. Jets and Rangers vs. Islanders. St. Thomas I ended as the only St. Thomas team left in play-off action, with a 7-4 win over II. In earning a trip to the third round, St. Thomas I had earlier defeated Presby, 11-6, and St. Thomas II defeated Voorheesville by a 5-4 margin in nine innings.

The championship between Wynantskill and St. Thomas I will be a best-two-out-of-three series and will run Aug. 19, 21 and 26, weather permitting.

### Church Softball Final Standings 1986

	W	L		W	L
Glenmont	12	1	Beth. Com.	8	5
St. Thom I	9	4	Bethany	8	5
Presby	9	4	Methodist	4	8
Clarksville	9	4	Del Refor	3	9
Wynantskill	8	5	New Scot	2	9
Voorhees	8	5	Westerlo	0	12
St. Thom II	8	5	Beth Luth	0	12

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## Spotlight SPORTS

### New season

With summer drawing to a close and school right around the corner, scholastic athletic practice fields will once again be filling in preparation for a new season.

Opening training day at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School is Aug. 20, when varsity and JV football players and girls soccer candidates will meet on their respective fields at 8 a.m. while members of the cross country team meet at 9 a.m. Aug. 25 is opening day for girls tennis (9 a.m.), and the golf team and cheerleading squad will meet on Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. The modified freshman football team for grades 7-9 meets Sept. 2 at 1 p.m., and the girls modified soccer team gathers on Sept. 3 at 2 p.m.

All teams meet at the high school except the golf team, which meets at the Sycamore Country Club.

### Summer strokes

Between July 27 and Aug. 8, 10 Delmar youths were fine tuning their swimming techniques at the Hartwick College Competitive Swimming Camp at Hartwick College in Oneonta. The camp was open to boys and girls between the ages of eight and 18 with competitive swimming experience.

The students, Craig Mattox, Drew Patrick, Jill Cleveland, Patrick Fish, Kathleen Fish, Frank Rosenfield, John Esmond, Allison Berger, Lisa Gray and Emily Church, received in-pool and on-land training while receiving individual attention by a staff of highly experienced coaches.

## Dolphins fourth in Adirondack meet

This past weekend, Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park was more crowded than usual as 315 swimmers from 18 different teams around the area came to compete in the Adirondack District Championship Swim Meet. Representing the Delmar Area were the Delmar Dolphins who captured 52 medals for a fourth place finish.

Three Bethlehem Central varsity swimmers, Justin Baird and Kris and Sue Mallery competed in the event for the Albany Starfish Swim Team.

Baird was runner-up for the high point trophy, missing the honor by only two points. Baird placed first in the 400 meter freestyle, 200 meter freestyle (park record) and 100 meter freestyle (park record) while taking second in the 200 meter intermediate, 100 meter back and 100 meter fly.

Kris Mallery placed second in the 400 intermediate, third in the 200 meter fly and fourth in the 200 meter intermediate.

Sue Mallery placed second in the 100 meter back stroke and 200 meter fly and third in the 100 meter fly and 200 meter back stroke.

For the Dolphins, in the girls eight and under division, Janice Gallagher placed seventh in the 50 meter backstroke and eighth in the 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter breaststroke. Andrew Cleary took a sixth in the 50 meter backstroke and 50 meter fly, seventh in the 50 meter breaststroke and eighth in the 50 meter freestyle in the boys eight and under age group.

Representing the Dolphins in the boys 9-10 age group were Marc Kanuk, who took sixth in the 50 meter backstroke, seventh in the 200 meter individual medley and 100 meter freestyle and eighth in

the 200 meter freestyle, and Colin Izzard, who placed seventh in the 400 meter freestyle and 50 meter breaststroke and eighth in the 100 meter freestyle.

Eleven to twelve-year-olds to place for the home team were David Cleary, seventh in the 400 meter freestyle and 200 meter individual medley and eighth in the 100 meter freestyle and 100 meter breaststroke, and Paul Engel, who placed third in the 100 meter breaststroke.

Kate Fish, fifth in the 200 meter breaststroke, sixth in the 100 meter breaststroke and eighth in the 100 meter fly and 200 meter freestyle, and Jill Cleveland, second in the 200 meter and 100 meter breaststroke, were both winners in the girls 13-14 division.

For the Boys 13-14 division, Cam O'Connor placed fourth in the 400 meter free style, sixth in the 200 meter individual medley and 100 meter backstroke, seventh in the 100 meter freestyle and eighth in the 100 meter breaststroke. Chris Nolan took second in the 100 meter breast stroke, third in the 100 meter freestyle, sixth in the 200 meter breaststroke and seventh in the 200 meter freestyle. Drew Patrick placed sixth in the 400m meter free style and seventh in the 100 meter breaststroke and Pat Fish placed eighth in the 400 meter freestyle.

Lisa Ogawa, participating in the senior girls division, placed second in the 100 meter freestyle, third in the 50 meter free style, fourth in the 400 meter individual medley and 100 meter back stroke, fifth in the 200 meter individual medley and seventh in the 400 meter freestyle.

Chris Drew placed first in the 50 meter freestyle and fifth in the 100 meter backstroke while competing in the senior boys division.

Also competing in the senior boys division were O'Connor, who placed seventh in the 200 meter backstroke, and Fish, who finished eighth in the 200 meter fly.

The boys 9-10 relay team consisting of Kanuk, Izzard, Brad Mattox and David Seegal placed third in the 200 meter individual medley and the 200 meter free relay.

The relay team combination of O'Connor, Patrick, Fish and Nolan was unbeatable in the 13-14 Boys division as they placed first in the 400 meter individual medley and 400 meter freestyle relay.

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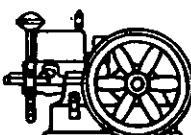
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### Treated after accident

A Glenmont man was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital early Friday morning for injuries he received when his vehicle struck a telephone pole on Rt. 9W, Bethlehem Police said.

Gary Barkman, 24, of Rt. 9W in Glenmont was treated for a head injury and was later released, an Albany Medical Center Hospital spokesman said.

Barkman told police he was driving south on Rt. 9W near Beacon Rd. at about 4:45 a.m. when the vehicle left the west side of the road, struck a telephone pole and came to rest in the center of the road, police said.

Barkman said he was forced off the road by a truck, but police said there was no skid marks in the road from Barkman's vehicle.

Barkman was not ticketed after the incident, police said.



**Ursula Poland  
Librarian honored**

Ursula Poland of Delmar, a librarian and professor of medical library science at Albany Medical College, was recently awarded the Medical Library Association's Marcia Noyes Award in recognition of her contributions to the health sciences library field.

Poland was involved in the 1966 formation of the Capital District Library Council and was instrumental in spearheading efforts to establish state-funded health information programs that linked medical resource centers with area libraries.

As a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Poland has worked with representatives of the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization to develop a world directory of biological and medical science libraries.

Poland joined the Albany Medical College in 1957 as a laboratory technician in the department of biochemistry. Immediately after earning her master's degree in library science in 1964, she began her career as a librarian at Albany Medical College. She was instrumental in planning and developing the Schaffer Library of Health Sciences at Albany Medical College.

**Heads allergy unit**

Dr. Jay Grossman, of Slingerlands, was recently appointed head of the division of allergy in the department of medicine at Albany Medical Center.

As head of the division of allergy, Dr. Grossman will be developing services and training staff for a new-allergy clinic at the Albany Medical Center. The clinic will be part of the outpatient or ambulatory services available through Alden March Care, a multi-specialty group practice planned for the Albany Medical Center. The proposed group practice plan is named after the founder of the Albany Medical College (1837) and the Albany Medical Center Hospital (1849).

Dr. Grossman is a board-certified allergist/clinical immunologist with offices in Albany and Troy. A cum laude graduate of Brooklyn College, he received his M.D. degree from Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse in 1966. He is a clinical associate professor of medicine and pediatrics at the Albany Medical College and an attending physician at Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Hospital in Albany and Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

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NY Lien & Recovery Corp., R.A. Felder Lic. Auctr. #793917 will sell to satisfy on 8/29/86 at 10 a.m.: '79 Ford, 9B63F113252 at Rte. 49 River Rd., Marcy, N.Y. Re-Marine Midland Bank, M. Trapeano; '79 Harley, AmS110XL3A15407 at 35 Colby St., Albany, N.Y. Re-J. Doe, all interested parties may call 718-767-5999, Y. Smith.

(August 20, 1986)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

And/Or Contract 5E-Electrical Work

Separate sealed proposals for contract No. 5G-General Construction and/or No. 5E-Electrical Work for the construction of water system improvements for Water District No. 1 of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, consisting of the following work:

**CONTRACT NO. 5G-General** construction of a pump station and site work. Work includes building construction, piping and pump installations.

**CONTRACT NO. 5E-Electrical** Work including electrical service, lighting, receptacles, and motor controls for a pump station.

will be received by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, at its office in the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, until 2:00p.m. (Local time)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

on Wednesday, October 15, 1986, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Plans and specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., Consulting Engineers, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above addresses.

A deposit of \$50.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders, which sum will be refunded only to those submitting a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the

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return, in good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified clerk in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board.

The bidder to whom the contract

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may be awarded shall attend at the said opening place of the said bids, with the sureties offered by him, within seven (7) days after the date of notification of the acceptance of his proposal, and there sign the contract for the work in triplicate. In case of failure to do so, or in case of his failure to give further security as herein prescribed, the bidder will be considered as having abandoned the same, and the certified check or other bid security accompanying his proposal shall be forfeited to the Town.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEW YORK.**

CAROLYN LYONS  
Town Clerk

Dated: August 13, 1986  
(August 20, 1986)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NY Lien & Recovery Corp., R.A. Felder Lic. Auctr. NO.793917 will sell to satisfy liens on 8/26/86 at 10 a.m.: '77 Toyota, KE30149800; '72 Dump-truck, 106720H233432; '75 International, 0062E6D2178; '52 Link-belt Crane, 87302 at 707 3rd St., Albany, NY Re-J. Doe, all interested parties may call 718-767-5999, H.M. Kelly; '81 Tractor, 1HTL23270DGA-21255 at POB 422 Palatine Bridge, NY Re-C. Severs, Veteri Transport, Stryker Tams & Dill, Navistar Finan.

(August 20, 1986)

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**1580 NEW SCOTLAND, SLINGERLANDS** dishes, woodstove, infant clothes, and toys, misc.

**92 HUDSON AVE** 8/23, 9-5 Avon baby clothes to adult, bike, miscellaneous.

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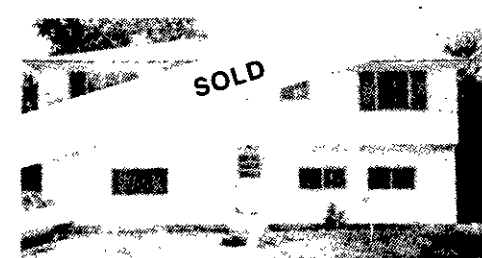
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# Obituaries

## Dorothy Andrews

Dorothy Tiffany Andrews, 61, of Joslin Ave., Voorheesville, a former secretary for the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, died Monday.

She was born in Glenfield, Lewis County, and was a resident of Voorheesville since 1956.

She was a 1941 graduate of General Martin High School in Glenfield, and attended the Utica School of Commerce.

She was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of Utica during the 1940's. She was employed as a secretary for 14 years at the First United Methodist church, and she was a bookkeeper at her husband's Mobil station in Voorheesville from 1978 until it was sold in 1985.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. She was the church's membership secretary, a member of its memorials committee, and a treasurer of the United Methodist Women of the church.

Survivors include her husband,

Robert S. Andrews; a daughter, Mary Ellen Burns of Hampton; a son, Robert Andrews, Jr., of Baltimore, Md.; and two brothers, Donald Tiffany of Glenfield and Harold Tiffany of Glenfield.

Burial was in Old Glendale Cemetery in Glenfield. Arrangements were by Reilly and Son Funeral Home of Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the memorial fund of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

## Emerson Hallenbeck

Emerson J. Hallenbeck, 68, of Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, a Navy veteran of World War II, died Aug. 14.

Born in Knox, he was a resident of the Capital District all his life. He was a resident of Voorheesville for many years.

He was a retired operating engineer for Callahan Industries in Ravena. He was a member of Local 106, Operating Engineers of Albany.

He was a member of the

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493.

He leaves his wife, Peggy Hallenbeck; a daughter, Dona Wyant of Carrollton, Ga.; a son, Ronald E. Hallenbeck of Voorheesville; his mother, Julia Hallenbeck of Voorheesville; three sisters, Florence Hallenbeck of Voorheesville, Margie Laskowski of East Greenbush, and Kathryn Hood of Cary, N.C.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in New Salem. Arrangements were by Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

## Raymond D. Purrott

Raymond D. Purrott, 55, of Schenectady, died Sunday, Aug. 17.

Born in Feura Bush, he was a life-long resident of the Capital District.

He was an auto mechanic for Newells Auto Service in Albany for 25 years and he retired in 1976.

He leaves four sisters, Emma Karins of Albany, Catherine Odum of Schenectady, Estelle MacGregor of Schenectady, and Harriet Vroman of Westerlo; and a brother, James W. Purrott of Colonie.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Gunderland. Arrangements were by Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home of Albany.

## Angelo Rapa

Angelo Rapa, 83, of Selkirk, a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena, died Aug. 14.

He was born on the island of Malta.

He was a self-employed painter.

Survivors include his wife, Hermania Kondas Rapa; two sisters, Johnna Rapa and Angela Borg of Malta; and many nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were by Chicorelli Funeral Home of Ravena.

## Chauncey Parker, Jr.

Chauncey Hobart Parker, Jr., 65, of Delmar, a retired Army sergeant, died Aug. 6.

He was born in Albany.

An Army sergeant for 20 years, he was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Kerr Parker; three daughters, Melodie Lord of

Hoag's Corners, Carolyn Dearstyn of Sound Beach, L.I., and Sharon Parker of Colville, Wash.; two sons, James Parker of New Orleans, La., and Robert Parker, Ph.D., of Boston; his mother, Beatrice Cochrane Parker Alger of Selkirk; a brother, Mahlon Parker of Baltimore, Md.; and two grandchildren.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

## Arthur J. Dubuque

Arthur Joseph Dubuque, 85, of Martin Rd., Voorheesville, a communicant of St. Matthew's Church, died Aug. 9.

A resident of Voorheesville for several years, he was also a resident of Elm Ave., Selkirk, and Elsmere Ave., Delmar.

He was a self-employed plumber in Colonie.

He leaves his wife, Altha Rocque Dubuque; five daughters, Mary Ellen Warman of Palm Beach, Fla., Doris Santore of Gunderland, Nancy Carty of Palm Beach, Fla., Shirley Cramer of Voorheesville, and Jane Shufelt of Voorheesville; two sons, Arthur Dubuque of Voorheesville and Lewis Dubuque of Stuyvesant Falls; three sisters, Sadie Myers of

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Colonie, Edith Keller of Sabastion, Fla., and Marilyn LeGere of Sabastion, Fla.; two brothers, Ralph Dubuque of Grand Isle, Vt., and Marschal Dubuque of Sabastion, Fla.; 26 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie. Arrangements were by Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home of Voorheesville.

**Page W. Sperry Jr.**

Page W. Sperry Jr., 59, of Hyde Park, died Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Born in Albany, he was a resident of Delmar before moving to Hyde Park.

He was a veteran of World War II, and served in the Navy.

He was a retired sales representative for Borden Co. of New Jersey and Dutchess County.

He was a committeeman for the Hyde Park Republican Club, a member of the Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Rhinebeck Lodge 432 F and AM, a former member of the Hyde Park Zoning Board, and former committee member of the Boy Scouts of America.

He leaves his wife, Gwenth

Planck Sperry; three daughters, Beth Hagy of Williamsburg, Va.; Pamela Bendyk of Clinton Hollow; and Lou Ann Nicolato of Highland; a son, P. Wesley Sperry of Highland; and a brother, Philip C. Sperry of Guilderland.

Burial was in Union Cemetery in Hyde Park. Arrangements were by Sweets Funeral Home in Hyde Park.

**Melvin T. Reinisch**

Melvin T. Reinisch, 70, of Elm Ave., Selkirk, a former machinist at the Watervliet Arsenal, died Aug. 11.

He was born in Albany.

He was a member of the Sheehy-Palmer VFW Post 6776 of Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Rose Reinisch; a daughter, Peggy Barkman; a son, Andrew T. Reinisch; three sisters, Helen Prusick of Selkirk, Luella Franz of Selkirk and Jeanette Green of Selkirk; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Dreis Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service.

**Correction**

Florence Newell of Glenmont was a friend of the late Theodore A. Goodrich of Glenmont, who died on Aug. 3. In the Aug. 13 issue of *The Spotlight*, she was incorrectly identified as a friend of Amie Beth Sherman of Elsmere, who died Aug. 7.

**Westerlo man charged**

A Westerlo man was expected to appear in Bethlehem Town Court Tuesday on charges of driving while intoxicated after an incident at about 8 p.m. Saturday, Bethlehem Police said.

Donald J. Tambasco, Jr., 28, of Westerlo, was charged with felony DWI, resisting arrest and reckless endangerment following the incident, police said. He was arraigned that night before Town Justice Roger Fritts and sent to Albany County Jail.

Tambasco was driving west on Delaware Ave., near Kenwood Ave., when he stopped his vehicle and told his female passenger to get out. Police said a witness to the event asked the female passenger if she needed assistance as another vehicle, driving east on Kenwood Ave., attempted to avoid the passenger and the witness in the

road, and hit the curb. Tambasco then started attacking the witness, police said.

When Bethlehem Police officers arrived on the scene, Tambasco became loud and uncooperative until he was placed under arrest, according to police reports.

There were no injuries reported in the incident, police said.

**Accident on 9W**

A Selkirk woman received facial injuries at about 3:45 p.m. Friday when the vehicle she was driving slid into the rear of a Mack truck on Rt. 9W, Bethlehem Police reported.

Margaret E. Stanley, 61, of Selkirk, was transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital, where she was treated and later released, a hospital spokesman said.

The Mack truck was stopped on Rt. 9W, waiting to make a left hand turn into a service station, police said. Stanley said she attempted to stop but slid into the back of the truck.

**Funfest for all ages**

Funfest '86, a "senior showcase for all ages" sponsored by the Senior Service Centers of Albany, will be held on Aug. 24 from noon until 8 p.m. at the Empire State Plaza.

The event features three stages with entertainment for all ages and types, 57 food and craft booths with everything from hamburgers to egg rolls and rice, free balloons, pony rides, a parade with Tricentennial-inspired costumes, a fashion show, a magician, a drawing for a VCR and twilight dancing. Entertainment will run continuously all day with masters of ceremonies being popular TV and radio personalities.

**Flag football**

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will conduct a fall flag football league for adults residing in the Town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District. Anyone interested in participating or officiating may call Jim Giaccone at 439-7610 or the Parks and Recreation office at 439-4131, prior to Aug. 31.

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### Crow Ridge rescue

Editor, The Spotlight:

Few persons have had more varied experiences in life than my husband, Carl Baumbach. After serving the Albany Board of Education for fifty years, first as a music teacher, being a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, and after the war as supervisor of Audio Visual Education, he suffered a stroke two months before retiring. He enlisted in the Signal Corps in 1942 and served in the Pacific area under General MacArthur. I hope and urge him to write a short book about this phase of his life.

This saga begins with a command appearance at the Emergency room of St. Peter's hospital for myself issued by my family doctor, Hugh L. Bowman, on Thursday. A cardiogram early in the morning and read by Dr. Adrian W. Grubs indicated that I was facing a possible heart attack. After approximately three hours of monitoring, testing, examination by my specialist, Dr. Royal Gay, and after much pleading to go home, he reluctantly consented with the understanding that I "rest in bed" for one week!

On reaching home, my son Mark replaced me in the kitchen and prepared supper. He went to the bedroom to summon his father. It was empty and further searching did not locate Carl.

Fortunately a state trooper appeared in the driveway and questioned me about some shooting that had been heard in the woods across the road. That gave me a great opportunity to tell him that Carl could not be found. He contacted the proper persons and soon the search began, Mark and I staying up until midnight when the trooper advised us that the men would continue all night in their endeavor. Needless to say we had visions of terrible happenings. A very helpful lead was given by

the Gaudio children, Michael, Marcia and Christina, who told the investigator that they had seen Carl entering South Acres, the cul-de-sac across from their home, but they had left for church before seeing more of him.

Friday morning the troopers continued with the aid of search dogs, two horses and a helicopter. In the meantime, neighbors and people from the surrounding area came to my door to offer help (there were at least a dozen and about 28 phone calls). It was truly an exciting 24-hours that could rival one of Cecil B. DeMille's or D.W. Griffith's suspense dramas. The troopers, one at a time along with personnel from the department, kept us alerted intermittently with their progress and plans. They were wonderfully kind, understanding, considerate and efficient.

By dusk and prior to a torrential rain one of them came to me (I was surrounded by a group of well-wishers) and announced to my utter surprise that it wasn't bad news that he brought but good news. Carl had been found and appeared to be in good shape. Such rejoicing, I have never witnessed before! He drove with me down to the scene only about a half mile from our home where there had once been a path down a ravine and through the woods connecting a neighbor on South Acres with a family on Swift Road. Apparently, Carl had wished to explore it, but using a quad-cane for his less-dependable legs, he had slipped and fallen and was unable to get up.

Thanks to Jeannine and Michael Matuszek of Voorheesville, who had joined in the hunt, Carl was spotted. And thanks to God! As the trooper reminded me "Prayer is a great thing."

The Voorheesville ambulance was called and Carl is now being "checked over" at the Veterans Administration hospital.

My "rest in bed for one week" had a less-than-auspicious beginning, but as one trooper said, "All's well that ends well."

Our heart-felt thanks to those wonderful "men in grey," to Charles and AnnMarie Bowman, to the TV men with their cameras, to the newspaper reporters, and to

all who participated in restoring "Crow Ridge tranquility" that is the usual atmosphere here.

Ruth Woodin Baumbach  
Mark Hjalmar Baumbach  
New Scotland

### Query to candidates

Editor, The Spotlight:

The following letter has been sent to Bernard Kaplowitz, Gary Swan, Eugene Keeler, Shawn Marie Levine, Vincent Sheridan, and Nils Backlund and John Faso, who are all announced candidates for the NYS State Assembly in the 102nd District.

I am writing to you on behalf of concerned parents and residents in the Town of Bethlehem, particularly the 1,300 voters and a number of parent-teacher and neighborhood associations, who have signed petitions and resolutions opposing plans to locate the Northeast Psychiatric Hospital in close proximity to the Glenmont Elementary School of Rt. 9W.

As voters in the 102nd Assembly District, we are extremely interested in your views regarding this issue, as we feel it will jeopardize the safety of our children in their school environment. In addition, we would also like to know whether, if elected, you would be willing to sponsor legislation requiring that proposed psychiatric facilities be located at sites remote from existing elementary schools and playgrounds.

We hope to hear from you well in advance of the November election, and request that you reply by Sept. 1.

George Kaufman  
Concerned Citizens of Bethlehem  
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### Concert in Cohoes

Public radio station WAMC and the Cohoes Public Library will present a concert featuring The Butch Thompson Trio with special guest Charlie DeVore at the Cohoes Music Hall on Oct. 8 at 8 p.m.

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Kate Corbett, 10 months, gets her weekly diet of *The Spotlight*. She is the daughter of Connie and Michael Corbett of Selkirk.



### Food for thought

Editor, The Spotlight:

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It is often a toss-up whether the paper is read or "munched" first when it arrives each week!

Keep up your "tasty work."

Connie Corbett

Selkirk

### Family Asthma Program

Asthmatic children ages 6 to 13 and their parents are invited to participate in a family asthma program conducted by the Capital District Branch of the American Lung Association.

The six-evening program will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 15, 22 and 29 and October 6, 20, and 27 at Hudson Valley Community College.

Registration is required by Aug. 30. For information, call Karen Farone, 459-4197.

### Albany '37 reunion

Plans are being made for a dinner dance to be held at Shaker Ridge Country Club on Oct. 17 in celebration of the 50th reunion of the Albany High School Class of 1937. The group will hold a a planing meeting on Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rose and Kiernan Building on Western Ave. in Albany.

Interested class members who wish to attend may call 482-4230 or 439-3836.

### Netter appointed

Miriam M. Netter of Delmar has been appointed chairman of the New York State Bar Association's committee on membership.

A graduate of Brown University and Albany Law School, Netter is a partner in the Troy law firm of Pattison, Sampson, Ginsberg and Griffin.

She is a member of the New York State Bar Association's real property law and banking corporation, and business law sections, the Albany County and Rensselaer County Bar Associations, the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, the committee on character and fitness of the Third Judicial Department and the New York State Supreme Court. Netter is vice president and director of the Kidney Foundation Northeast New York Inc. and past president of the Legal Aid Society Northeastern New York.

## Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Edward J. Harrington of Feura Bush, a 1986 graduate of Bethlehem Central Senior High School, has joined the United States Navy and is stationed at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harrington.

Second Lt. Stephen T. Houston, son of retired Army Col. Darrell G. and Patricia T. Houston of 23 Ruxton Rd., Delmar, has graduated from the officer rotary wing aviator course and received the silver wings of an Army aviator at the U.S. Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Ala.

Staff Sgt. Michael T. Gagilardi, son of Alfred A. and Sandra L. VanAlstyne of Rural Route 144, Selkirk, has graduated from the Air Force non-commissioned officer leadership school at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. Gagilardi is a linguist with the 6917th Electronic Security Group in Italy.

Marine Lt. Anthony J. Mauro, son of Antonio Mauro of South Bethlehem, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific. Mauro participated in training exercises and civic action programs.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and University of La Verne in La Verne, Calif., Mauro joined the Marine Corps in 1976.

Airman 1st Class Darrel S. Murray recently participated in Global Shield '86, an exercise designed to enhance the readiness and ability of the Air Force Strategic Air Command.

He resides with his wife Katherine, the daughter of Thomas and Beatrice Cook of Glenmont.



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Colgate University — Christopher Oberheim, Slingerlands.

Scranton University — Christine Burke, Delmar.

## St. Lawrence scholars

Anne Mastromarchi of Slingerlands and Jennifer Hammer of Delmar have been named Trustee Scholars at St. Lawrence University.

Hammer, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, participated in debate, music, newspaper staff, yearbook staff, track and cross country and Varsity Club. She plans to major in government in college.

Mastromarchi graduated from Guilderland Central High School and was a member of National Honor Society and participated in dance and music (violin and piano). She is planning a multi-field major in college.

## Mendel elected

Ruth Mendel, a public information specialist for the Voorheesville Central School District and a correspondent for Capital Newspapers, has been elected vice president for ways and means of the Women's Press Club of New York.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McCall

## Kimberly Eldridge wed

Kimberly Jean Eldridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eldridge of Naples, Fla., and Matthew McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCall Jr. of Delmar, were married Aug. 9 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Kelly Eldridge, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Kristen Eldridge, Charisse Fijalkowski, Heidi Cohen, Dianna Prince and Julie Risika were attendants.

The groom's best man was Mike Callaghan, and Ed and Bob

McCall, brothers of the groom, Carmon Leone, Chip Schanz and Mike Eldridge, brother of the bride, were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of the State University College at Plattsburg and is presently an elementary school teacher for the Rochester City School District.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of the State University College at Plattsburg and works as a district manager for Automatic Data Processing.

The couple is residing in Rochester.

## On Academy board

Mr. and Mrs. David Cykoski of Glenmont were recently elected as new members of The Albany Academy Board of Trustees. Mr. and Mrs. Cykoski are immediate past presidents of the Albany Academy Fathers' and Mothers' Associations.

Harry P. Meislahn of Delmar was elected as vice president of the board. Meislahn is vice president of Norstar Bancorp in Albany. He was a member of the Albany Academy Class of 1956 and recently served as national chairman for the school's Capital Campaign.

## Kansas selected

Peter G. Kansas, M.D., of Delmar has been selected to serve as clinical investigator for the new NOVA Soft silicone intraocular lens program. The program is being conducted by Coopervision IOL, the country's largest manufacturer of intraocular lenses. Kansas will perform his surgery at Child's Hospital in Albany.

The clear soft lenses, which are surgically implanted, are used to restore vision to cataract patients.



Jeanne Shaw Berman, left, president of the Chadwick Square Park Association, and Phyllis Dorr, chairman of the association's beautification committee, were joined by residents of Chadwick Square as they raised an American flag that was donated by Julia Kelley in memory of her daughter, Elizabeth Kelly Downey. The beautification committee has raised funds to provide plantings around the community pool, hanging baskets of flowers on street signs and a 28-foot flag pole.

## Orchestra debuts

The Amadeus Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Findlay Cockrell will make its debut performance Sept. 6 at the University at Albany and on Sept. 7 at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady. The group will perform Mozart's 23rd, 24th and 25th piano concertos, with Cockrell as soloist.

The Sept. 6 program will begin at 8 p.m. in the State University's Main Theatre and the Sept. 7 performance commences at 2 p.m.

## O'Rourke at roast

Republican candidate for governor Andrew O'Rourke will be attending the Bethlehem G.O.P. outing and steak roast today (Wednesday) at Picard's Grove in New Salem. The event, which starts at 1 p.m., is expected to be of particular interest because of the Republican primary in the 102nd Assembly District.

The cost of the roast is \$30 and includes the usual clams, beer, hot dogs and steak dinner, as well as a special door prize, a Rider lawn mower.



## Community Corner

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The Delmar Fire Department, celebrating its 75th anniversary, will hold an Antique Fire Apparatus Muster Saturday at the Bethlehem Middle School.

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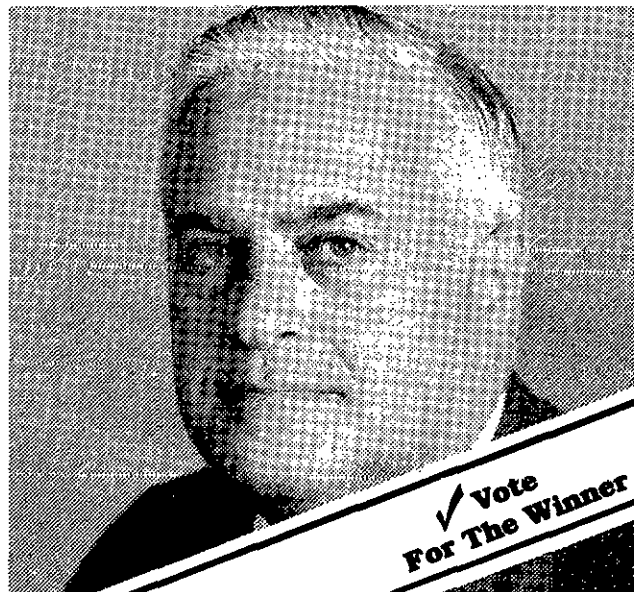
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## Back to School



*Our special supplement in this issue explores creative playgrounds, discovers creativity in students, talks about the issue of when children are ready for the classroom, and much, much more.*

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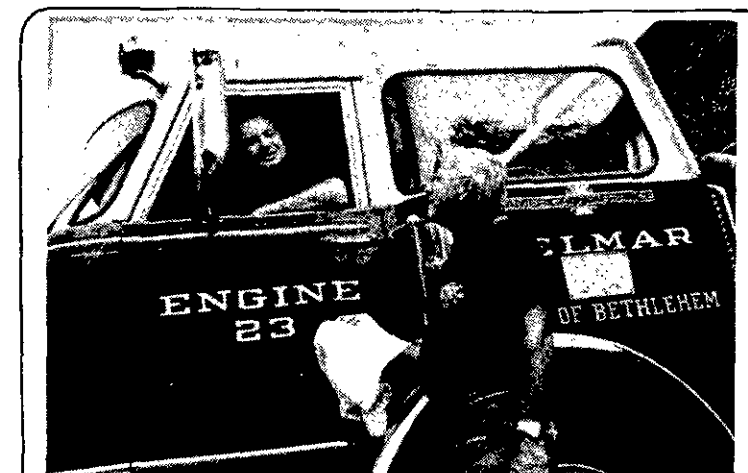
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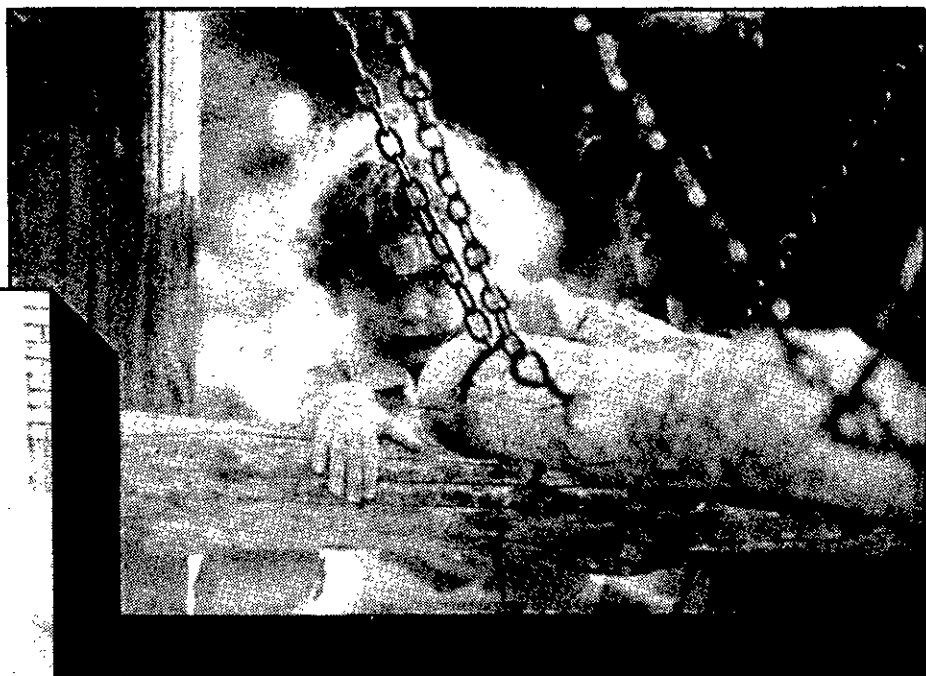
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# Knowing when to start a child in school

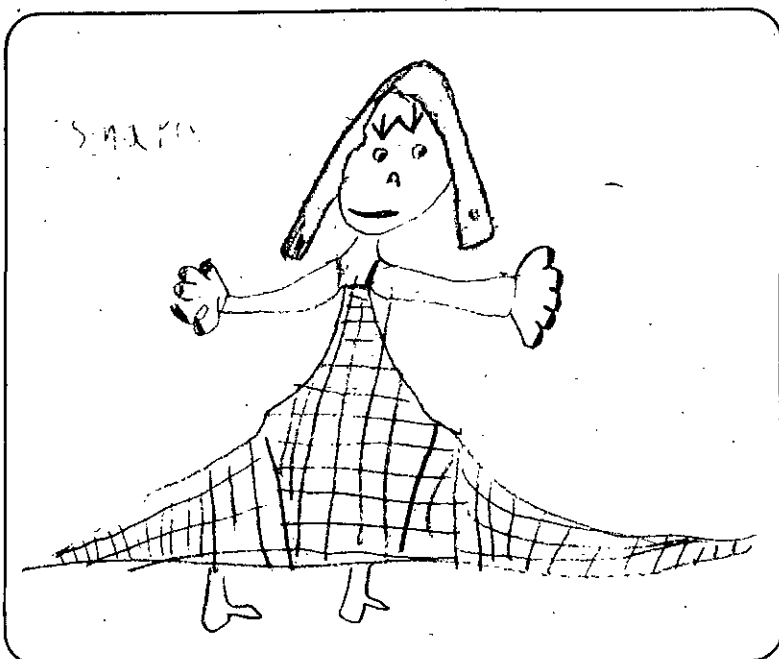
By Polly Hartman

"READY OR NOT, HERE I COME" he shouts, his face flushed and eager. There is an immediate hush — no crunch of sneakers on gravel, no children's voices. Full of confidence, the small boy charges forward and the age old game of "hide and seek" has begun. At a nearby picnic table sit the mothers, enjoying one of the lazy afternoons of late summer at Elm Avenue Park's playground.

Their conversation is about the usual topics: chicken pox outbreaks, back-to-school clothes and sign-ups for library story hours. But it takes on a less relaxed tone when one of the mothers says that her five year old will not be going to kindergarten in September.

Many factors affect the parent's decision to send a child to school. Ten years ago the school district's guidelines for the age of kindergarten entrance were adhered to with little deviation. A child must have his fifth birthday by Dec. 1. Now, an exhausting amount of information exists to define school readiness.

Bethlehem schools are taking a more active interest in kindergarten readiness this year. Parents who have been undecided about whether to enroll their child in kindergarten or not are candid in giving the reasons for their ultimate decision. The benefit?



Help now exists for parents of preschoolers as the kindergarten year approaches:

Still, the decision is a very personal one.

"I was an October baby and I remember not ever feeling ready," says one Delmar mother. She recalls that this affected her for many years. Her own experiences made her look very carefully at the readiness of her son, who has a November birthday. Although his nursery school teacher felt that he was ready to go on to kindergarten, the mother felt that her child tended to "hold back" in a group situation.

The mother also listened to a teacher who commented that one could always identify the "November boys" from day one even in middle school. They were less mature and unable to handle the work load and responsibilities. Looking ahead to the high school years where competition is keen, this mother decided her son could wait another year. That was several years ago. Today she says, "I'm very happy that I made that decision."

"I couldn't have kept her home if I wanted to" is the immediate response of another area mother

whose daughter turned five last October and did go to kindergarten. "Not for a second did I doubt that she was ready. She is a very social person and I felt that her behavior was consistent with the expectations of kindergarten teachers. She is motivated, cooperative and also had academic skills. She has done very well."

"Each group from infant nursery on up differs from the preceding one in expectations and goals according to the children's developmental level," says Patricia Swanson, co-director and founder with Eleanor Howell of the Bethlehem Pre-school in Glenmont. "The move is to start them early and push them ahead, but that is not necessary. You cannot change the child's age. Only time and living and experience and training can help him develop."

Ultimately it is the parents' decision whether to send a child ahead, but the pre-school staff looks at various aspects of behavior before recommending the move to kindergarten. The 11-year-old school has separate rooms for each age group from small infants in cribs on through toddlers and pre-schoolers to kindergarten.

One area that is looked at is the participation of the child. Often immature children will "flit all over the place" or conversely be withdrawn from the group. Another readiness characteristic is coordination. Does the child have adequate fine motor skills, such as the ability to write his name or cut out with scissors?

Can the child sit still at "circle" or "storytime"? Attention span is an important readiness character-

istic. If the child does not seem mature the school will recommend that he or she be kept in the four-year-old group for another year.

4+ is the name of the class at the Bethlehem Community Church pre-school on Elm Avenue for children eligible by birthdate for kindergarten or who have just missed the cutoff date for public school. Director Karen Ainsworth is a strong supporter of the Gesell Institute's developmental approach to readiness. She recently completed a training course at the institute, which qualifies her to administer the Gesell readiness test to her students.

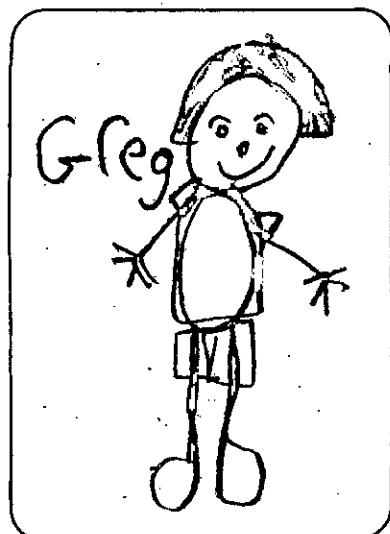
Ainsworth finds that the test results usually are consistent with classroom impressions. In order to fit comfortably into a kindergarten setting, pre-schoolers taking this screening should test at a 4½ to 5-year level the spring before kindergarten entrance.

"Kindergarten is not what it used to be," says Ainsworth. "There is more sitting and more content in the expectations. You can have the brightest child but the hand coordination and

maximum of 18 children, who have turned five by Sept. 1. Jerry Teresi, the pre-K teacher, explains that the school is offering this grouping in response to the needs of the community.

"The children were observed by their parents in a group setting and were noted to have a lower than average attention span and were easily dominated by others," she explained. "They were generally not assertive, tended to 'melt into the wall.' They also seemed to be less interested in academic areas than their peers." Increased socialization will be a major goal as well as increasing listening skill and strengthening vocabulary through social studies, science and pre-creative writing.

The name considered synonymous with research in school readiness is the Gesell Institute of Child Development in New Haven, Conn. Louise Bates Ames and Frances L. Ilg, co-directors of the institute, say in their book *Your Five Year Old: Sunny and Serene*, "Birthday or chronological age is no guarantee of readiness for school. Our position is that the child's behavior age, not his



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maturity may not have developed. Parents usually can tell when their child is not really ready to go on. Some children just need extra emotional time and extra developmental time."

For the first time, Tri-Village Nursery School, one of the oldest nursery schools in the area, is offering a "Pre-K" class this fall. This transitional class will enroll a

birthday age, should determine the time of school entrance and subsequent promotion." The Gesell research shows that behavior age can be tested. A child can be bright for his age. At the same time he can be young for his age. A high I.Q. does not guarantee school readiness.

The Gesell research also says that one cannot hurry or speed up the time at which a child walks or talks or is ready to read and write and adjust to the demands of a school situation. The best environment, the best food, the finest teaching, the most loving care will not make a child do any of these things until he is fully ready.

Gordon M. Ambach, commissioner of education for the State of New York, has a different view. "The time is ripe for nationwide action to expand early childhood education for four year olds," he wrote recently.

In his *Christian Science Monitor* article Ambach cites a five-year study conducted in New York which shows that children in the program had an advantage when they entered kindergarten over children without this early start.

According to Edward B. Fiske in the April *New York Times* education supplement, "the push

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Custodian Gary Powers' shiny floors reflect the sunshine at a side entrance to Slingerlands Elementary School.

## Why kids take a shine to Slingerlands school

By Lorraine C. Smith

Although no such honor has been officially established, the 1984 Murphy's Oil Soap plaque for "Best-Kept School Award" was presented to Slingerlands School maintenance foreman Gary Powers and Principal David Murphy.

The award was presented during the Bethlehem Central Board of Education's annual election day tour of school facilities. Perhaps the board remembered its tea party the year before.

"David Murphy bragged that his boiler room was so clean you could eat off the floors," recalls Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business. "So that everyone could see it, they set up coffee and donuts there. It was newly painted, everything was in top shape."

Board member Sheila Fuller picks up the story: "There it was, in the basement of their school, linen tablecloths and napkins, and we had coffee and danish. Each year Slingerlands has something clever to offer."

Fuller remains impressed with Powers' quiet pride in his work. "I have always complimented Gary in the school. He says 'thank you' and continues on."

The Slingerlands story began, recalls Assistant Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews, when Powers' part-time work for the Educational Services Center had been noted as a continuous example of meticulous effort. When Murphy became principal at Slingerlands and a full-time maintenance position became available at his school, Powers was available.

"It is an accepted fact that Gary Powers is a person who spent a lot of effort in his job," McAndrews explained. "David Murphy has long been recognized for his interest in having a model

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# RCS: Middle school invites student tours

By Robert DeSarbo  
Principal

Tomorrow is Sept. 3. It's my first day in the middle school. I won't know anyone. I'll get lost. What happens if I can't find my room or I'm late to class or I can't open my locker? I know I'll miss my bus. I wish I were staying in fifth grade.

Each year children face these fears as they begin sixth grade. What is done to help students cope? At the RCS Middle School we are constantly examining ways to make the transition from the elementary to the middle school easier for our students.

There are two wings in the middle school, one for sixth and one for seventh grade students. Sixth graders stay together for classes in their own areas as much as possible. On the basis of faculty input, the lunch hour is scheduled to allow only sixth graders to eat and socialize together.

We have a students orientation day in which we invite all the incoming students to tour the building, meet teachers and

administrators. We have a special time after the tour for students to ask the principal any questions they might have. Also, there is a Parent Orientation day where parents are invited to tour the building and meet with the administrators. Parents are informed of the course of study their child will be taking, as well as the responsibilities that will be placed upon them.

The doors are open all summer and we welcome parents and students to familiarize themselves with the building.

As sixth graders our students take math, science, social studies, English, music, art, technologies and health. Seventh and eighth graders take the four basics plus home and career skills, technology and foreign language. Accelerated eighth graders take Earth Science and Math Course I. We also offer a Jazz Ensemble for our musically talented students.

A high emphasis is placed on academics and we enlist the aid of parents to help us with the task of

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Robert DeSarbo

## A Voorheesville welcome

By O. Peter Griffin  
Principal  
and Terence F. Barlow  
Assistant Principal

By Sept. 4, students entering Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will already have considerable contact with their new school and teachers.

Back in February these students, as sixth graders, were accompanied by teachers to the high school auditorium to participate in and be part of the audience for our annual spelling bee. This event

involved students from grades 6, 7 and 8. In addition to being a popular sixth grade event, the spelling bee provides an opportunity for sixth graders to visit the auditorium of the Junior-Senior High School and see their future teachers.

During the spring of this year Ms. Barbara Blumberg, the junior high guidance counselor, made several visits to the sixth grade classes. During these visits Ms. Blumberg gave an introductory

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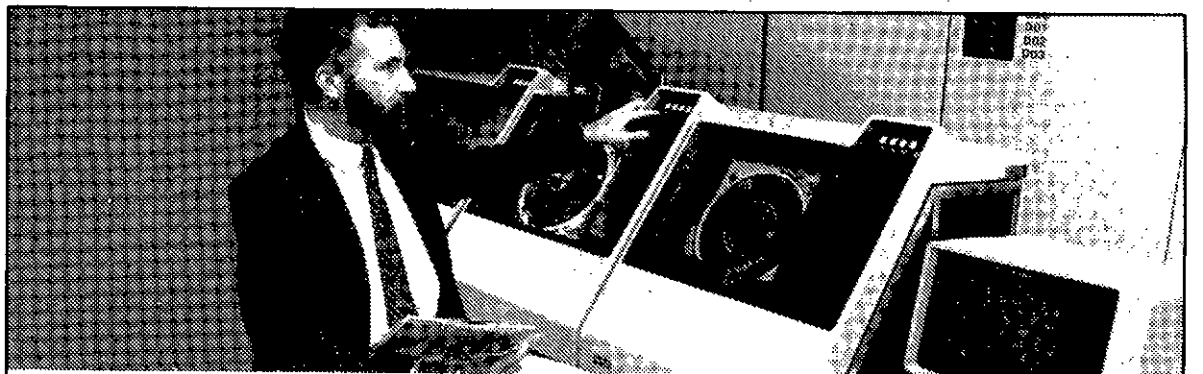
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**By Michael V. Farley**

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Instead of panicking at the last minute, we welcome students of all levels to become acquainted

with the Bethlehem Public Library early in the year and discover the variety of ways we can help them study.

The card catalog is probably the most apparent and popular access point to our collection. In it, you can find all the materials of the Reference, Adult and Juvenile sections of the library, as well as part of the Media Center.

The Reference Department is the place to look for hard facts and figures. Encyclopedias are a

valuable source for general information on the states, foreign countries, history, science, social studies and much more. Indexes make it possible to locate articles in magazines and newspapers, or poems and short stories in collections. Almanacs have the facts on world's records, geographic statistics, population, government, important people and events of the year. In-depth treatment of people and places are covered in a wide variety of biographical encyclopedias and atlases.

The Children's Room is the ideal place to get grade school students started on those perennial projects about Iroquois long-houses or Colonial America. There is a well-maintained reference area aimed especially at the younger student, including two different encyclopedias devoted to animals. The older student shouldn't neglect the Children's Room because non-fiction books are chosen that clearly and simply explain difficult concepts with a well-organized text and helpful illustrations.

The Bethlehem Public Library tries to stay in tune with the curriculum of the school system. We put high demand books for assignments on one week loan to maximize student access. We publish bibliographies and pathfinders on current hot topics. For the many parents involved in actively helping their children, we have a pamphlet called "Coping With Your Child's Research Projects."

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*Michael V. Farley is reference and periodicals librarian at Bethlehem Public Library. He received his Master of Library Science from the State University at Albany.*



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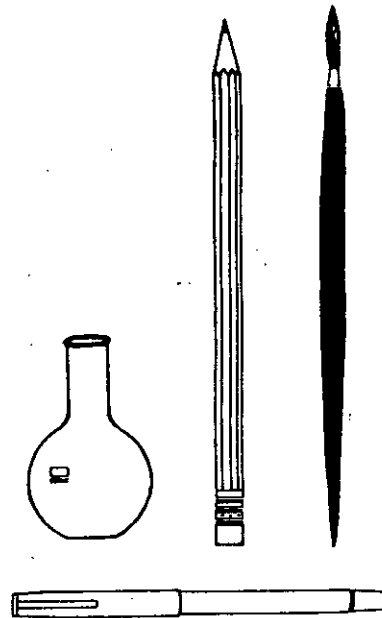
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In the nine years that Murphy and Powers have teamed together at the school, virtually everything has been repainted to a cheerful yellow or light green. Murphy at first would indicate the area he wanted cleaned and "Gary took over. He has his own system and he takes pride in each step of the way," said Murphy of Powers' yearly, monthly, weekly and daily maintenance routines.

Powers has methodically improved cleaning procedures. One conspicuous example is his use of a new acrylic floor finish. His weekly — rather than vacation only — schedule results in floors that shine year round. And everyone notices it.

The schools' landscaping and grounds reflect Powers' attention to detail as well; he mows the lawn higher — and more often — to keep the grass green, and weeds and edges the flower beds planted by some of the teachers. He admits to preferring the outside chores, but abides by his "list of priority things to be cleaned."

Powers requests the cooperation of teachers and students alike: their daily responsibility is to pick papers up from the floor, and put the chairs on the tables at the end of the day. Principal Murphy



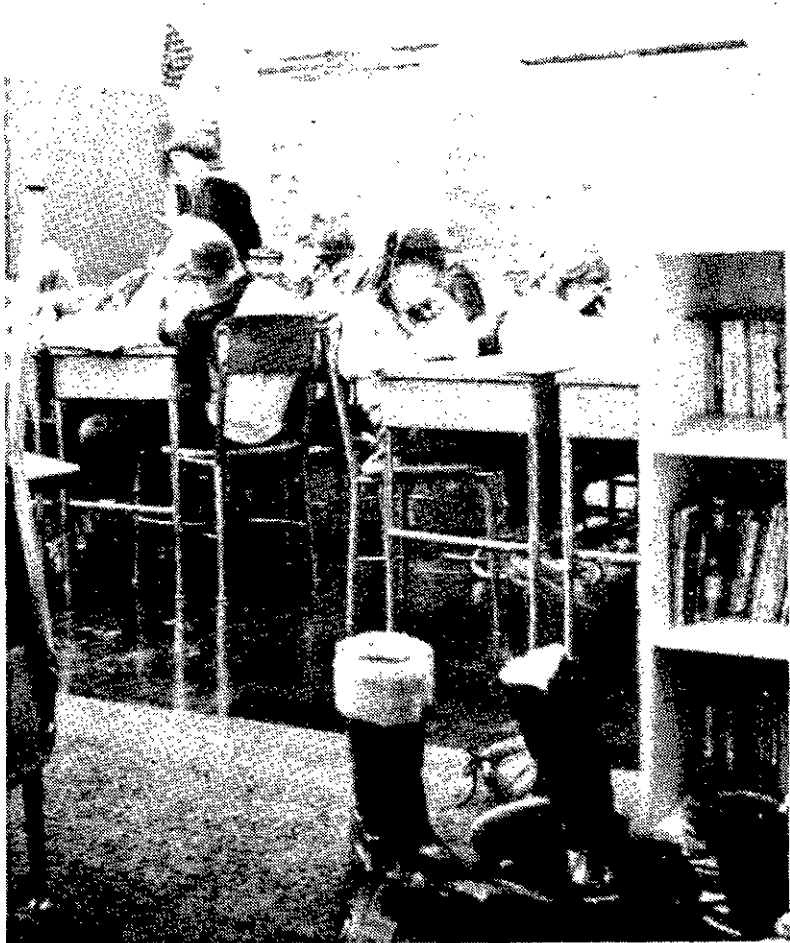
encourages this participation. "We want the kids to have a real part in it. We talk to them about picking up papers — it just shouldn't be. So they help take care of their room and it becomes a nice clean place to be. The whole thing then takes care of itself." On muddy days, the lunch room aides remind the students to play on the black top.

Powers also engineers all moving projects — classrooms, storage facilities, service areas — and he is always ready with "a plan," "an idea" in special activities such as the art show exhibits. Third grade teacher Mignonne Philips recalls Powers' involvement in the Olympics of the Mind sessions: "We would want to plan a project and would run into problems. 'Call Gary,' someone would say. He always has an idea. He's helpful, and he's always there for us."

Gary Powers, a '72 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School with an Associate in Arts degree from Junior College of Albany is quiet, shy — almost embarrassed with the compliments that come his way. He'll admit that people will comment on the school's appearance. "Things look nice, the floors look shiny, they'll say — the parents, not the kids," he laughs.

He modestly admits to only doing his job, and considers it as such, day by day: "You never seem to finish, you no sooner clean something then you turn around and its time to do it again." He readily acknowledges that he "kind of cringes when he (Mr. Murphy) suggests we move a room," and his favorite teachers are those whose rooms look unused at the end of the day. Powers listed his thorough summer cleaning steps: removing everything from the room, washing the blinds, the lights, removing fingermarks from the furniture, scrubbing the floors... and invited inspection of the completed rooms.

With the award, the boiler room tea party, the words of appreciation that come his way, does he realize he's doing an outstanding job? The private, soft-spoken custodian-excellent shrugs. "People tell me things seem to look nice here."



Students at Slingerlands Elementary School hard at work. The boots in the mudroom area are their way of helping keep the school clean.

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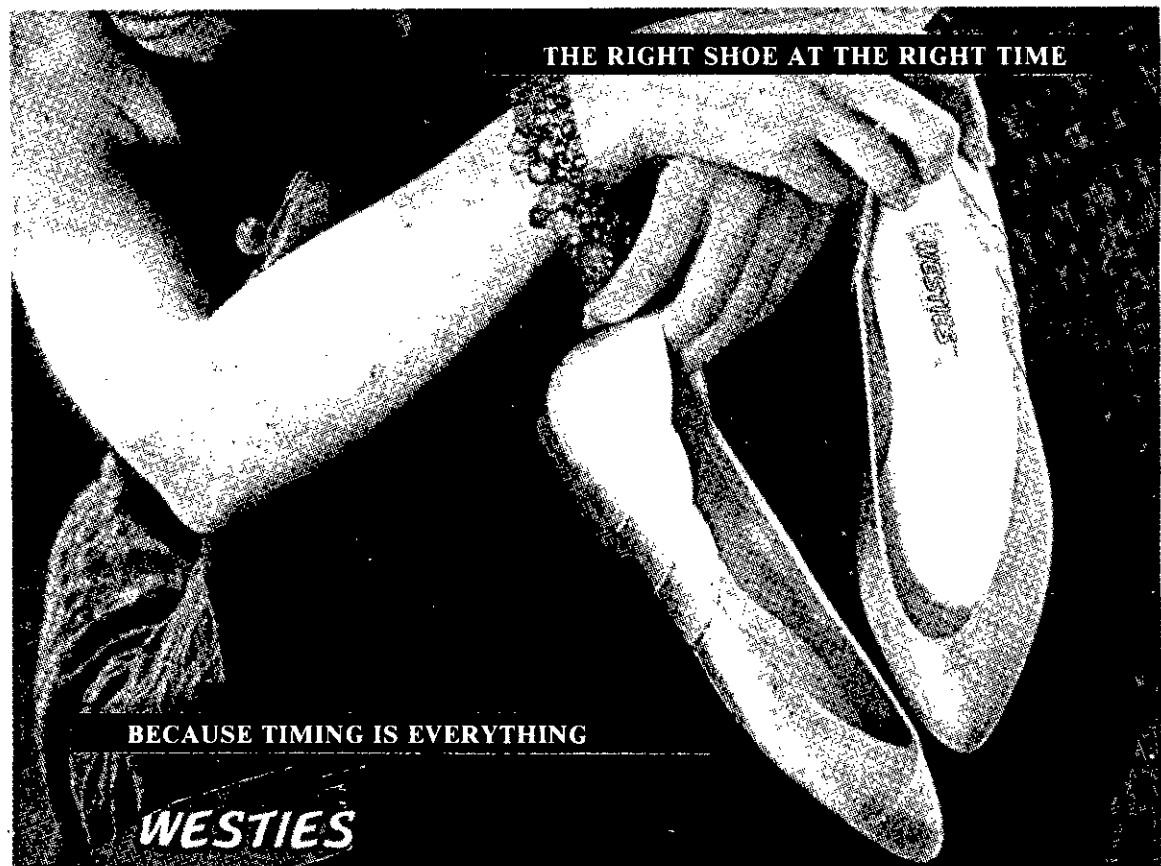
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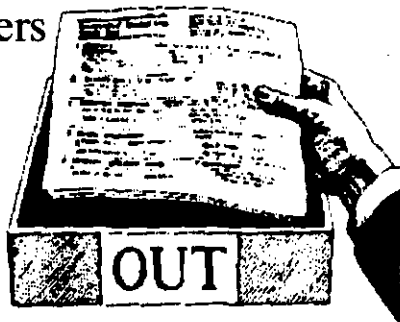
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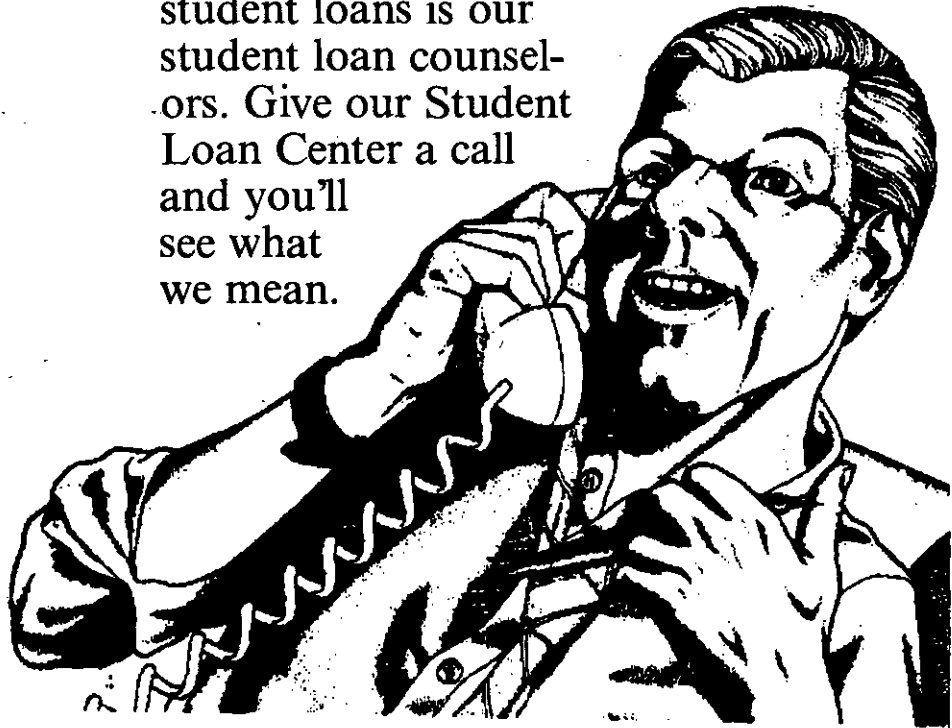


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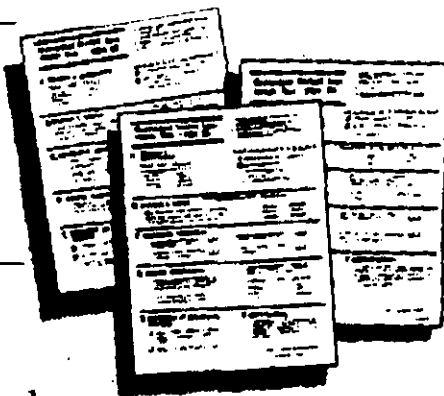
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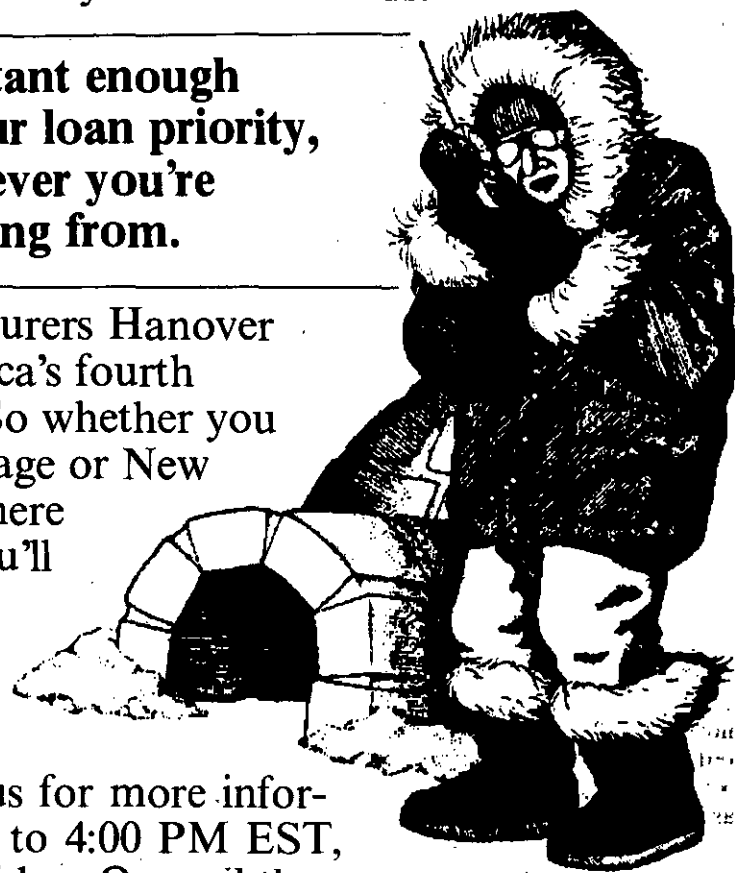


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# Museums, libraries have lifelong roles

With the population today rapidly graying on one end and booming on the other, with an almost overwhelming volume of new information being generated each minute, and with formal education raising the expectations of citizens, learning new skills and ideas has become a lifelong necessity and a major leisure time activity.

As a result, libraries, museums, and other cultural institutions have become more widely accepted participants in the educational process, often developing unique approaches to the special educational needs of young children, parents, the elderly and other special populations.

Museums and historical societies have become places where parents and children learn together how to interpret what they see, where several generations share resources for genealogical research, where ordinary people share creative experiences with extraordinary artists. At museums and discovery centers, the specific needs of young children are recognized by providing creative learning environments which stimulate the senses and generate early excitement about learning. From the Manhattan Children's Museum's hands-on exhibits, to the Rochester Museum Gannett Pre-School Program, to the State Museum's integrated arts program approach museums nurture the sense of curiosity and wonder in the very young child that is the basis for successful lifelong learning experiences.

The educational impact of radio and television also is being more carefully studied and channelled. "Sesame Street," for example, had a viewing audience last fall of 14 million, and studies have shown that, by age five, children who are frequent viewers of "Sesame Street," compared with those who aren't, have higher reading, math and language development skills and more readily accept different ethnic backgrounds.

The State's 750 public libraries, more than simply storehouses for information, also are places that actively teach both basic educational and survival skills—from computer skills, reading, and job search strategies to

effective parenting, financial planning, and personal growth techniques. They also offer convenient programs and resources that bring generations together to learn from and with one another. Each year, more than 1,135,000 pre-kindergarten children are served by New York's libraries through such programs as the following:

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*Prepared by the New York State Education Department.*

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**Laura Munyan**, Voorheesville, junior, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School: "Virginia Whelden, English, 10th grade, is one of my favorite teachers because she could relate to us. She would wear jeans and come to the basketball games — it made her seem more like us. She would trust us with more responsibility than some of the other teachers."



**Pauline Mayo**, Coeymans Hollow, senior, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High: "Betty Faxon, phys-ed, was like a friend to most of her students. She was always there to give encouragement. She coached girls soccer to 'a decade of champions.'"

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# Enhancing the high school years

By Tania Stasiuk

High school is a time of learning both academically and in the extracurricular world. Students who want to be involved in their future can do many things from freshman year to graduation to ensure a fun four years, as well as happiness afterwards.

The key to success during my high school career has been threefold: a solid academic schedule, active involvement in a variety of after-school projects and learning to accept guidance. This has helped me to learn about myself and others during four years at Bethlehem Central High School. The same keys will play important roles in the lives of the college-bound members of the class of 1990 and also in those who are going straight into the job market.



Tania Stasiuk

Although long and short-term goals will change over four years as each student changes, if a solid

base of achievement has been established from the first day of high school, it is easier to recognize what to look forward to, as well as what to avoid. Such a base also helps students recognize those achievements in the form of greater possibilities in college and job markets.

Outside of the academic world, students are bombarded with choices. Which clubs are best? What about sports? How can kids fit in with other academic and social cliques? Because of individual likes and needs, none of these questions has a "right" answer. During my freshman year, my only after-school involvements were managing cross-country and running junior varsity outdoor track. I remain happy with my choices because my few responsibilities outside of the classroom gave me extra time and made the adjustment to harder schoolwork easier. I have many friends, however, who would have lost a great deal without participating in other after-school clubs during freshman year.

Well planned, four-year schedules of extracurricular activity can only enhance high school experiences. Whether involving singing, painting, mathematical skills or leadership responsibilities, interaction outside of the classroom is fun and rewarding. My out-of-

class work helped me to meet friends in other classes and schools, to learn that I am not interested in certain careers, taught me to take pride in my achievements while recognizing those of others, and taught me to budget my time well. I know that I have learned more about interaction with others after school than I ever did while with a teacher.

While diversity is a good thing to strive for, over commitment is an easy trap to fall into. From experience, as well as talks with guidance counselors, college acceptance boards and friends, I have learned that there is such a thing as too much involvement. It is more important to become involved with a few things and to focus on them than it is to skip lightly over a great number of activities. There is no faster way to create pressure on a single student, as well as to get others angry who are more committed, than to take on too large an extracurricular load.

Students who can find several diverse, interesting and fun activities to become involved in are already one step ahead of the rest. The best aspect of after-school organizations, especially for freshmen and sophomores, is that they provide a link to classmates outside of usual academic and social circles.



Instead of being restricted to old friends, students can meet new kids and learn about the club or sport they are trying and also about what might interest them in the future.

For the upper classes, clubs provide opportunities to broaden a student's interests. For example, a friend of mine was an avid field hockey player. She tried running for one season and enjoyed it as much. She plans to continue running in college. Some people learn of physical talents, while others discover skills in music, politics and more.

Work outside the classroom can also help students learn about fields they might not be interested in. I was seriously considering a career of working with the handicapped, so I tried involvement in a group called Volunteers for the Developmentally Disabled, which works with area people who have mental handicaps. Now, three years later and as the ex-president of the club, I am glad that I tried it. Although I know now that my career does not lie in that field, I realize that I grew by giving of my time and by meeting the other club members.

Extracurricular goals that each student sets should be simple and challenging, yet not impossible to achieve. Colleges look for dedication and peers respect those who make positive choices. Such perseverance can also help students learn to make better long-term decisions.

High school can be even more rewarding once a student has accepted that most kids do not know as much as those more experienced. The guidance counselors at BCHS worked with me to plan a course load that was challenging and interesting and which helped me to gain acceptance to my first choice college. My older peers especially, as well as some teachers, gave me more guidance than could the best psychiatrist about interacting with other kids. Even parents can help with ideas about courses and clubs that might interest students — after all, they have LIVED with the students. Guidance comes from a number of sources and learning to accept suggestions gracefully is an important aspect of the high school experience.

The best part of high school is being able to experiment. If a student's courses are solid and if he can keep his grades to a level which will help him to achieve his long-term goals, then after-school activities are an important aspect of growth. Work out of class can help kids learn to like themselves and others. Self-assurance combined with solid learning and interaction is what high school is all about.

Tania Stasiuk graduated this spring as an honors student from Bethlehem Central High School and will be attending Dartmouth College this fall. She has written for *The Spotlight* for the past four years.

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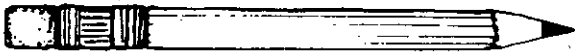


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# College years: finding the real prizes

By Andrew F. Hall

College is a place to grow up, albeit at a much more leisurely pace than for those forced to seek employment right out of high school.

The financial burdens associated with self-sufficiency are deferred to the benefit of personal experimentation, growth and definition; however, this luxury is often overlooked by those who just want to get through four years with a modest GPA or others who see free time as an excuse for intoxication. Granted, experimentation with drugs may be in vogue in self-discovery circles; these transient thrills do not make the person.

Ostensibly, coursework is the crux of the college experience, but the challenge of diverse student thought is a primary confrontation that provokes more thought and agonizing than most professors ever will. The spectrum of beliefs brought together in a university setting can be unsettling for even the Jerry Falwell disciple. Friendly discourse can bring to question anything and everything you were ever taught to think or believe in school, church, or at home.

Studies teach a person to think more critically and in new ways. Much is to be garnered without the bounds of academia, however. The pre-med who has wanted to be a surgeon since before she could say "spaghetti" with the 's' before, rather than after the 'p', may focus too hard on the 4.0 GPA to the detriment of her bedside manner, never having the time to argue or play with the vast resource of humanity that surrounds her.

Taking on responsibility is an important part of feeling more in control of life. After a year in a dorm with "maid service" and on a 20-meal plan, I decided to take charge of my surroundings and move into a cooperative where maintenance of the house and food preparation was the responsibility of the 20 people who chose to live there. After benefiting from three years of relative self-sufficiency, the list of acquired skills puts a pampered dorm-dweller to shame. Only a lucky few get to hone the skill of putting out a weekly dinner for 30 hungry students with a vegetarian option to boot! (Not to mention group problem solving and domestic repair jobs.)

In the spirit of adventure and independence, fostered by like-minded individuals in the coop, I chose to withdraw from school after three semesters to pursue only three modest ventures. My plans included developing an importing company for Bolivian alpaca goods which had been initiated while in school, doing neurobiology research at the New York State Department of Health, and writing a book about collecting animation artwork.

The job at the health labs worked out very well, to the



Andrew F. Hall and Baxter

detriment of my other "plans". I ended up pursuing truth for a full year, acquiring a focus for school that made my returning seem the only logical choice. I returned with a sense of direction and sufficient accomplishment in the lab to gain the recognition of the neurobiology faculty and positions in labs as a teaching assistant. In graduate course slots came easily, encouraging further interest.

By the end of the seventh semester, having taken all the courses relevant to my major and seeking a change, I chose to exploit my freedom. My last semester was spent studying oceanography — six weeks of intensive study at Woods Hole and six weeks aboard a 125-foot schooner performing research and

sailing. It was a unique opportunity to push physical and emotional limits, being responsible for my own well-being, as well as the safety of 34 other crew members. Sea Semester is one of the most intense intellectual and spiritual challenges I've encountered, made possible by the freedom of being a student.

College is not a race to commencement, but a time to take advantage. Opportunities abound for those without the burden of bills, job commitment and family responsibilities. Many are skeptical (or jealous) when someone decides to "take time off" or pursue off-campus studies, but it is probably the best option going (after the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines), and too often passed over by those on a strict four year track.

The lessons learned and advantages gained by spending a year trying out a potential career are innumerable and valuable. One sees first-hand what a life's work may hold. Practically, the experience strengthens a resume and creates contacts within a profession to better the likelihood of job placement. In addition, there are no tuition bills and often a stipend is involved. One drawback of leaving school is returning — after things start flowing naturally and proficiency sets in at the job, it's time to return to the classroom to be given irrelevant assignments and grades.

That's fine if a thirst for knowledge surpasses the anticipation of pursuing a profession, but it can seem a detour after an immersion into a personally satisfying internship.

Although some of the academics subsequent to an internship may seem remedial, courses in other areas can be rewarding as can so much of other goings-on around campus such as sports, dances, politics, concerts, times alone with a friend, or adventuresome recreation.

School is over now, for the time

being, but with degree in hand I have returned to the lab where things began 3 1/2 years ago. Keeping life simple, yet fulfilling seems a reasonable goal. Days at work manipulating physiological parameters of brains cells followed by a 10-mile run with my dog (acquired during my year off) to clear my brain is what the summer holds in anticipation of another productive "year off" prior to medical school. It is not a race, but many insist on running. What are the real prizes, anyhow?

Andrew F. Hall recently graduated from Brown University, magna cum laude. He has published several scientific papers in international journals and recently co-authored a chapter in a textbook.

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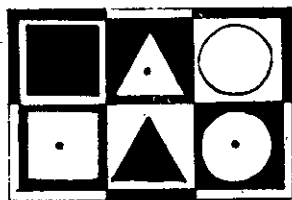
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# The transition for Bethlehem

By Frederick C. Burdick  
Principal

When school begins on Thursday, Sept. 4, over 825 boys and girls in grades six, seven and eight will report to their homerooms. Of these, about 275 will be new sixth graders who were in our five elementary schools last year. For most, the middle school building will be a new environment, however friendly and exciting on the first day of school.

Transition from grade 5 in a smaller school building to grade 6 in our larger school must be a big step, no matter how mature and "ready" a former fifth grader is. For this reason, several preliminary steps to orientate fifth graders and their parents to our middle school have already occurred.

Last May, after our sixth grade teachers met with fifth grade teachers for the second time to discuss their common interests of homework assignments, projects, study skills, and testing procedures, each fifth grade classroom was visited by Counselor John Rathjens. He described the typical sixth grade school day, and answered the fifth graders' many questions — How do I get my class schedule? (the first day); Will I know the other kids on my team? (some); When will I get my homeroom and team assignment? (Aug. 18-22).

Also in May, Counselor

Rathjens and the principal provided an informational program for interested fifth grade parents at the Hamagrael School, describing how the teacher teams are set up and the kinds of courses the children will take during the coming year — English, social studies, mathematics, science, art, music, keyboarding (on typewriters and computers), foreign language (French or Spanish) and physical education. An information letter was also sent out in May to all grade 5 parents, describing the team organization and the curriculum for sixth graders. At the same time, each fifth grader received a brochure written from the student's viewpoint and interest, to answer other questions that students usually come up with during the several months before school opens.

Finally, on the last Thursday in August, all new students (and parents) will be able to take one of the counselor-escorted tours of our middle school to become better acquainted with the building layout and the actual location of the students' homerooms on the sixth grade floor.

When the first school day does begin, our team teachers will conduct a two-hour homeroom orientation, going over the team's class schedules and the school's rules and procedures, and again touring the building to make each

sixth grader comfortable. All students will be made very much aware that although the middle school's rules are based on courtesy, respect for others, and common sense just as in each elementary school, more responsible behavior is expected with their increased mobility in our school this year.

Much effort has gone into making the transition from fifth to sixth grade as easy as possible, and this September we again expect to see happy, excited faces as our newcomers enjoy their first day at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

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# At Voorheesville

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presentation about the Junior High School program. She met with each sixth grader to introduce herself, learn a little about each of them and explain about seventh grade. Ms. Blumberg also met with the sixth grade teachers to assess the needs of each incoming seventh grader.

The orientation of sixth grade parents is an important part of the transition process. Each spring an evening informational meeting is held in the Junior-Senior High School library for the parents of incoming seventh graders. This meeting is conducted by Peter Griffin, the principal; Robert Quackenbush, the guidance director; Ms. Blumberg and Robert Streifer, administrative assistant for the Junior High School.

At this meeting the overall Junior High School program is presented, course offerings, daily schedule, special services, student government and extra curricular activities are emphasized.

Mr. Streifer specializes in Junior High School student concerns. He works closely with the Guidance Department and Mr. Griffin in helping seventh and eighth graders adjust to the Junior High School. His responsibilities range from helping students read their new schedules, finding their way around the building, assisting with hall lock and locker problems, advising Junior High Student Council, being a good listener to students with concerns and generally assisting Junior High students in any way possible. Mr. Streifer and Ms. Blumberg

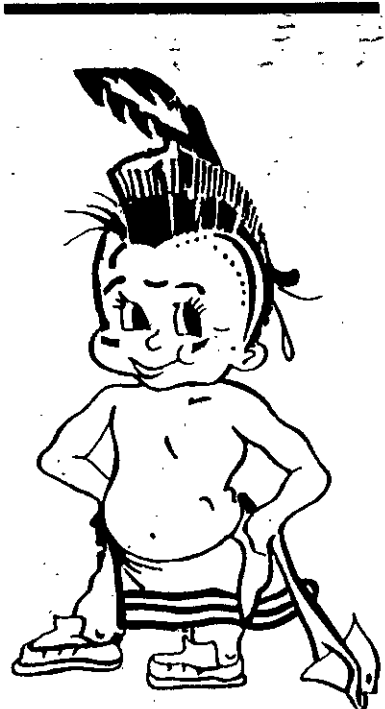
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give our seventh grade students considerable individual attention.

The transition process continues into early May when all sixth graders visit the Junior-Senior High School for an afternoon. During this visit they again meet Mr. Griffin, Ms. Blumberg, Mr. Streifer and their future teachers. Time is provided for a question and answer session before the teachers break up the group into smaller groups for a tour of the building. The sixth graders return to their school much more familiar with their future teachers and future school.

It is now Sept. 3 and school starts tomorrow but for seventh graders and their parents, school starts early. On that evening the students and their parents visit school for a final orientation. The students and parents visit their new homerooms where they meet their homeroom teachers. Homeroom teachers hand out individual student schedules and explain them. They are assigned a hall locker and have an opportunity to locate that locker. They receive a student handbook and a map of the school.

Armed with these materials plus their individual schedules they now have an opportunity to "walk through" their schedule and locate the rooms where their classes are held. By the end of the orientation program they should feel comfortable about their first



day in their new school.

The transition continues as the students are now a major part of the school. Special programs such as our Ombudsman Program, Natural Helpers Program, Special Needs Program, team teaching coordination and specific in-service meetings continue to monitor and assist the new students.


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# □ Recognizing readiness

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for more pre-school education has its principle roots in the economic and social changes sweeping the nation — particularly the proliferation of single-parent homes and the growing number of working mothers. It is the rare American child who does not spend at least some pre-school years under the care of someone outside the family. This can vary widely from informal arrangements with relatives or neighbors to very educationally oriented programs that can teach a foreign language and present math concepts. David Elkind in *The Hurried Child* fears that the temptation exists to put more and more academic pressure on children as they enter the educational mainstream earlier, i.e., to put in as much at kindergarten as at first grade."

Adds Fiske: "The formal atmosphere of the higher grades with the emphasis on the teaching of intellectual skills has taken over many a kindergarten."

This fall's incoming kindergartners at Hamagrael school in Delmar were all given the opportunity for readiness screening last spring. Joseph Schaefer, principal, explains that 15 to 20 parents district-wide had requested kindergarten testing of their children in past years. After observing a screening process in nearby Voorheesville, Hamagrael Kindergarten teacher Bernadene Fisk had initiated this evaluation for Bethlehem students.

This spring's 10 to 15-minute readiness test was conducted by Barbara Garbowitz, speech and language pathologist for the



Barbara Garbowitz, speech and language pathologist for Bethlehem School District, conducts a 10 to 15-minute readiness test for young children.

Patricia Mitchell

school district. In her small, cozy room at Hamagrael Mrs. Garbowitz describes the screening.

"I ask the child to name some body parts, repeat a group of numbers, a sentence and tell me some colors," she said. The child's ability to draw a picture of a person and to follow directions is also noted. Garbowitz hopes to find a child with good auditory memory and discrimination. The school nurse also conducts a vision and hearing test.

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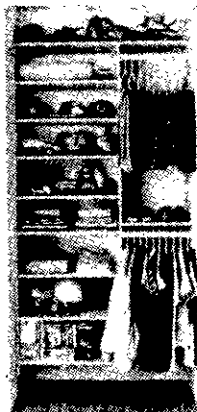
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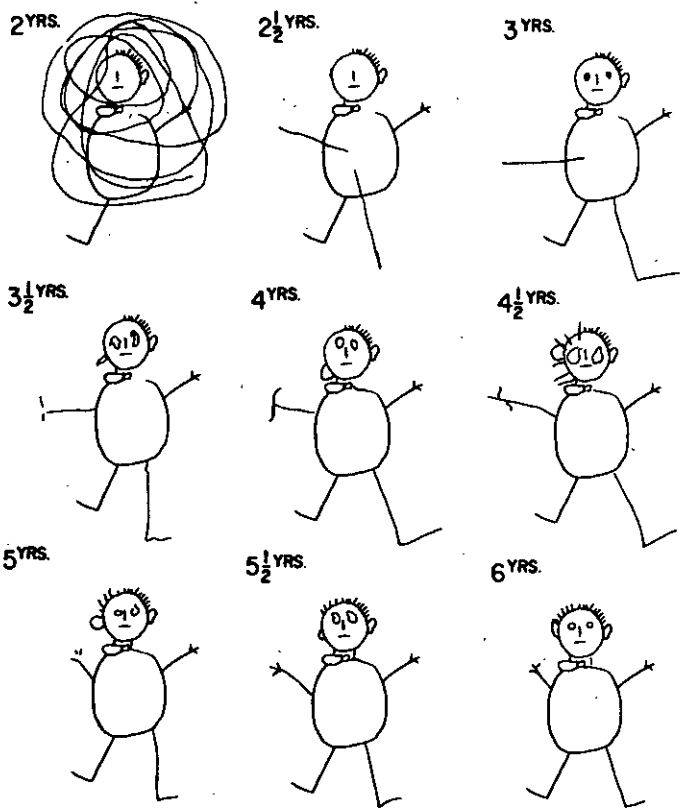
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As the year goes on, he jots notes next to each photo relating to the child's progress. Hearing teachers' concerns in addition to November conferences and report cards alert him to the possibility of retention, and by January or February parents are fully aware of the school's recommendation for the following year.

*Polly Hartman is a former elementary school teacher and mother of three.*

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*Your Five Year Old — Sunny and Serene* Louise Bates Ames and Frances L. Ilg

Each of the above is available at the Bethlehem Public Library.

## Early schooling yields benefits

Children going off to school for the first time always seem very small. This year they really will be younger, as more parents enroll four-year-olds in public school prekindergartens.

How will those programs look:

They will be developmentally oriented, quality early childhood programs providing health and social services and involving parents in meaningful ways. These programs affect children's later growth and learning. When children who have attended a quality program are compared with classmates who have not attended a prekindergarten, they are less likely to be retained at grade level or placed in special classes. They attend school more regularly. They tend to score higher on tests.

No only do the children show immediate gains, but their scores on New York State reading and mathematics tests in grades three and six are higher than the scores of those that did not participate in pre-kindergarten.

Longitudinal data recently released for preschool programs outside New York State suggest children who have attended informal preschool programs are more successful teenagers—they are less apt to drop out of school, more apt to get along with parents, less apt to become pregnant. An early childhood education program responsive to the individual needs of children is closely related to the goals, expectations and hopes for all children outlined in the Regents Action Plan. And like the Plan, such a program recognizes that all children are not the same.

The main purpose of education at every level is to strengthen the learner's disposition to continue learning. For young children the dispositions to learn, to be interested, to be involved, to talk and to question are best realized in an informal environment. The teaching is informal and responsive. The classroom is rich in natural materials. Each day there are many opportunities for children to express themselves using creative media.

attention span and ability to follow directions are all-important as pre-requisites for kindergarten entrance.

"Children," she says "should be highly motivated and eager to learn. If all of these characteristics are present, academics will follow." About the children who are older, she comments, "starting later is an asset. Children are never bored."

Enrolled in school at last! Is it too late to make a change? All of

the Tri-Village area educators interviewed have the strong conviction that children develop at their own individual rate. Occasionally a child has trouble keeping up to grade level.

Principal Joe Schaefer shares his unique way of watching the progress of all Hamagrael students. In the fall, he meets with each teacher to "introduce" her to the individuals in her new class. Then he keeps a yearly scrapbook in his office with each class picture in it.

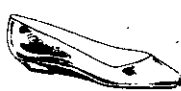
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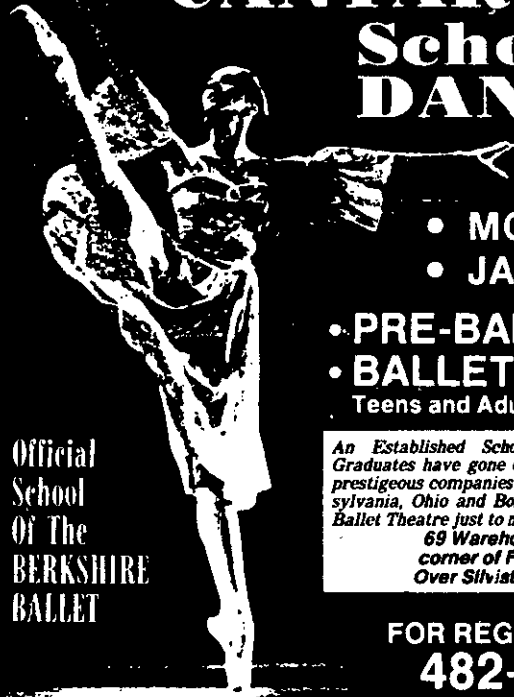
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# Recognizing, developing skills of creativity

By James Nehring

Arthur Willis remembers a student who reads the classics and makes improvements on their style. Bill Dodge teaches computers and looks for students who see things just a bit differently. And Dee Foley knows that with the creative child things can sometimes get messy.

What is creativity? Can it be taught? To what extent is creativity due to a toss of the genetic dice?

Teachers struggle with those questions constantly, both for themselves and for their students. Three area teachers recently discussed their views on creativity and education.

Arthur Willis is chairperson of the Social Studies Department at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. He is also former district coordinator for Language Arts in the Voorheesville Schools.

"In public education, creativity is simply not liked; it is considered either a 'pretty luxury' or dangerous. As a result our schools have become institutions that crank out functionaries, efficient in taking orders." Willis sits

energetically upright in a wooden armchair planted squarely in the middle of the living room of his century-old family farm.

"Your best private schools understand this creative factor to some extent," Willis says, drawing on his own experience as private school teacher and administrator. "But public schools are simply not meeting the creative needs of our students." His voice reaches a slight crescendo then suddenly trails off as if he had only just realized the urgency of the situation he describes.

But he has not. With advanced degrees and over twenty years of experience in education, Willis's views on creativity are deeply cultivated. "I.Q. is only 25 percent of what constitutes intelligence," he says.

"There are three other factors." He pauses. "One is sensibility, which begins as crude feeling for life and, when fully developed, may be called aesthetics. Another factor for intelligence is tenacity, the drive to persevere. Finally, there is humor, the capacity for detachment."

When asked about the role

genetics plays in creative ability Willis rejects it out of hand, then offers a conceding gesture: "There is evidence that certain people respond more or less to certain stimuli — which may be genetic — so that I'd say the genetic factor may influence the media through which a person's creative force may flow; that is, whether he becomes an artist or a writer or a physicist."

Willis believes that creativity can be taught and that the role of a teacher is pivotal in the creative development of a child. That role

has, according to Willis, two aspects. "First, we need to encourage young people to take their own thoughts and feelings seriously, to listen to their own

inner voice; and a teacher must respect that voice. Then, the teacher provides modes through which creativity may be expressed."

Willis talks fondly of a recent high school student. "She is a genius, exceptionally responsive to language; she quests to expose herself to authors — she's been



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reading Joyce, Dickinson and Rilke — and her own writing offers original points of departure from these authors." He pauses a moment considering how he's encouraged this student's creativity. "As I've said, first, I took her ideas seriously and I shared my own creativity with her. I've given her things to read and tutored her one on one."

We turn to the broader question of school reform. "If I could restructure the school curriculum, there would be a drastic shift toward the arts and humanities in order to counter balance the vastly overemphasized analytical side of education. But at the same time, I would alter the approach to math and science. Philosophy and intellectual history would be the foundation of all courses."

Willis hesitates as if looking for a succinct comment that might encapsulate what he has said: "At Voorheesville, we have one art teacher. If I had my druthers, there'd be six."

Bill Dodge teaches Science and Computers at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. He is also district coordinator for Computer Education in the Voorheesville Schools.

"Creativity," he says, "is the ability to interrelate; to look at a cloud and see a dog; to look at the moon and see a face, to take a bite from an apple and see the image of something that makes you laugh out loud."

Dodge speaks with a thoughtful, measured cadence, choosing his words like a scientist laying out lab instruments. "In order for creativity to be expressed, the environment must be right. A creative environment breeds creativity; a restrictive environment breeds restriction. That's why the role of teacher is so important — because he is the creator of an environment for his students. I believe creativity is 90 percent environmental and only 10 percent genetic."

Dodge's language has a flavor of cold rationality, but is expressed out of an obvious deep concern for young people, creating the overall impression of a kind of informed passion about the way education ought to be. Despite the noise of the cafeteria at the State University at Albany where we meet and where Dodge has just come from a summer semester computer course he is enrolled in, he seems slightly distant from his surroundings.

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# THE Spotlight ON STUDENTS

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Starting in September, The Spotlight will devote one full page to the work of students in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

For one week of each month through the school year, The Spotlight on Students will feature art work, poems and essays of Bethlehem School District, St. Thomas School, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Voorheesville.

The selections will be made by the districts and school themselves and will represent one school district per page.

We are proud to introduce this new feature to our readers.

Distance, it turns out, is an important characteristic of what Dodge says is creativity.

"A creative student views things from a different perspective from what is expected. When asked, 'How do you tell how many people are in a room?' the creative student replies, 'Count up the number of legs and divide by two.'"

Dodge relates his ideas about creativity to societal trends. "There is peer and social pressure to conform, for example, with clothing trends, which say 'Act like everybody else acts.' I think the media imposes these standards. Even non-conformity is a kind of conformity because kids emulate the non-conformity they see on MTV."

"In general, schools need to provide a non-restrictive atmos-

phere to encourage greater freedom of expression and freedom of thought." A tone of regret seeps through Dodge's objective appearance. He speaks personally: "What disappoints me is that I don't use creativity as I'd like in my teaching because of time restraints. I think many other teachers and students face the same problem. The times when I've seen teachers most creative is in the summer when they can sit back and say, 'Now, how might I teach this course differently?'"

Dee Foley teaches at the elementary level in the Challenge Program of the Bethlehem Central school system.

"Creativity should be woven into every aspect of the curriculum. That's our job in the Challenge Program. We go into elementary

classrooms to teach creativity skills to the students, and at the same time we identify truly gifted students and give them special instruction outside of class." Foley speaks excitedly and doodles on a note pad considering my questions as we sit at her dining room table. She raises her pencil and exclaims, "Creativity can definitely, absolutely, be taught. It's a package of skills."

Foley's package of skills includes fluency (the ability to generate ideas), flexibility (the ability to combine categories), elaboration (adding details to something plain) and originality. It is these skills that she believes may be taught and she is convinced by her own experience that they are teachable. "I don't think I would have been described as a creative child, but I think I'm a creative adult." During adulthood, Foley believes, she has picked up a package of skills.

"The problem," Foley says, "is rules and regulations about curriculum which makes it so teachers don't have time to deviate and experiment. I think creativity training should take priority over subject matter. Creativity should be part of the curriculum."

Like Willis and Dodge, Foley speaks fondly of creative students. "I worked with a third grade boy, we produced a newspaper and he was in charge of the Living Today section. He made up a Dear Abbey column, travel tips and a horoscope section. He conducted interviews and did it all with a lot of originality and a very well developed sense of humor."

The last remark lingers on Foley's mind. She smiles, "Sometimes creativity gets messy. As a teacher and as a parent you have to expect that." Though she doesn't say, it's clear from her smile that she believes it's worth the mess.

James Nehring is a teacher of social studies. His column, "In the Classroom," appears regularly in *The Spotlight*.

## Tuition aid

A full-tuition scholarship for a single parent homemaker is being offered by Maria College of Albany for the 1986-87 academic year. The scholarship may be applied to the college's programs in occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing, business sciences or early childhood education.

# Computer use leaps across the state

New York State's elementary and secondary students will be using computers, video technologies and telecommunications systems in a wide variety of innovative learning activities when they return to school this fall. Results of a recent State Education Department survey indicate that the total number of microcomputers used for instructional purposes in New York State schools rose dramatically from 70,000 to 106,214 during the 1985-86 school year. Teachers and students are working together to design creative and sophisticated applications of these computer resources. Applications include:

- The linking of micro-computers into school district networks that allow students to design software programs and share these projects efficiently among themselves.

- The introduction of "desk top publishing," in which students use powerful personal computers to publish school newspapers and journals.

- The incorporation of innovative software programs designed to teach social, economic and psychological theories through graphic simulations.

- The use of computer peripherals, such as voice recognition and speech synthesis devices, for enhancing access for the handicapped.

- The application of new data base computer programs for teaching problem solving and critical thinking skills.

There has also been a rapid expansion in the use of video technologies and telecommunications systems in New York State schools during the year. Teachers and students have creatively combined these technologies to develop innovative teaching and learning systems. For example, the technology survey indicates that the number of video cassette recorders in the schools totals nearly 16,000, a 43 percent increase over the previous year.

Moreover, 71,000 teachers are using television programming within their classrooms and over 1,000 schools are engaged in television production. The telecommunications technologies have expanded as well, providing schools with the capacity to receive video programming through local area transmission, transmission, international satellite broadcast, and cable networks. More than 4,000 schools receive public television broadcasts and 2,500 schools now receive cable television services.

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# What it takes to make a great school

By Joseph Schaefer

The proliferation of the effective schools' studies of the 70's and early 80's came to a grinding halt with the issuance of no less than eight nationally significant reports with a focus on excellence and school reform in 1983. Had the eight major studies not redirected our attention from the effective schools' research, the critics of those studies would have caused us to pause, at least momentarily.

The critics of the effective schools' research pointed out that:

- Bias was allowed to infiltrate. Factors that someone thought important were offered along with empirical findings.
- Research lacked methodological rigor — from theory-based hypothesis testing to observation-based, discovery-oriented research.
- Much of the research was conducted in inner-city schools instead of in a cross-section of school types.
- Scope of effectiveness was too narrowly defined, dealing primarily with assessment of achievement scores on standardized tests of reading and mathematics.

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Regardless of the criticisms leveled at the effective schools' research, the studies have produced a knowledge base that can be extremely helpful in improving school practices. With all due respect to the critics, there are some common threads that characterize effective schools which are not shared by the less effective schools.

## What makes a school effective?

There are many factors that go into the building of an effective school. Expectations of student success, levels of school funding, community support, staff experience and dedication, administrative leadership and commitment all to serve to influence how effectively a school functions. The building principal plays a primary role in setting the school's tone and in orchestrating these diverse factors.

## Situational Leadership Theory

Evidence from decades of research in the management field suggest that there is no best style of leadership. Leadership style is a function of the situation and the "maturity" of one's followers.

Situational Leadership Theory (SLT), as conceived of by Paul Hersey and Ken Blanchard, is based upon an interplay among the following elements:

- Task behavior is the extent to which a leader engages in one-way communication by explaining what each follower is to do, as well as when, where and how tasks are to be accomplished.
- Relationship behavior is the extent to which a leader engages in two-way communication by providing socio-emotional support, "psychological strokes," and facilitating behaviors.
- Levels of maturity should be considered only in relation to a specific task to be performed. In SLT, maturity is defined as the capacity to set high but attainable goals (achievement/motivation), willingness and ability to take responsibility, and education and/or experience of an individual or a group. An individual or a group is not mature or immature in any total sense. People tend to have varying degrees of maturity depending upon the specific task, function, or objective that a leader is attempting to accomplish through their efforts.

As the level of maturity of the follower continues to increase in terms of accomplishing a specific task, the leader should begin to reduce task behavior and increase relationship behavior. As the follower begins to move into an above-average level of maturity, it becomes appropriate for the

leader to decrease not only task behavior but relationship behavior as well.

## Effective and ineffective leader styles

The likelihood of being effective as a leader increases as one becomes adept at diagnosing the situational demands and identifying the maturity level of an individual or a group. Mismatches of leader style to maturity level can cause stress, anxiety, irritability or even hostility. Obviously, this is ineffective leadership.

Effective leaders must know their staffs well enough to work with their interchanging abilities and to "individualize" the task demands on them. It should be remembered that, over time, followers as individuals and as groups develop their own patterns of behaviors and ways of operating. While a leader may use a specific style for the work group as a group, that leader may quite often have to behave differently with individual followers because they are at different levels of maturity. The process of changing from one leadership style to another must be gradual and evolve over a period of time. Change should be planned so that mutual trust and respect between leader and follower develop as a result.

## Guiding your school improvement efforts

Hundreds of school districts in

over half of the states are involved in effective schools projects of one kind or another. Obviously, there are effective schools improvement efforts underway in school settings that are quite different from those that gave rise to the movement.

No matter how "effective" you feel your school is, it is difficult to survey the literature and research without identifying an area or two (or more) in your particular school to target for improvement. Models for implementation exist but none may be the "best fit" for your situation. You may have to design your own model from among those available.

Clearly, there is no single leadership style for principals to emulate, thank goodness. However, there are a number of models, each of which can be adapted to the needs of particular circumstances and school populations. Equally important to remember, though, is the fact that the leadership style you have developed over the years has undoubtedly yielded some significant successes and should be carefully reviewed for the positive aspects that should be retained before any new model is considered.

*Excerpted from Principal's Principles magazine, May, 1985. Joseph Schaefer is principal of Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar.*

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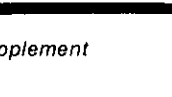
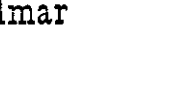
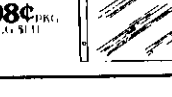
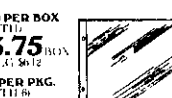
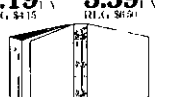
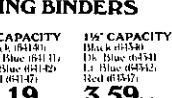
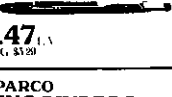
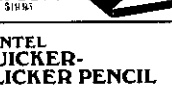
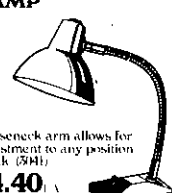
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Elderly Care Services is a study and assessment of programs for the aging. It will be offered Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m., Sept. 3 through Dec. 10.

Aimed at both professional caregivers and at those involved in the care of an aging person on a personal basis, the courses may be taken for credit or may be audited.

For further information, call the registrar's office at 438-3111.

## Scholarship reward

Mark Anthony Cutterini of Voorheesville and Susan Raynor of Selkirk were among 15 area high school students to be awarded a Junior College of Albany Tricentennial Scholarships.

Cutterini received an award for the study of communications and public relations. Raynor received an award for the study of business administration.

## Computer institute

Russell Sage College of Albany recently announced the proposed Sept. 8 opening of their new Institute for Computer Education and Training (ICET). The institute will provide microcomputer workshops, ranging from beginning to advanced, for managers and staff of area corporations, industries, government agencies, small businesses, non-profit institutions and individuals.

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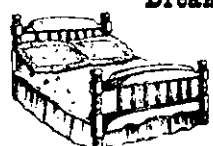
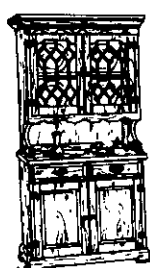
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# Characteristics of effective schools

## Characteristics of Effective Schools (11 Studies)

- Positive, strong administrative leadership (11)
- High expectations for teachers and students (11)
- Careful monitoring of student progress (11)
- A positive humanistic, ordered school climate (11)
- Qualified, enthusiastic and cooperative staff (10)
- Motivated and purposeful students (10)
- A schoolwide emphasis on basic skills (9)
- An attractive and safe facility with adequate resources (8)
- Recognition of student achievement (8)
- Opportunities for professional growth (7)
- Annual self-assessment by staff to find areas of strength and weakness (5)
- Community support/involvement (5)

## Characteristics of Effective Principals (16 Studies)

### Building Tone

- Works to establish learning atmosphere (7)
- Sets clear goals through planning (6)
- Sets acceptable levels of student behavior (3)

### Learning

- Emphasizes academic standards (9)
- Directs high, realistic expectations for students (6)
- Encourages adaptation of instruction to student needs (6)

### Leadership Behavior

- Organizes frequent evaluation of progress (7)
- Establishes network of communication (6)
- Provides strong, consistent leadership (6)
- Develops and uses skills of staff (5)
- Places emphasis on goals, tasks (4)

## Roland Barth

- Principal/parents/teachers have a vision of the school
- Everyone is learning and everyone is teaching
- High level of collegiality in school
- Visible sense of mission or purpose
- People are encouraged to take risks
- People deliberately choose to be there
- Great deal of humor in evidence
- Low anxiety and high standards

Roland Barth is Director of The Principals' Center of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

## Gordon Cawelti

- Effective principals have a sense of *vision* as to the kind of school and learning environment they intend to create.
- Effective principals are *resourceful*; they do not stop with the limited resources provided them through normal channels.
- Effective principals *plan* for school improvement.
- Effective principals provide *instructional support* for teachers.
- Effective principals *monitor* pupil instruction and institutional goals.
- Effective principals are *optimistic* that constructive change is possible.
- Effective principals have a strong *value base* and are determined to create the school of their visions.

Gordon Cawelti is Executive Director of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

## Characteristics of Effective Teachers (10 Studies)

- Instructional emphasis (10)
- Orderly classroom climate (10)
- Provision of consistent feedback (10)
- Students actively involved in learning (9)
- Monitoring of student progress (8)
- Time on task (7)
- Variety in questioning (7)
- Knowledge of individual students (6)
- High expectations (5)
- Strong, visible leadership (4)

\*Characteristics of effective schools, effective principals, and effective teachers. The number of studies incorporated into each summary is given in parentheses next to each heading. In addition, the characteristics in each section are ordered by frequency of mention. The parenthetical number indicates how many of the studies identified

that characteristic as significant to effectiveness. Finally, I've included Roland Barth's characteristics of good schools, taken from a speech he made to area administrators in the Fall of 1984, and Gordon Cawelti's Behavior Patterns of Effective Principals, from the February 1984 issue of *Educational Leadership*.

## BC orientation

Orientation for ninth graders and new high school students will be held at the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Ninth graders should report to their homerooms. New students

will assemble in the cafeteria with members of the student body and the Guidance Department.

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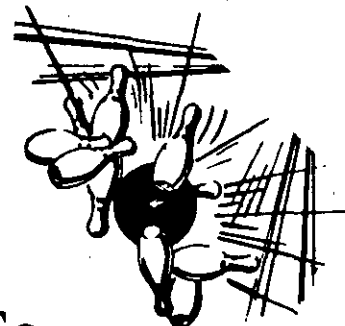
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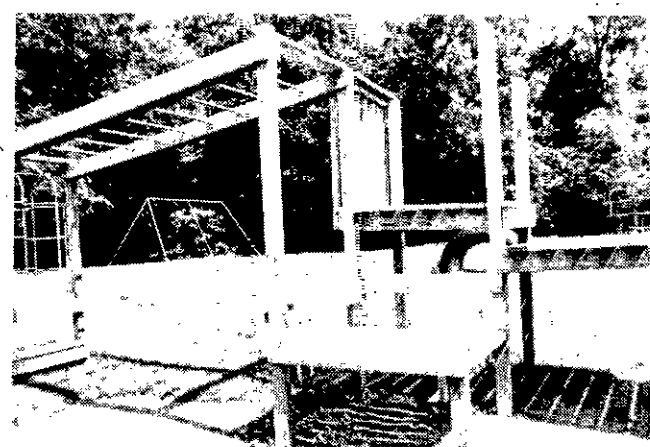
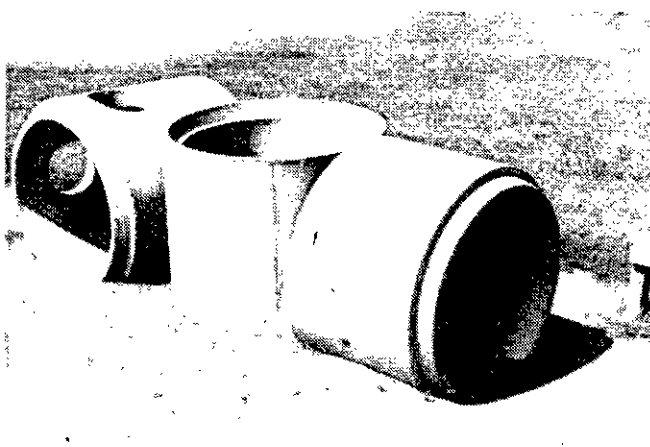
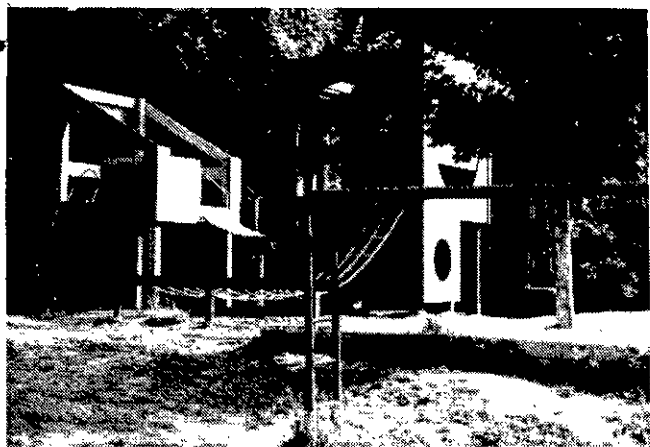
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above left, are at Elsmere. The concrete crawl tunnels and wood platforms are at Slingerlands. This playground project was designed and built by parents in 1983.

## Successful playgrounds provide varied challenges

By Peter Hogan

Although today's modern playground may look quite different and be constructed more elaborately than playgrounds of the past, the function of any playground has essentially remained the same—a place for children to grow and develop through enjoyable play experiences.

A well designed playground creates opportunities for children to not only build their physical skills, but also permits them to initiate their own play experiences in developing imagination, creativity and problem solving skills. It is also a place for social and emotional growth through interaction with other children. They learn respect and care for each other by sharing, taking turns and

working together. In addition, playgrounds provide children a variety of situations to practice problem-solving skills by successfully mastering a specific piece of apparatus or through creative dramatic play.

Playgrounds are also simply fun! Learning can be accomplished in many ways. However, the more enjoyable the experience, the more the child will derive from it and return to extend his play, which will enhance growth and development.

In addition to the very fine playground facility at Elm Avenue Park, residents of Bethlehem have a variety of successful playgrounds located at the district's elementary schools. At Clarksville, Hamagrael, Elsmere,

Glenmont and Slingerlands Elementary Schools, playgrounds have been designed to create learning experiences through movement and play activities. In addition to providing a recreational need for the school and community, they also serve as teaching tools for the professional staff. Different climbing apparatus has been designed into each to encourage and enhance upper body development, a point emphasized by each member of the physical education staff.

Carol Walts, the physical education teacher at Clarksville,

believes that the fitness and coordination skill level of children can be improved by providing appropriate motor challenges through playground use. According to Walts, motor planning (the ability to imagine a movement before it is made) is one of the key elements in childhood development. She feels that a playground not only contributes to the physical well being of a child, but also provides these essential planning experiences which help children develop in many ways.

Kelly Keller, the physical education teacher at Glenmont,

stresses the importance of children feeling successful. Keller states that sometimes traditional playground apparatus may seem threatening to younger children in that if they don't perceive they have the ability to master something, they may not even try it or they may not have a successful experience in their attempt. She feels that a modern playground invites children to explore and set their own limits of play while developing at their own readiness levels.

Bill Ninness of the Hamagrael School supports the fitness concept and Hamagrael's playground elements are designed to increase upper body development through a series of progressive skill building activities. Climbing poles, chinning bars, parallel ladders and traveling rings represent a progression of upper body challenges to promote physical fitness and upper body strength development in the children. Also, there are two separate playground areas scaled for primary (K-2) and intermediate (3-5), although children are not limited to one because of their grade level.

Peter Hogan, the physical education teacher at Elsmere, believes that playgrounds should offer a blend of traditional apparatus to challenge and build physical skills along with contemporary structures to create opportunities for creative, dramatic and cooperative play. The twin playhouse structures at Elsmere offer many opportunities for creative and cooperative group play. However, reaching the deck level of the houses requires climbing. Planned in a developmental progression, children select from a vertical ladder, tire climber, cargo net or climbing pole to reach their destination.

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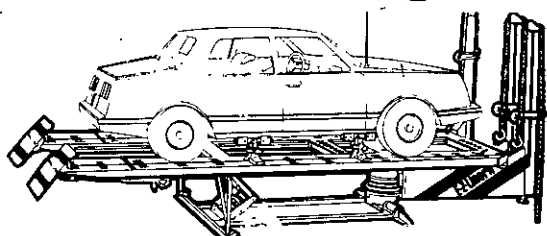
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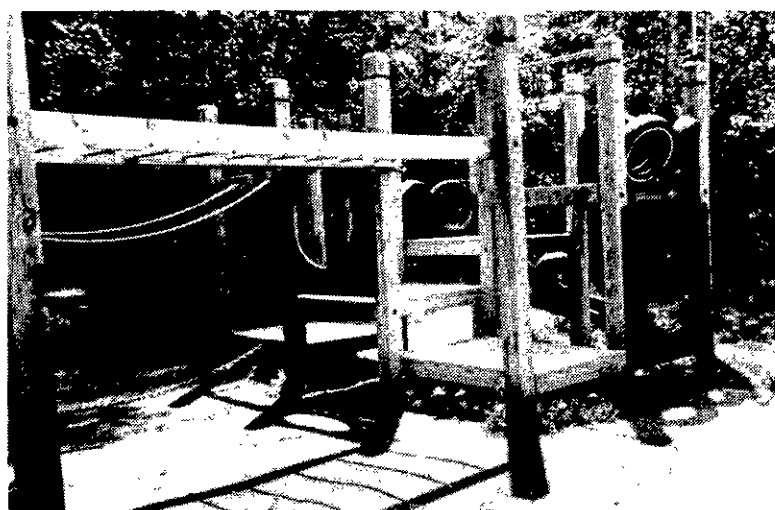
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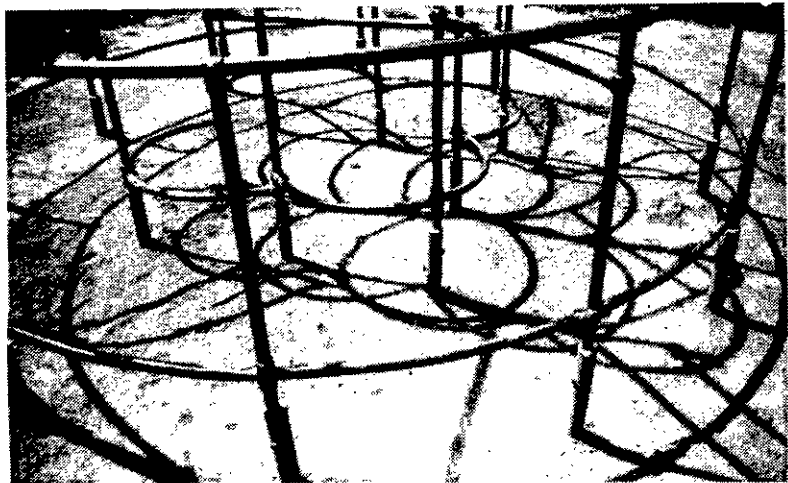
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An example of another parent construction project, Glenmont's playground offers swinging, crawl-through tires.



Clarksville's brand new playground offers play areas even beneath its shiny wide slide. *Lorraine Smith photos*



This jungle gym at Hamagrael is a first step in development of upper body strength as children build their climbing skills.

William Fuller, currently the physical education teacher at Slingerlands Elementary School, views playgrounds not only for recreational use, but also to reinforce skills taught in physical education programs. Fuller also recognizes the need for upper body development activities. He adds that a successful playground will build confidence and self awareness. Fuller also cites the need for safety, supervision and

the proper use of playground equipment.

A playground is many things to many people. For the ones who work there, the children, it should be a safe, enjoyable and stimulating place for them to grow and develop into strong, healthy and capable adults. Elements of physical strength, motor coordination, balance and agility as well as equipment which encourages imagination, creativity and coop-

erative play are all parts of a successful playground.

Playgrounds are an essential part of childhood learning and growth. It may be play to the observer, but it is the work of the child which gives a playground its true meaning.

*This article was developed by William Fuller, Peter Hogan, Bill Ninness, Kelly Keller and Carol Walts, the elementary physical education staff of the Bethlehem Central School District.*

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Help your child learn about good health. Take an interest in the school's health education activities in which the child is involved. Look for ways to reinforce or supplement health learnings at home, in the neigh-

borhood, or community. Interpret health messages your child receives from television and other sources. Discuss health issues with your child at a level appropriate to the child's interest. Above all, be aware of how your own health habits and behavior influence your child.

The law requires that children receive a physical examination when they first enter school, as well as in first, third, seventh and tenth grade. Parents may have their family doctor or pediatrician give the examination and provide a certificate to the school. If this is not done, an examination will be provided at school. Parents who want to be present during the school physical examination should ask to be notified of the date, time and place when it will be conducted.

All children must show proof of immunization before entering or attending school. The law is very strict about immunization. Certain children are excused from these requirements because of medical problems or religion, but these exceptions are rare. If you do not know what the requirements are, call the school early or check with your doctor on whether your child has had the required shots. Don't place your child in the embarrassing position of being turned away on the first day of school.

*Prepared by the New York State Education Department.*

### June

- 17 Superintendent's Conference Day. No school:  
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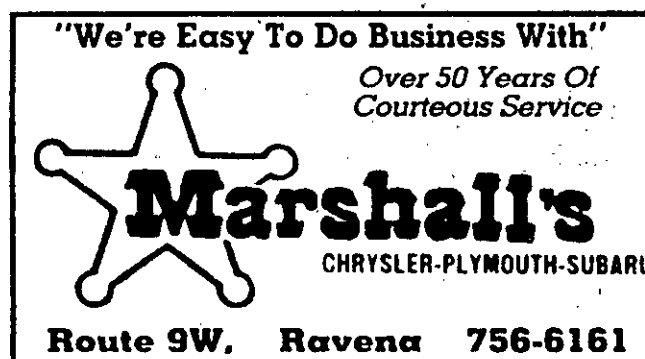
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