

THE SPOTLIGHT

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More work to do, Hendrick says

Supervisor takes stock after 2 years

EDITOR'S NOTE: 1987 is an election year for Bethlehem, which means that the Republicans will be attempting to maintain their domination of elective offices in town. The key to their success could well be Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick, who will almost certainly be running for his second full term. With one veteran councilman already resigned and the possibility of more retirements, Hendrick could be heading a ticket on which his is the only well-known name. That would be ironic for a man who was almost completely unknown before he entered the political arena himself in 1981.

By Kevin Mullen

After two years in office, J. Robert Hendrick says he has achieved some of the goals he set for the town on taking over for Supervisor Tom Corrigan, but there is more work to be done. S

Hendrick, 62, a native of Albany and a resident of the town for 30 years, reflected recently on his two years as Bethlehem supervisor. Compared to working for the state, Hendrick said, he has found that you can "get things done more quickly" in town government. Has anything surprised him during the past two years? "I didn't realize how active a town this size can be," he said.

Upon replacing Corrigan, who had served as supervisor for seven years, in February of 1985, Hendrick said at that time that his priorities were to attract new industry, refine the budget process and start long-range planning in the areas of recreation, senior citizens services and parking along Delaware Ave.

Hendrick had been a town board councilman for three years.

He was drafted to fill a spot on the Bethlehem Republican ticket in 1981 following the unexpected death of Edward Mocker. Hendrick had only one week to campaign for office, but, supported by the powerful GOP organization, he won a seat on the town board.

Hendrick is proud of the accomplishments of the town's Industrial Development Authority and his addition of Ken Ringler of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Neil Moylan, a member of the planning board, to the authority. He cited three industries that came to the town: Eastern Ingredients, a warehouse; V.P. Winters, a building materials supplier, and the the 350,000 square foot Honda warehouse in South Bethlehem. "They've generated \$3 million worth of extra income into the town," he said. He said he is especially happy about those industries because they are clean and "went into areas that were designated for industrial use."

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The Garrett Dillenbeck house on New Scotland Ave. in Slingerlands. *Spotlight*

Film crews start here

A small section of Slingerlands will become 1930's Albany Thursday as outside scenes for *Ironweed* will be shot at the Garrett Dillenbeck house at 1511 New Scotland Rd.

Ironweed, which tells the story of Francis Phelan, a former baseball player down on his luck, won a Pulitzer Prize for area author William Kennedy. The movie version stars Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep.

The turn-of-the-century Dillenbeck house will be used for Katrina's scenes, in which an older woman befriends a younger Francis.

On Monday, workers were removing the last of the snow from around the house to set the scene for late fall. Bethlehem Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said movie production crews had

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Citizens get new date

By Theresa Bobear

A public hearing date for the proposed Delmar Village scheduled by the Bethlehem Planning Board for April 21 has been moved back a week by the town board at the request of opponents of the project.

The project, a mixture of apartments and single-family dwellings between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St., has been the subject of protracted negotiations between the planning board and the developers over the the layout of the roads and buildings and whether the roads would be owned by the town. Meanwhile, a coalition of area residents is attempting to generate broad-based opposition to the development when it comes up for final approval by the town board.

Last Tuesday, after the planning board reviewed the final revised proposal for the project, board Chairman John Williamson said he would entertain a motion to set a public hearing date on the project for April 21.

"April 21 is a school holiday. Half the (town) is gone," said one resident in the audience.

"These people have a right to have their project progressed in an orderly manner," replied Williams

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A motion to set an April 21 hearing date was made by board member Neal Moylan, seconded by Dennis Corrigan and approved by the board.

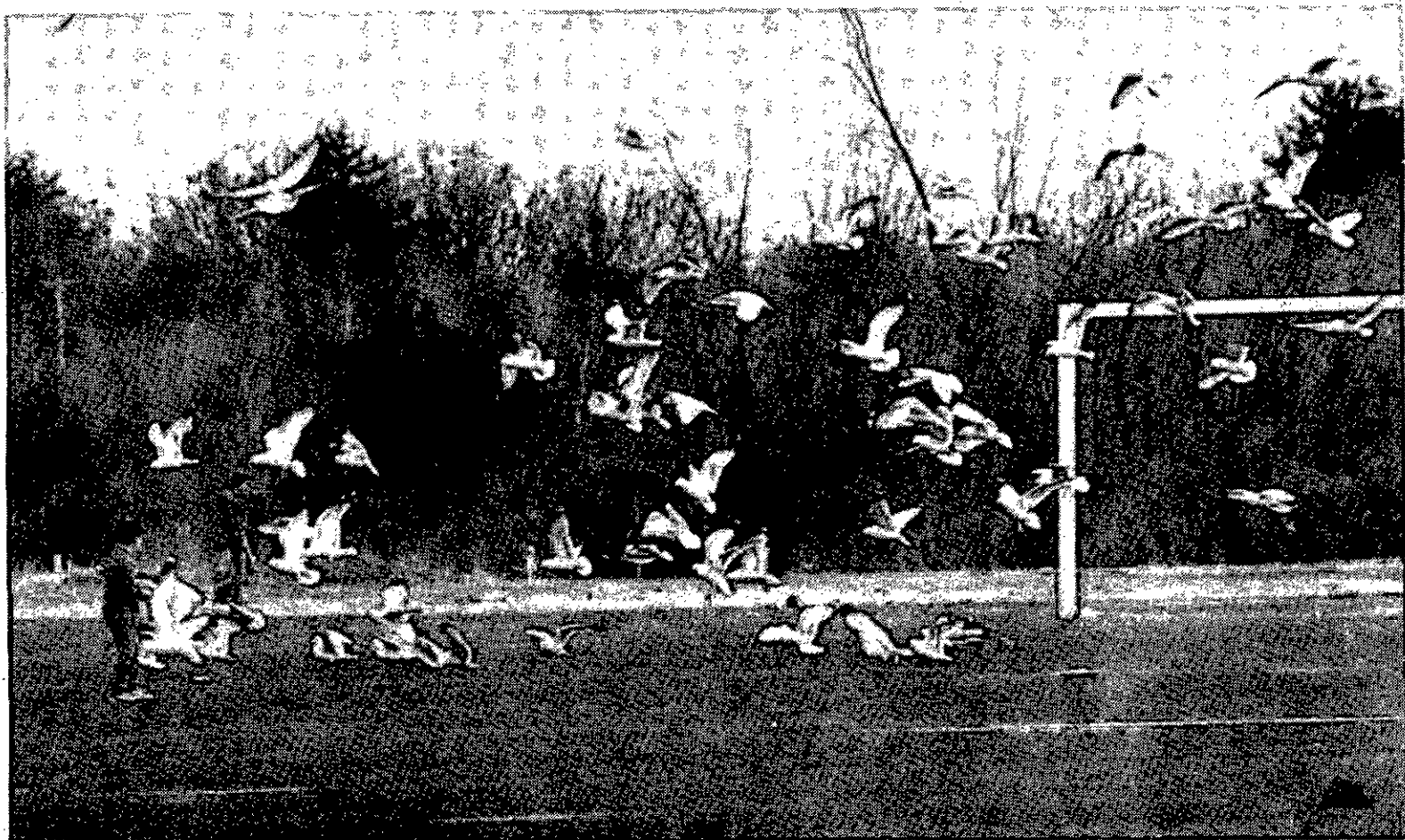
Later, when Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick was approached by representatives of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning,

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Staff writer wins prize

The *Spotlight* staff writer Patricia Mitchell is a third place winner in the 1986 New York Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. Winners were announced last weekend at the association's annual meeting in Colonie.

Mitchell's award was in the news story category for weekly newspapers between 4,500 and 7,000 circulation for her story about a dispute among experts on plans for the Clarksville water district.

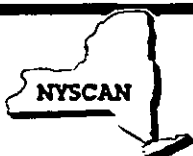


They seemed out of place in landlocked Delmar, but a flock of seagulls came to visit the fields of Bethlehem Central High School this

weekend, making for late March entertainment for these youngsters.

Tom Knight

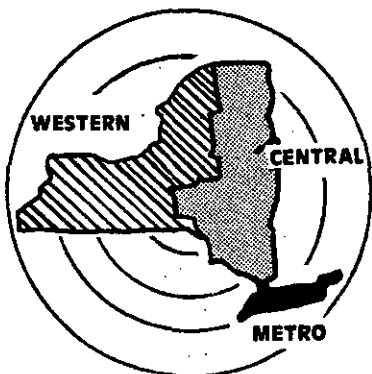
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Arson is suspected in Glenmont fire

Police found possible evidence of arson and a rekindled fire Monday morning as they investigated the site of an fire-damaged abandoned barn west of Jericho Road and the Elm Avenue Extension, according to Richard Hummel, chief of the Selkirk Volunteer Fire Department No. 2.

Hummel said one corner of the building and some hay inside was burnt after members of the Glenmont fire fighting team put out the flames early Sunday evening.

While investigating the site on Monday morning, police called in the Glenmont volunteers to put out a second fire at the barn. Hummel said fire started again from down under the floor of the building. Company No. 2 was on the scene again from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday.

"The police had found a bunch of matches and stuff in there today," said Hummel on Monday. "But, the building is still standing. It's still structurally sound." Hummel said the roof of the barn was not damaged.

Installation dinner

Officers of the New Scotland Elks Club will be installed at the Bethlehem Lodge 2233 on Saturday, April 4, at 5 p.m.

For \$15 reservations call 768-2233 or 765-2313.

Published in journal

An interview with Rudolph A. Wiley, Ph.D., director of Center for Nutritional Therapy, Delmar, will appear in January's edition of *PMS (Premenstrual Syndrome) Access*, a national newsletter.



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North Bethlehem PRD approved by planners

By Theresa Bobear

The Planned Residential District (PRD) proposed by John David and Dennis Quadrini, located at Krumkill and Blessing Rds., was approved Tuesday by the Bethlehem Planning Board, despite the reservations of two members. The the proposed rezoning from A-Residential now goes to the town board for a public hearing and final action.

A development of apartments, townhouses, carriage houses and retail shops is proposed for a portion of the North Bethlehem site. Paul Hite, a surveyor representing the Quadrinis, explained that more than 100 single family homes are planned for the lands to the south. Hite said the overall density would be 3.5 units per acre.

After observing that some 305 units were proposed for the site, board member John LaForte said, "Your last presentation had 289, right?"

"I couldn't tell you," said Hite.

LaForte further asserted that the board should look only at the overall density of the area proposed for development. LaForte

said that the section of the Quadrini property which will be left as A-Residential zoned land, which requires a minimum lot size of 8,500 square feet, is marked for single-family development of one-quarter acre lots, which meets AA-Residential requirements. LaForte said any developer could come in with smaller lots for the A-Residential portion of the property because it is not part of the proposal.

Board member Marcia Nelson said that the project had changed considerably since it was referred from the town board.

Chairman John Williamson asked if the proposed PRD area contained 12 units per acre or less. "Yes," said Hite. "Basically, we're here to give a recommendation of a change of zone," said Williamson.

Board member Dennis Corrigan's motion to recommend approval of the zoning change to the town board was seconded by board member Neal Moylan and approved by Williamson and board member Warren Kullman. LaForte and Nelson voted against the motion.

Public hearing

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who are opposed to the project, the planning board rescheduled the hearing for 7:30 p.m. on April 28.

At the planning board meeting surveyor Paul Hite presented a revised plan for the Delmar Village PRD, proposed for development by HMC Associates, which includes Slingerlands developer Norris MacFarland and State Sen. Howard Nolan.

Hite said 280 multi-unit dwellings were originally approved with the PRD, and 232 were in the proposal presented.

"All roads, all buildings are to be kept out of the 50-foot border, is that right?" asked Williamson.

"That is correct," said Hite.

A resident asked if daily or weekly rentals would be allowed.

"The board declared that that would not be permissible; and, consequently, we will not do that," said Jim Caton of the Alliance Investment Group of Houston, builders of the proposed apartments.

Previously, Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning presented

a petition with the signatures of 250 residents who were concerned about the "increasing strain on town services and resources" and the proposed development's "adverse impact on the community."

Auction planned

A goods and services auction will be held at Congregation Ohav Shalom, Krumkill Rd., Albany, on Saturday, March 28. Previewing will begin with a champagne-dessert reception at 8 p.m.

Items to be auctioned include a 1987 Ford Taurus, a compact disc player and a weekend at the Nevele Hotel in the Catskills. Services include calligraphy, dentistry, massage and body wrap, and tutoring.

Admission is \$3. For information call 458-1670.

Lenten project

As a Lenten season project, children of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church congregation are doing odd jobs at home to earn funds needed to send livestock and technical aid to families in underdeveloped countries.



This 5700-square foot Grove St. house, directly in back of the Delmar Post Office, has been purchased by the U.S. Postal Service with plans to raze it and expand its parking lot. Postal officials could give no timetable for the demolition.

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Filming

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asked the town's help in removing snow from Slingerlands Park across the street, but he noted that had been taken care of by the weather.

The town had to give permission to Niagara Mohawk to replace 1980's street lights along New Scotland Rd. with those more representative of Ironweed's Depression era, Hendrick said. Movie production crews also asked for help from town police to help block off traffic during filming. Hendrick said while crews will at the house most of the day, filming will only take place for two or three minutes at a time, allowing traffic for the most part to go freely.

However, there may be some trouble from the state over a request to change some street signs and cover up the yellow center line in the road for the day, Hendrick said. The town is working with movie crews to get state permission, he said.

Some more scenes will be shot inside and in the back of the Dillenbeck house in May, when movie crews will also be going to New Scotland to shoot some freight train scenes on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad tracks.

Child sex abuse tape

A new videotape "My Body's Nobody's Body But Mine," is now available from the Cornell University Audio Visual Center.

The 23-minute program examines, in interviews and live performance, the work of the Heartsparkle Players, a community group doing unique sexual abuse prevention work with children. It is produced by Terry Barksdale.

The Heartsparkle Players perform for children, ages five to eight, in schools and daycare centers in Olympia, Wa. Using simple props, costumes and songs, they perform skits that portray children in confusing but tough situations. Children identify with the situations and characters and learn to identify, avoid and report abuse situations.

The interview segments of "My Body's Nobody's Body But Mine" focus concerns that parents, educators and service workers have about the presentation of abuse prevention material.

The program is useful to parent-teacher organizations. It can also be used as a guide for the formation of a similar troupes in any community.

For more information and availability of "My Body's Nobody's Body But Mine," contact the Cornell University AV Center, 8 Research Park, Ithaca, N.Y., 14850.

Theft precautions

With motor vehicles being stolen at the rate of nearly two per minute in the United States, the New York State Police crime prevention unit is offering the following suggestions for fighting auto theft:

- Never leave a vehicle without closing the windows, locking all doors and taking the keys.

- If you have a garage, lock both it and the auto. If not, lock the car and turn the front wheels sharply left or right so it will be difficult for a professional thief to tow.

- Take packages or valuables with you, or lock them in the trunk and keep them out of sight.

- Park in lighted areas. If you park in a commercial lot or garage, leave only the ignition key with the attendant and make sure no identifying information is attached.

- Expensive options, such as CB radios, tape decks and mag wheels, can make your car a target.

- Etch your initials or the vehicle identification number in hard-to-find spots or drop business cards down window channels. Hide return address labels or sign your car inconspicuously in other ways.

- Investigate high security ignition locks or other theft deterrent mechanisms.

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School bus in accident

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None of the children were hurt. However, the driver of one of the cars, Francine Auger, 29, of Bellevue St., Selkirk, was taken to St. Peter's Hospital for treatment of a head injury and later released,

a hospital spokesman said.

A Selkirk woman was stopped at Feura Bush Rd. waiting to make a left hand turn onto Wemple Rd., and Auger's car was waiting in back of her. The bus

driver told police he turned to check on the children, and when he looked back through the window, he was blinded by the glare from the sun and did not see Auger's brake lights. The bus hit the back of Auger's car, which bumped into the Selkirk woman's car.

Police did not ticket any drivers after the crash. BC Acting Superintendent Briggs McAndrews said the school bus was not equipped with seat belts.

Circus returns

Vidbell's Family Circus may be returning to Delmar again this spring.

The Delmar Kiwanis Club has applied to the Bethlehem Board of Appeals for a special exception to allow the circus to perform on May 16 and 17. A public hearing on the application has been set for Wednesday, April 1, at 8 p.m.

According to Michael Shuttoni, president of the Delmar Kiwanis Club, shows are planned for 4 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park.

Proceeds of the event will be used to help sponsor Kiwanis activities, such as aid to senior citizens and children's activities.

Tickets will be made available at a variety of locations in Delmar, during the second week of April.

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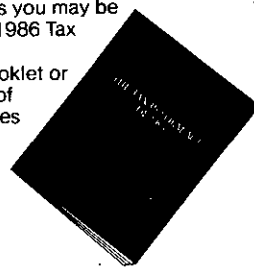
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□ Hendrick's term

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Attracting new industries to the town is a "top priority," he said.

"There's talk of development, lots of interest. But no one's signed on the dotted line," Hendrick said. He said that he's pushing several commercial areas. Hendrick also mentioned the "long range study of Rt. 9W" and a study by Vollmer Associates of the New Scotland Rd. area for alternatives roads in that area.

Hendrick said he's streamlined the budget process by making it "more informative every year." Hendrick said he really started the process when he was a town board member. The Democrats have been critical of the town's budget process over the years.

Regarding senior citizens, Hendrick noted the work of the Senior Citizen's Housing Committee. Board member Sue Ann Ritchko and Director of Senior Services Karen Pelletier are co-chairing the committee. They have been meeting for over a year, analyzing the needs of seniors and trying to determine ways to achieve the goal of affordable housing for seniors in the town. Hendrick described their findings as a "complete report" and "food for thought." The town board directed the committee in January to "implement a plan."

"Then we will determine what the highest priorities are," Hendrick said. He mentioned that tax incentives, may be one way to encourage developers to construct housing for senior citizens.

Another goal reached was improving the parking situation along Delaware Ave. Hendrick said that the Park and Ride lot across from the Delaware Plaza was one of the accomplishments that stands out in his two years. "The bulk of the recommendations of the Delaware Avenue Task Force were implemented," he said. The recommendations of the task force, made up of community representatives, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and town officials, culminated in amendments to the town zoning ordinance that went into effect last November.

Hendrick said he also is proud that the general town tax rate has decreased over the past three years. But he wouldn't take full credit for that.

"The Albany County sales tax revenue continues to increase," he said.

Hendrick said that he is also very proud that he is "continuing to provide economy and efficiency in government."

The town's arrangement with the state Department of Environmental Conservation for the closing of the landfill and conversion to a hardfill — for building blocks, lumber, etc. — was another accomplishment, Hendrick said.

But on the down side, he said, has been the slow process of getting state action on extending the Slingerlands Bypass Rt. 85. Hendrick said that the traffic bottlenecks on New Scotland Ave. and at the intersection of Maher Rd. with the bypass need a solution. The town has proposed that the bypass be extended to LaGrange Rd., as it intersects with New Scotland Rd. and Cherry Ave.

Another plan, which might see reality before the Slingerlands Bypass extension, is the Delmar Bypass extension through the Juniper Fields development. Hendrick said that the developers would be responsible for extending the By-Pass from Elm Ave. through Juniper Fields to a location near Van Dyke Rd. The town would make the short connection to Van Dyke Rd.

Hendrick would like to see an emergency preparedness plan implemented. He said he has met with experts in the field, and that in two or three months a plan might be issued. The plan would deal with any natural or man-made disasters.

"We must be prepared for any emergencies. It goes beyond the scope of what the fire companies can do," he said.

Last year General Electric donated \$25,000 for a mobile command center, a vehicle especially set up to deal with emergencies. Hendrick called it a "communication's center," where town officials would congregate in an emergency situation. S

Hendrick said that the community center "didn't start out as a goal but turned out to be my goal." The town board put \$25,000 in a contingency fund of the 1987 budget for a community center.



J. Robert Hendrick

The supervisor said he is convinced there is "a need for a community center." Presently, a needs assessment review is being undertaken by a committee to investigate what buildings are available in the town. Other community centers, such as the one planned for Clifton Park, are being studied. It's a "long range study," Hendrick said.

Hendrick said he'd like to expand the park system. He said that he'd like to complete the park in North Bethlehem and create a mini-park in South Bethlehem, off Rt. 396.

Asked if he could explain the success of the Republican party in town elections, Hendrick said the voters probably have "felt that the town has been run efficiently" and is a "good place to live."

Asked about the election in November, he said: "If the committee picks me, I'll probably run. I feel that I have some things to finish."

Hendrick said he believes in keeping the town growing, "but at an orderly pace." He wants a "good quality of life" for the town while having growth to create additional tax revenue.

One of the issues that many town residents are worried about is the impact that proposed developments might have on the town's resources. Presently, Delmar Village, a 336-unit development of single family homes and apartments, proposed for an area between Orchard St. and Delaware Ave., has raised the ire of many residents in that area. Hendrick noted that an environmental impact study has already been completed for the site and "the water and sewer are no problem." The development could have an impact on the parks, he said.

But, Hendrick said, "you have to consider that there is a shortage of apartments in the town." Hendrick said that 12 apartment buildings with 50 units were built between 1980 and 1986. He acknowledged that the rents on many of the proposed apartments are expensive, but he said that the "competition will drop the rents." Hendrick said that because of the lack of recent apartment construction, "we need a balancing out."

One of Bethlehem's growing concerns — as it is with most of the country — is what to do with solid waste. Many landfills are filled to the brim and cities and towns are seeking solutions. Some towns are transporting their wastes into other states, paying hundreds of dollars per ton. Hendrick thinks the solution is a regional landfill.

"The counties are getting involved," he said. "It's too expensive for individual towns."

He said that Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties "are sharing the cost to look into" a regional landfill. With Bethlehem's landfill closed, the town is using the ANSWERS plant in Albany.

"Without ANSWERS, I don't know what we'd do," he said.

Tour the library

The Bethlehem Public Library is offering free tours of the library during National Library Week, April 5 through 11. The tours are scheduled for Monday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 9, at 2 p.m.

The theme of this year's celebration is take Time to Read.

O'Hara appointed

Rev. R. Philip O'Hara of Enosburg Falls, Vt., a native of Delmar, will be appointed pastor of the Newtonville United Methodist Church, according to a Troy Conference representative.

O'Hara will succeed the Rev. William Rogers, who plans to retire on June 28.

O'Hara, a graduate of Dartmouth College and the Drew University Theological School, holds a masters of education from the University of Goettingen, Germany, and a masters in biblical studies from Vanderbilt Theological Seminary, Nashville.

He was ordained deacon in 1963 and elder in 1965. O'Hara served 17 years in Germany, where he translated Bultman's "Johanne Epistles" for Fortress Press. He has been pastor of the Enosburg Falls and West Enosburg United Methodist Churches since 1985.

O'Hara is secretary of the Troy Conference board of ordained ministry and the Green Mountain district coordinator for the Troy Conference Theological Academy.

He resides with his wife, the former Sabine Maier of Stuttgart, Germany, and two sons, Daniel and David. O'Hara is the son of Mrs. Raymond Stout of Delmar.

Hotline opens

The Citizen Information Service Hotline at 1-800-462-6240, run by the League of Women Voters of New York State, has opened. It will operate from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until the close of the legislative session of the New York State Legislature.

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Insurance may cover roof repair

By Patricia Mitchell

The tab to repair a cracked wooden truss which has closed the Bethlehem Central High School auditorium since February could be picked up by the district's insurance because the cause is excessive snow. But costs to upgrade three other trusses in the ceiling of the auditorium will be paid by Bethlehem Central.

"Very preliminary" figures to repair the cracked truss, support other trusses in the auditorium with steel, add a steel beam, plus some electrical work and ceiling repair add up to \$200,000, said Benjamin Mendel, Bethlehem Central's architect. That figure

does not include professional fees or \$25,000 already spent to investigate and support the cracked truss.

An investigation has determined that the weight of excessive snow is the cause of the cracked truss, Mendel said at last Wednesday's board of education meeting. Design standards are different today than in 1952, when the auditorium was built, Mendel said, and there are different allowable stresses for wood trusses.

Mendel recommended adding a steel beam next to the wooden beam near the entrance, where snow drifts occur, to bring it up to

current design standards and to add steel supports to the other three trusses.

Because the cause of the cracked truss appears to be weather-related, Acting Superintendent Briggs McAndrews said the district's insurance could be footing the bill to repair and upgrade it. However, costs for work to support two other trusses with steel and to add the steel beam are not covered by insurance and will be paid by the district, McAndrews said. The district doesn't know how much the work will cost, but McAndrews said it won't be coming out of next year's budget, which the school board is wrapping up now.

An engineer and an architect are working on plans now to fix and upgrade the trusses, McAndrews said, and the district hopes to have much of the work done during the summer.

The cracked truss was discovered in February after workers noticed cracking and buckling in the auditorium walls. Walls adjacent to the suspect beam are bowing, indicating they have pulled away from the roof. The auditorium was quickly roped off, and supports and cables put in place for the walls. Events scheduled for the auditorium have been shifted around, many of them to the middle school, and classrooms

around the auditorium are being used after they were determined safe and stable.

In other BC school board business, the board passed a resolution noting the passing of Herman Brown, a longtime social studies teacher at the high school, who died Monday, March 16.

The board also asked for a revised student trip policy after reviewing a proposed outline. The revision will include insurance and emergency medical care, a ratio of chaperones to students, requiring all passengers be properly belted, and the banning of students from driving on trips.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, at 8 p.m., when the board is scheduled to adopt a proposed 1987-88 budget.

BOU auction

An auction, sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, will be held on Friday, March 27, at Bethlehem Central High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will be used to fund community substance abuse prevention programs.

Donated services and merchandise, including household items, vacation opportunities, gifts and antiques will be auctioned. All are welcome.

For information call 439-4131.

BC trims budget

By Patricia Mitchell

The Bethlehem Central Board of Education, continuing to separate the wheat from the chaff in its proposed 1987-88 budget, last week chopped about \$360,000 to bring its basic budget figure to \$20.1 million. Board members are also willing to be more optimistic about revenue.

The school board will meet again to review the budget and get estimated tax figures Wednesday (tonight) at 8 p.m. A budget is scheduled to be adopted on Wednesday, April 15, and the vote is on May 6.

At last Wednesday's budget workshop, board members said they are willing to assume a four percent increase in total assessed valuation in the district and \$30,000 more in state aid than the governor's proposed \$3.958 million.

Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer said he has no idea when property assessment figures will be given to the district by town assessors, but he knows there has been a lot of activity in the market. A state budget, which will include state aid to school districts, is due to be adopted by April.

Bethlehem Assessor John Thompson said Monday he should be able to supply assessment figures to the district after May 1.

The board now has a preliminary budget of \$20,483,347, an increase of about 8.4 percent from this year's \$18.9 million budget. That includes funds for the basic budget, and proposals for transportation, operations and maintenance, staffing and programs. That figure is likely to change as the board meets again, and President Bernard Harvith said he would like to discuss in-service programs with the possibility of adding to the budget.

"There is only one more day" to work on the budget, Harvith said.

In the basic budget, \$85,627 was added to the most recent figure of \$20,123,347. This includes increases in special education costs, and decreases for occupational education and high school staffing. The board also decided to delete a part-time French course at the high school because of low enrollment.

The board also trimmed its proposals down to about \$360,000 from \$451,385. Most of the

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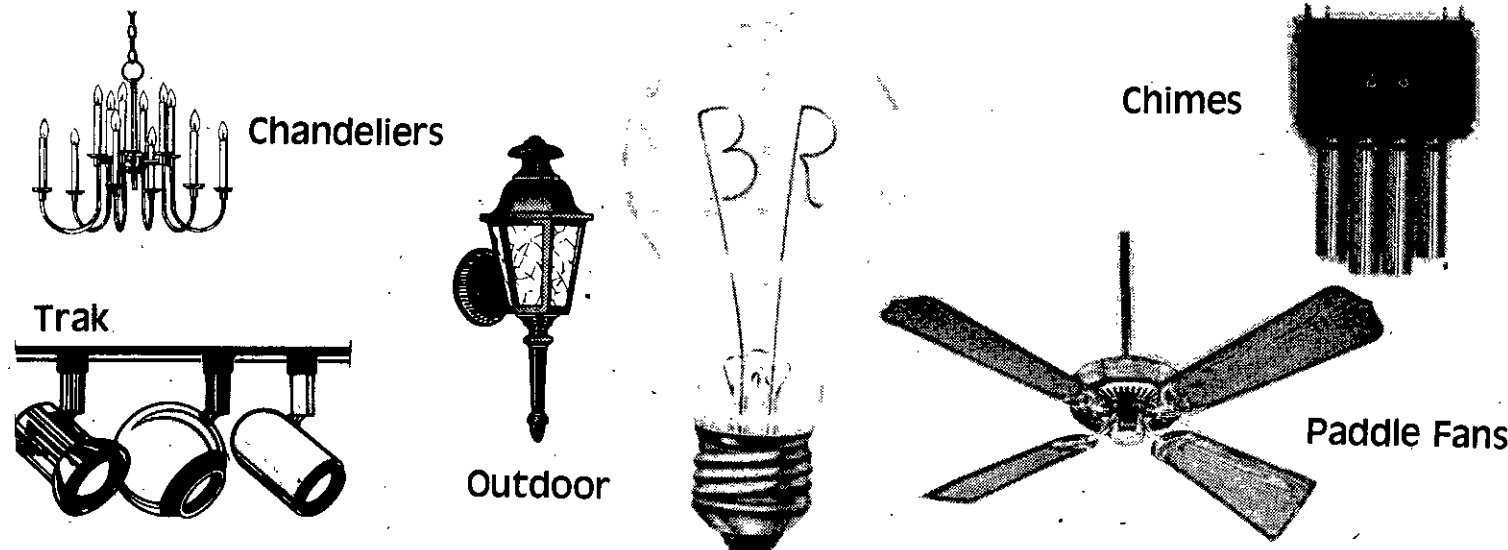
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decrease can be attributed to delaying the start of a \$93,600 re-roofing project and instead paying for architects reports on the project at \$12,500. The re-roofing project will go to the state Education Department for review later this year, with bids due next spring for next year's budget and work to start in the summer of 1988.

The board decided to delete a computer assisted math program at the Clarksville Elementary School at a cost of \$21,432, and to fund an elementary remedial math teacher instead at \$28,000. Other cuts included funds for blacktopping around the relocatables at the Glenmont School and a custodial consultant, and trimming a coaching in-service program.

While it is not a first-priority proposal, the board may also consider adding dugouts to the high school baseball field if volunteers supply labor. That has an estimated cost of \$8,000.

Harvith said he would like to include some staff development. Two weeks ago, the board received \$98,000 in proposals, including a new inservice program, curriculum revision for all subject areas over five years, peer teacher coaching and a fund for teacher resources for time or materials to develop improvements in programs.

2 DWI arrests

Bethlehem Police arrested two Delmar men for driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, in separate incidents last week.

A Delmar man was charged after he was stopped by police at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday on Rt. 32 near the Owens Corning plant after police spotted him erratically driving south. Police said they also ticketed the man for failure to keep right, and he will reappear in town court on March 31.

At about 4 a.m. Saturday, police said, they saw a car go through a flashing red light at Rt. 85A and New Scotland Rd. and arrested the driver.

World Hunger benefit

The Delmar Community Orchestra will perform for the benefit of World Hunger on Monday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be presented at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. All are welcome.

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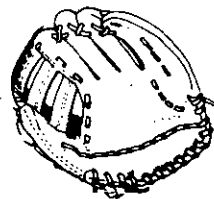
Children's swim class Bike-a-thon

A learn-to-swim program for children, sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, will be held on Fridays from April 3 through May 29, at 6 or 7 p.m. Classes will be held at the Bethlehem Middle School pool. Youngsters not receiving a registration form at school may register at the Red Cross, 462-7461, ext. 56. The free classes will be open to residents of the Bethlehem Central School District.

A bike-a-thon to benefit the Capital District Chapter of the American Diabetes Association will be held at three locations in Albany and Schenectady on May 3.

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Irving Leonard of Delmar loaned to this writer the diary of Mrs. Howard Salisbury, nee Belle Wright, of Delmar. Belle was the daughter of Francis Free and Libby Grant Wright. She is mentioned in the diary of her grandmother, Mrs. Grant, in the Aug. 13, 1986, *Spotlight* story, "Diary Reveals Life on 1891 Farm." Belle and Howard Salisbury's house still stands at 323 Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Howard, a house painter and carpenter, and Belle were married on June 27, 1906.

March 27, 1907 — Howard, Father and Joe Keyser moved my things today into our new home. We got supper, it was the first meal we ate together in our new

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home — it seemed as nice as could be.

March 29th — Howard is painting the kitchen walls. Father gave us \$25.00 to start in with for groceries, we appreciated it very much.

April 27th — I went to Albany and bought a new table cloth (I have four now) and material for a lunch cloth and a long handled brush and some things for Mother. I do most of her shopping. In the p.m. I cleaned all downstairs and back piazza, and my bedroom. This was a big day

and I was tired when night came.

May 17th — Howard came in with a Typhoon Washer, all unexpected. They are a fine machine and I was very pleased with it, and he brought me 19 packages of flower seeds. I hope they grow.

May 24th — I got up 4:28 this morning and went to Albany with Sarah and Lillie (sisters of Howard Salisbury). I bought a new hat and waist. I ordered a big supply of groceries at Drislanes. Howard put my stove back in my kitchen while I was gone and blackened my stovepipe. I can put a few things to rights now — I am so glad.

May 30th — Decoration Day. It was an elegant day. Sarah, Lillie and Ralph Leonard, Howard and I spent the day to my folks. We made cream (ice cream). The boys went gunning. We all took a stroll in back lots. Mother was getting homesick to see me too. I had not been home in 17 days. It's lovely home, so homelike and pleasant. We went over cross lots and came back the same way. After supper, Ralph, Howard and I took a walk around the block and through the cemetery.

June 25th — It's hotter than Election Day today. I baked pie, johnny-cake and myself. I ironed and baked bread in the p.m.

June 27th — Today is our Anniversary Day. Just think, a year ago today we were married, how time flies. Mother gave me some money to buy a present with. I went to choir rehearsal at night.

July 3rd — Today is Howard's birthday. A year ago today we returned from White Plains, on the day boat. It rained half way up. We got so tired of sitting around. Today I made candy, johnny cake and pie for him. Howard treated himself to a quart of cream.



Belle Wright Salisbury at about 2 yrs. of age.

July 4th — Hurrah for the Fourth. Howard and I spent the day home. We made cream. At night the boys and us went in to see the fireworks. They were better than usual.

July 5th — Howard helped me do a big washing. I went to Ladies Aid in the p.m. When I came home, Howard was making me a wood box — it's a dandy. In the evening a crowd came unexpectedly from Albany and Elsmere. We served punch, bananas and cakes. They stayed until 10:15.

July 10th — Today the Elsmere Busy Bees meet here. But there was a misunderstanding about the date, and not one came. Howard ordered 3 gallons strawberry

cream, bananas and cakes. I made punch too. I was very disappointed.

August 3rd — I baked 2 layer cakes, cream filling, 5 loaves of bread and 12 biscuits. I blackened my stove, cleaned the floors and in the afternoon I picked three bunches of nasturtiums and sold them at the food sale.

Sept. 12th — Howard is painting over to my folks. Tonight is the Clam Steam at the Methodist Church. I took a lemon layer cake, large glass jelly and a dozen biscuits. I made a chocolate sponge cake for us. I arranged my jellies and preserves on my swing shelf this morning. I have 64 glasses of jelly, 50 qts. of fruit, 4 qts. of pickles and 1 crock of plum

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Group of young people at the parsonage of the Delmar Methodist Church in 1909. Belle Salisbury is at right of picture, with hands on the shoulders of

her good friend, Olive McNary Wright, who married Belle's brother, Walter Wright.

jam and I have some small cucumber pickles over home.

Sept. 25th — Mother and I and the Sewing Society went to Thompsons Lake. We took our dinner, but it was so cold and windy we hired a room at the hotel. After dinner we strolled all over, we seen the caves, the Indian Ladder and Bear Pats. We had a grand time.

Oct. 12th — I canned my pickles and filled a two gallon jar of plums. There was quite a wreck up at Slingerlands. In the afternoon Howard and I went up on our wheels to see them clear up the debris. Some of the cars were filled with barrels of flour and some with oil, paper and oatmeal. A lot of the flour barrels had no heads and lots of oil and flour were spilled and wasted. A dozen freight cars must have leaped the track. We stayed till dark.

Oct. 15th — I sewed some for the Church (Methodist) fair. Baked a batch of oatmeal jems for my "Old Man." I got my mustard pickles in brine and green tomato pickles also. I set sponge tonight. Howard worked a little more on my kitchen cabinet.

Nov. 10th — The church (Methodist) was dedicated today (a renovation of the church on Kenwood Avenue). Aunt Emma and Amy came home from Sunday School with me and spent the day. The church was crowded. It looks fine, they raised \$00.00. Of course, there is lots of fault finding.

Nov. 11th — Cora Salisbury Filkins was down to Elsmere and I went home with her. Don't know when I will come home. We started at 11:30 a.m. and arrived at Cole Hill (East Berne) at 4:20 p.m. I enjoyed the ride for all it snowed and blowed nearly all the way in our faces.

Nov. 13th — I made wintergreen candy with nuts in it for the children. We took a walk over to Aunt Susie's. Cora took her some candy. Then we went to Morgan's father and made a little visit.

Nov. 14th — We went over to "Grandpa's" in the p.m. and it was very pleasantly spent. Cora showed me all through and it was such a treat as I never saw so many real old fashioned things.

Nov. 15th — We got up at 3:30 a.m. I ate my breakfast and at 5:10 a.m. Morgan Filkins (Cora's husband) took me to Cole Hill to meet the stage. We had a lantern on the side of the carriage it was so dark. When we got to East Berne

to the post office, I got warm while the stage driver changed the horses, and was quite comfortable the rest of the way to Altamont. I had forty minutes to wait for the train. When I got to Delmar, Howard had "a smile that wouldn't come off" when he seen me coming.

Dec. 10th — I ironed and did up my morning work, filled all the lamps. In the afternoon went to Dennisons to sew. I want to rehearsal with her in the evening to the Reformec Church Christmas Cantata. Paid \$.50 for a ton of coal and ordered two more. Howard dug a ditch for the plumbers.

Dec. 11th — Plumbers came this morning and put in my kitchen sink and a shutoff. It will be so much handier now. Howard will have to finish it. I can hardly wait.

Next: Belle and Howard Salisbury continue their life in Albany, with visits to the Altamont Fair, Albany and East Berne. Then illness strikes.

Scholarship

Cathleen L. McNary of Delmar, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, has been awarded a Siena College Presidential Scholarship.

Picture books program

The Children's Room of the Bethlehem Public Library will celebrate National Library week, April 5 through 11, with a Parents' Guided Tour through Picture Books on Monday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m. The program will underscore this year's National library Week theme, Take Time to Read.

Children's librarians Iris Bartkowski and Irene Rosenthal will discuss how to intelligently select books for preschoolers through kindergarten age children. Checklists of selection criteria and recommended book titles and authors will be distributed.

Parents who are interested in becoming more familiar with the distinctive styles of the best authors and illustrators for children are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and provision will be made for the care of young children in the same room. Registration for this free, hour-long event is appreciated but not required.

For information call the library at 439-9314.

Wild turkey hunt

The Albany County Pistol Club will present a wild turkey seminar on Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m. The program will be held at the Elsmere American Legion. The program will feature color slides, calling demonstrations and hunting techniques.

Admission is \$5. For information call 439-0057.

Injured in crash

A Mechanicville woman was in fair condition at Albany Medical Center Hospital Monday after her car was struck in the side by another car as she was crossing Delaware Ave. by the Delaware Plaza Wednesday.

Tracy Almeida, 25, of Mechanicville, was taken to Albany Medical for leg injuries after the collision, Bethlehem Police said.

Almeida was crossing Delaware Ave. at Normanskill Blvd. with the green light at about 1 p.m., when another car driven by Shawn Mickleboro, 19, of Rensselaer went through a red light on Delaware Ave. and struck the driver's side of her car. Police said they ticketed Mickleboro for passing a red light.

Scaffolds gone

Four scaffolds were reported missing from a Mayfair Dr., Slingerlands, home, where a Greenville contractor was working last week, Bethlehem Police said.

The scaffolds were taken from the lawn between 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday, police said. They are valued at \$400.

Tires stolen

Tires and wheels were taken off a truck at the National Freight trucking terminal near Feura Bush and replaced with old and worn tires and wheels between March 13 and March 16, Bethlehem Police said. They are valued at \$2,000.

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Classroom overcrowding issue again

By Patricia Mitchell

A recommendation to maintain the status quo in Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school buildings while pursuing a more permanent building plan did not meet with approval at last week's school board meeting.

For the last five months, a committee has been looking at ways to relieve overcrowding at the elementary schools until more permanent solutions can be worked on. Committee members had been leaning towards placing kindergartners at the junior high school, but, board member Mark Sengenberger reported last Monday, that idea was rejected because members believed there would be too many impacts on programs and too much cost.

However, the school board decided to table the recommendation from the committee and discuss it further before the budget meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The board will be meeting at the junior high school and then move over to the senior high for the budget meeting at 8 p.m.

The committee was formed because of the overcrowding of the elementary schools due to rising enrollment and the additional space required for state-mandated programs, said Sengenberger. Even though reports show no large increases in enrollment, the committee has determined there is a space crunch, he said.

If the kindergarten classes were moved to the junior high school, that would free up five classrooms in the Ravena Elementary School for four classes and a multi-purpose room. Two first grade classes would be moved from A.W. Becker Elementary, allowing a second grade class and a multi-purpose room, and a second grade and a Board of Cooperative Educational Services class would be moved from P. B. Coeymans Elementary, opening up a skills development and multi-purpose rooms.

Moving the 10 sections of kindergartners to the junior high school was rejected by the committee because the classes would be distracted during lunch shifts because they would be close to the cafeteria, and during the

day because of bells, announcements and changing of classes. Sengenberger said junior high programs and instruction would also be impacted because kindergarten physical education needs would interfere with the junior high program, four junior high teachers would be moved from their rooms, and the seventh grade wing would be eliminated.

The move will also be costly because bathrooms and classrooms would have to be modified, playground equipment added, storage space and physical education equipment needed, in addition to the costs of moving furniture. Sengenberger said an aide for the kindergartners, a part-time physical education teacher and additional teachers and aides would be needed.

Board member Ronald Peretti challenged the recommendation of the committee, saying he believes it is biased, didn't look at all the options and only looked at the next school year. He said the committee never talked about how the schools would absorb additional classes and students next year; just that they would make do.

"We have come up with a one-year plan that doesn't solve the problem. Tell me what is going to happen the following year," Peretti said.

The father of a kindergarten student next year and one the year after, Peretti said he was "thrilled" with placing kindergartners at

the junior high school. At the Coeymans and Becker schools, he said, the schools are doing a good job with the space they have, but too many classes are going on side by side in cafeterias, foyers and hallways. "It doesn't work," he said.

The parent of a first grade student and a next year kindergarten student, David Brown of Dowerskill Village in Glenmont said he was concerned with residential growth. "This area is growing too fast. Everywhere you look there's building," Brown said.

Brown said his son told him he can't talk to his teacher now because she is too busy with too many students.

The gains of moving kindergartners did not outweigh the negatives, Sengenberger said, adding that he ran for the board last year because of these problems. "I don't like this stuff in the hallway now," he said.

The committee and the board agreed that a building plan would be needed as a permanent solution. However, with state Education Department approval and construction, that could take up to three years. Sengenberger said the committee will continue to meet because more studying of proposals and programs will be needed for state approval. For example, the committee has already discussed replacing the Ravena School and building an intermediate school because many deficiencies exist at the school,

and the state won't allow additions because of the building and the size of the lot.

In other RCS school board business, the board received complaints and a petition from the bus drivers about the condition of the bus garage, and Business Administrator Rodger Lewis said he will review the complaints.

Sally Feranda, a driver with the district for about two years, said sanitary and washroom conditions have deteriorated, there is no adequate lunch area or enough space for drivers or mechanics. She said there is a small area upstairs for drivers and a small room downstairs for men to change. While there are improvements, they last only so long, Feranda said. During the day mice can be seen on the upstairs table, she said.

Criticism of the bus garage is a concern because there are attempts to improve the building, said Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Angelo Rosato. He said he believes it is in satisfactory condition and the problem is being solved. There is a bus driver who also cleans out the garage every day, and an overhaul crew has been brought in several times in the last three months, he said. Rosato said he doesn't agree with Feranda that there is not adequate space at the garage because the upstairs area is supposed to be a women's lounge and the downstairs for a men's locker room.

The next regular meeting of the RCS school board is scheduled for Monday, April 6, at 8 p.m.

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\$12.8 million budget hearing set

By Patricia Mitchell

Residents in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District will get their say on the proposed \$12.8 million budget in a preliminary budget hearing scheduled for Monday.

The Board of Education will open the meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the RCS Senior High School.

Preliminary tax rates on the 1987-88 budget are estimated at \$176 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the Town of Bethlehem, an increase of about 15 percent from this year's \$152 per \$1,000, and at \$268 per \$1,000 for the Town of New Scotland, an increase of about six percent from this year's \$252. The difference in the increase is attributed to the changes in equalization rates for the two towns.

The preliminary budget comes in at \$12,886,974, an increase of about eight percent over this year's \$11.9 million.

Highlights of the 1987-88 budget include:

- Seven new positions, including a new second grade teacher, a half-time elementary music teacher, a full-time elementary librarian, two full-time guidance counselors, a full-time math and science combination teacher at the high school, a half-time high school music teacher, a full-time social worker, funds for program chairmen, two full-time secretaries for the junior and senior high school, and monitors for the senior high school who will mainly check bathrooms.

- Funds for microcomputers at \$23,000 for science and industrial arts programs.

- Increases include \$690,666 for negotiated salaries, \$253,329 for employee benefits, \$108,967 for Board of Cooperative Educational Services costs, \$11,290 for transportation, \$92,343 for operations and maintenance, \$27,588 for liability insurance, and \$33,185 for instructional supplies and materials.

- State aid has not been set, but based on the governor's budget is predicted at \$5.8 million, an increase of about 3.7 percent over this year's \$5.5 million.

Two special propositions will also be decided in the budget vote. Voters will be asked to approve bonds for six buses at \$220,000 and the continuation of the roof replacement program at \$150,000 for the senior high school.

Voting will take place in the RCS school district on May 13.

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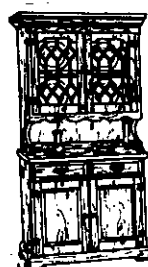
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News from Selkirk And South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup



Community open house

Prompted by last year's enthusiastic response, the Bethlehem Grange has scheduled another open house at the Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers' Corners, Selkirk, for the week of April 20 through 25. All youth and adult groups and organizations in the community are invited to better acquaint the public with the purposes, activities and services their group provides.

In addition to setting up exhibits and displays, members of the various groups will be on hand to answer questions. Special guests include members of the Bethlehem Town Board, and Stephen Coye, who will present a program on defensive driving. Also featured will be the judging of a baking contest.

Interested groups and organizations may call Mrs. Helen Raynor at 767-2770.

DECA thanks supporters

Members of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk DECA Club traveled to Niagara Falls on March 3. The students participated in four days of retail and wholesale contests at the DECMY State Career Conference. The members of the DECA Club would like to thank the following for their financial support: Gerald Wolfgang of Deli Plus, Rt. 9W, Selkirk; Regina Chicorelli of Chicorelli Funeral Homes, Albany and Ravena; Frank M. Stolz of Frank M. Stolz Insurance Agency, Main St., Ravena; Babcock Funeral Home, Pulver Ave., Ravena; Blue Circle Atlantic, Rt. 9W, Ravena; Security Supply Corp. Plumbing Supply of Selkirk, and Dick Marshall of Marshall's Transportation Center, Rt. 9W, Ravena.

Fish fry dinner

This Friday evening, March 27, the Ladies of Selkirk Fire Company—No. 1 in Selkirk will

hold their second fish fry dinner of the Lenten season at the firehouse on Maple Ave. in Selkirk. The dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under the age of 12. Takeout orders may be placed after 4 p.m. on Friday by calling 767-9951. Containers for filling takeout would be appreciated.

The third and final Fish Fry is scheduled for Good Friday, April 17.

Dinner reservations

Today is the last day that reservations will be accepted for the ham dinner being sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 28. The dinner, consisting of ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cole slaw, rolls, beverage and dessert, will be held 5 to 7 p.m. at the church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Admission is \$5.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children and \$1 for pre-schoolers.

Seniors luncheon

Having enjoyed a tour and dining at the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park earlier in the month, the next activity planned for the South Bethlehem-

Selkirk Senior Citizens will take place on Tuesday, March 31. The group will meet at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, at 11:30 a.m. and travel to the Brick Oven Restaurant, Ravena, for a noon lunch. All area senior citizens are invited.

Chowder day

Have you placed your order for the Manhattan clam chowder being sold by the Faith Lutheran Church of Glenmont? The chowder is available every Friday during lent at \$3.75 per quart, or \$2 per pint. Orders may be placed by Tuesday of each week by calling 439-3368, 439-5989 or 439-4019, and may be picked up after noon on Fridays at the Marion and Walt Kositzka residence, 37 Cherry Ave., Delmar.

Australia slide program

On Wednesday evening, April 1, the United Methodist Women will hold their regular monthly meeting at the South Bethlehem Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. All women of the area are invited to attend the 8 p.m. program, which will feature a slide presentation on Australia by Roberta Silversen of South Bethlehem.

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K registration

Registration for children in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District who will be entering kindergarten in September will be held at Ravena Elementary School on Tuesday, April 7.

Parents of children who will reach their fifth birthday by Dec. 1, 1987, are requested to bring their child's birth or baptismal certificate.

Parents and children who live north of the trailer park on Old Ravena Road and north of the twin dips on Rt. 9W will attend session two at 2:20 p.m. Parents and children residing in the southern portion of the district will attend the 12:50 p.m. session.

For information call 756-2155, ext. 133, or 756-2155, ext. 135.

DAR meeting

Theodore M. Fosseick, Ed.D., a professor emeritus at the State University at Albany and former principal of the Milne School, will speak about the Burgoyne campaign in the American Revolution during the March 28 meeting of the Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. For information call Mrs. Milton Turner at 439-1437.

Funds fight fire

Funds will be made available to rural fire companies who wish to improve their fire protection capabilities. The state Department of Environmental Conservation expects \$81,700 in federal funds to be made available to fire companies located within towns of fewer than 10,000 people.

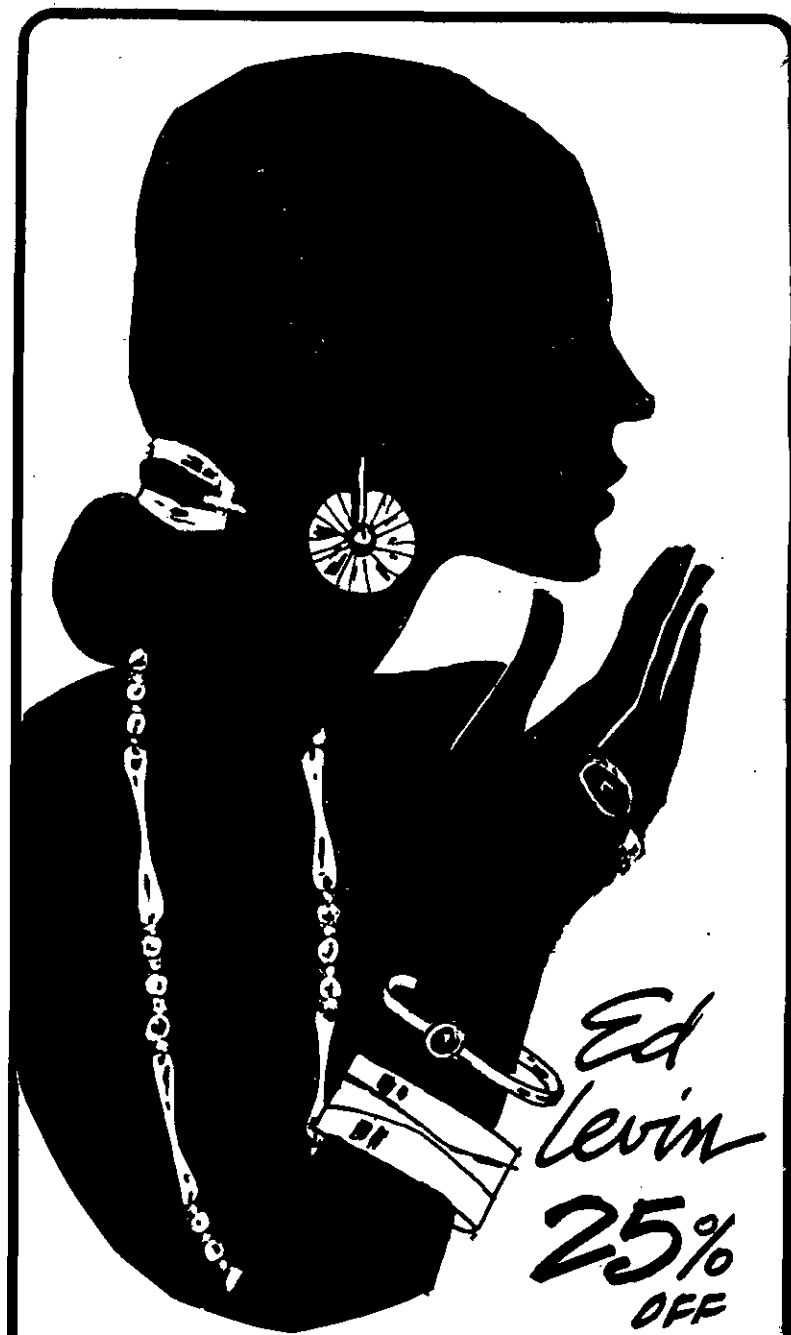
The funds may be used as a matching grant for the purchase of safety equipment, general fire fighting equipment, and communications and home alert equipment. The funds may not be used for the acquisitions of land, major apparatus or maintenance items, or for the construction of buildings or facilities.

Applications must be submitted by March 27. For information write to the Bureau of Forest Protection and Fire Management, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Rd. — Room 408, Albany, N.Y. 12233-0001.

Dance classes

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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.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education, meets first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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.

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

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

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

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

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. Call 439-2238.

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

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.

WEDNESDAY 25
MARCH

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, 439-4039.

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Gardening Program, "Starting Your Garden Seeds," with Phyllis Rosenbloom, bring soil for testing, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3510.

Lenten Bible Study, "Truly, I Say to You, Today You Will be With Me in Paradise," with Rev. James Daley from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

Open House, opportunity for teachers, scout leaders, 4-H leaders and other professional educators to see and learn about Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Career Day, opportunity for juniors and seniors who do not plan to pursue college education to learn about skills needed for employment, Bethlehem Central High School, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-0512.

"Conscientious Objection: An Alternative to Military Service", program for youths and their parents, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Adams Place, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6854; after 6 p.m.

Preliminary Budget Hearing, Voorheesville Central School District, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Lecture, William Pitinach will speak about historic coins and tokens of Albany, Voorheesville Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

THURSDAY 26
MARCH

Elsmere Fire Company, meets last Thursday of each month at firehouse, 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. Information, 439-4258.

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.

Mobile Tax Information Center, free advice and aid, Grand Union, Delaware Plaza, Delmar, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, breakfast gathering, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 8 a.m. Reservations, 439-0512.

Albany County League of Women Voters, discussion of New York State's Public Benefit Corporations, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Information, 439-4848.

Ecumenical Lenten Service, New Salem Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study, 10 a.m., Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; Senior Choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Wild Turkey Seminar, color slides, calling demonstrations, hunting techniques and door prizes, Elsmere American Legion, Elsmere, \$5, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

FRIDAY 27
MARCH

Recovery Inc., self-help for people with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 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.

Story Stew, children in grade two and up, write and tell creative stories, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Arsenic and Old Lace, presented by Dionysians of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2451.

Auction of household items, vacation opportunities, gifts and antiques, sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, proceeds to fund community substance abuse prevention programs, Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

Fish Fry, sponsored by Ladies of Selkirk Fire Company No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 4:30-7 p.m.

SATURDAY 28
MARCH

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

25-cent Spoon Dinner, hot and cold dishes, Clarksville Fire House, 4:30-7 p.m.

Arsenic and Old Lace, presented by Dionysians of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, adults \$3, students \$2, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2451.

Ham Dinner, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, 5-7 p.m. Reservations, 767-9953.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study, 7:45-9 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

Tawasentha Chapter, NSDAR, meeting and lecture about Burgoyne Campaign of American Revolution, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Information, 439-1437.

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

"Jupiter and Elsewhere," Market Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through April 12. Tickets, 462-4534.

"Amadeus," Empire State Plaza for the Performing Arts, Albany, through March 31. Tickets, 474-1199.

Hilltowns Players, perform two one act comedies, "Sin in the South," and "The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter," Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, Rt. 443, Berne, March 27, \$2, 7:30 p.m. Information, 872-0681.

"Tracers," account of Vietnam War, performed by Vietnam Veterans, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, April 1, \$16, \$14 and \$10, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Peking Acrobats, Chinese acrobats performing stunts and tricks, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, March 29, 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets, 382-1083.

"Poet's Forum: Readings and Performances by Contemporary Writers," Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill, March 28, 8 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

"Q'The Taming of the Shrew," State University of New York at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, April 1-4, 8 p.m., April 5, 3 p.m. Tickets, 442-3997.

MUSIC

Organ concert, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge streets, Albany, every Friday, 12:30 p.m. Free.

"Chanticleer - A Victorian Musicales," music of 19th century, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, March 27, \$10, 8:15 p.m. Information, 279-3439 or 587-1473.

Schenectady Symphony Orchestra, concert featuring violinist Linda Chang, 15, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, \$4 and \$9, 8 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

Empire State Youth Orchestra, conducted by Eiji Oue, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 28, \$3 and \$5, 8 p.m. Information, 438-8868.

Lenten recital, Horn Trio, First Church in Albany, 56 Orange St., Albany, March 31, 12:10-12:20 p.m. Information, 463-4449.

FOLK

Hungarian Folk Festival, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, March 25, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-1083.

Phil Cooper and Margaret Nelson, British traditional music, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, March 27, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

Chris Holder, folksinger, storyteller and storyteller, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, March 28, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

Chuck Winans, acoustic musician, Eighth Step Coffee House, 362 State St., Albany, March 28, \$5, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

JAZZ

Eastman Jazz Ensemble, College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, March 30, 8 p.m. Information, 454-5195.

ART

Patricia Johanson will show slides, paintings and plans of her life-size sculptures, The Albany Academy Gallery, Academy Road, Albany, through March 20, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information and appointment, 465-1461.

"The Humor Show," 85-piece exhibit, College of Saint Rose Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through March 29, Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Information, 454-5185 or 454-5189.

"Sculpture and Photographs," Harmanus Bleecker Center, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 21. Information, 463-4478.

Oil paintings of Arline Shulman, Hudson Valley Community College Gallery, Troy, through March 31. Information, 283-1100.

"The Innocent Eye," Hudson River Valley, past and present, Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill, through April 11, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

"Savory Suppers and Fashionable Feasts: Dining in Victorian America," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 5. Information, 463-4478.

"Fiber," The Rice Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 11, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointments, 463-4478.

Figurative paintings of Jeanne Staples and Diana Smolenski, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through April 12, Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

Exhibit of Soviet Union, Main Gallery, Rensselaer County Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Ave., Troy, through July. Information, 235-2120.

Schoharie County Photographers and Woodworkers Exhibit, Schoharie County Council Arts Council, Union St., Cobleskill, through April 24, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointment, 234-7380.

"Many Dimensions," exhibit of photographs, Greene County Council on the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill, through April 23, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

"A Portrait of Livingston Manor: 1686-1850," tercentary celebration, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through May 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

"Traditions and Conflict: Images of a Turbulent Decade, 1963-1973," 82 paintings and photographs by black artists, New York State Museum, Albany, through April, 26.

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SUNDAY 29 MARCH

Delmar Presbyterian Church, worship, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and Communion, first Sunday of each month, 10:30 a.m.; adult education, 9:15 a.m.; senior high fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; junior high fellowship, call 439-3052. Information, 439-9252.

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

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

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, church school and worship, 10 a.m.; adult education, 11:20 a.m.; junior youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; senior youth fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Nursery care provided for pre-school children; information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Bethlehem Community Church, Sunday school, 9 a.m.; morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; 3-5th grade program, 6:15 p.m.; evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m.; Communion, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

MONDAY 30 MARCH

Alphabet Soup, kindergarten students beginning to understand letter sounds join to make own written creations, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

"Chef-of-the-Month," pastry chef, Bill Benson of Palmer House Cafe in Rensselaer will discuss different uses of dough in pastry cooking, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, dinner at Brick Oven Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Ravena, noon.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.; Crossways Bible class, 8 p.m. Information, 432-4328.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

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, first and third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

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

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," theme of Ecumenical Lenten Bible study, "I Thirst," with Rev. David Nuss of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

Order of Eastern Star, Onesquethaw Chapter 818, open meeting, Delmar Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

Delmar Progress Club, creative arts group will continue basket making program, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration, 439-9152.

United Methodist Women, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

Lenten Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, monthly meeting, dinner and Chinese auction, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, new members welcome, 6:30 p.m.

"The Miraculous Story of Bayside," program about apparitions of Blessed Virgin Mary to woman in New York City, Adams-Russell Cable Company, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY 2 APRIL

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

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

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.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study, 10 a.m., Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; Senior Choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Sign Language Classes, 12-week course given by members of Bethlehem Lions Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Spring Rummage Sale of clothing, artwork, household items, tools, jewelry, games and furniture, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-4031.

Bloodmobile, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, 8:30-2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 3 APRIL

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



Michael Heintzman is playing Duncan in the world premiere of *Jupiter and Elsewhere* at Capital Rep, playing through April 12. For tickets and show times, call 462-4534.

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

Preschool Films, three short movies for youths, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SATURDAY 4 APRIL

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

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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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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m.; Communion, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

MONDAY 6 APRIL

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 RAM, 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.

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting, Bethlehem Public Library Community Room, all members welcome, 10 a.m.

Project Wild Workshop, chance for teachers and youth leaders to learn how to teach youths about their environment, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6 p.m. Register, 457-6092.

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Chef-of-the-Month, Steve Osder, director of seafood merchandising for Grand Union Company's main office, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Delmar Community Orchestra, benefit concert for world hunger, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Tractor Certification and Safety Course, for youths 12 and 16 who wish to operate tractors on main roads, William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3540.

TUESDAY 7
APRIL

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.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

Delmar Progress Club, gardening group presents Marsell Steinkamp of Heideberg Farms in demonstration of healthy, productive planting in baskets, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

Dana National History Society, meeting and presentation on endangered plants, Bethlehem Historical Museum, Rt. 9W and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration, for children in RCS School District who will enter kindergarten in September of 1987, Ravena Elementary School, 12:50-3:05 p.m. Information, 756-2155.

WEDNESDAY 8
APRIL

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elmsere, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of each month.

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

Second Millers, association of Tri-Village retirees meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 439-4039.

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elmsere. Information, 439-7864.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," theme of Ecumenical Lenten Bible study, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" with Rev. James Hale, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

Travelogue, on Alaska and Canadian Rockies with Bernie Turoff, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

"The Miraculous Story of Bayside," program about apparitions of Blessed Virgin Mary to woman in New York City, Adams-Russell Cable Company, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 25
MARCH

United Way Awards Presentation, sponsored by United Way of Northeastern New York, Italian American Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, \$13, 6 p.m. Registration, 456-2200.

Daffodil Festival, sale to benefit Albany County Unit of the American Cancer Society, 50 cents per flower, \$4 for 10. Orders, 438-7841.

Toughlove, support group offering parents solutions to coping with children in trouble at school, with substances, family and law, Bishop Gibbons High School. Information, 393-4253.

Natural Science Colloquia, with speaker Charles Boylen, Science Hall, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 2:45-4:15 p.m. Information, 454-5179.

Society for Advancement of Manage-ment, Capital District chapter meeting at Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave., Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 272-6300.

THURSDAY 26
MARCH

Albany Colony of New England Women, consider "Places of Historical Interest to Visit in New York State," Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 459-7256.

Peace and Justice Month, Professor Robin Williams of Cornell University will speak about "The Status of Blacks in America Today," Siena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

Lecture and Slides on industrial history of Troy, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 274-5267.

Reach Out, support group for parents and friends of people who have attempted suicide, The Samaritans, 200 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-0861.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for parents of substance abusers, rear of Christ Lutheran Church, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30-10 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Bloodmobile, American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

FRIDAY 27
MARCH

Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Nobel Peace Prize winner and former Argentinian political prisoner, will speak about "Nonviolence and Social Change in Latin America," Siena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

Contra Dance, Mary DeRosiers with Selma Kaplan and Will Welling, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 275 State St., Albany, \$4, 8:30 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

Altamont Station Squares, mainstream level for western square and round dancers, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8-11 p.m. Information, 459-3047.

Mystery Trip, win vacation and aid Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1019, Western Ave., Albany, \$4 in advance. Information, 489-2677.

SATURDAY 28
MARCH

Goods and Services Auction of 1987 Ford Taurus, compact disc player, weekend in Catskills, calligraphy, dentistry, tutoring and more, Congregation Ohav Shalom, Krumkill Rd., Albany, \$3 admission, reception and previewing, 8 p.m. Information, 458-1670.

Art Show, "Olympics of the Visual Arts," works of students in elementary and secondary schools, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 445-1708.

Retreat, day of rest, relaxation and reflection, Saint Joseph's Provincial House, Latham, \$12.50, 9 a.m. Register, 454-5105.

Cocktail Party Gala, benefit for Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, RCAA Gallery, 189 Second St., Troy, \$20, 6-9 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

"Demystifying the Machine," introductory computer literacy workshop, Russell Sage College Computer Center, 65 First St., Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

Auditions, for Chataqua Youth Orchestra, State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, open to high school students, 1-5 p.m. Information, 442-3997.

Seminar, learn to stop procrastinating, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy. Registration, 270-7338.

Antique Show, featuring more than 60 dealers, Thruway House, 1375 Washington Ave., Albany, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Information, 489-4622.

SUNDAY 29
MARCH

Reading and Talk, Doris Grumback will read from her work and discuss art of writing, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Tours, of Boscobel, performances of music from 17th and 18th centuries, Boscobel, Garrison-on-Hudson, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Information, 1-914-265-3638.

Contest, people dressed in 18th century costumes will be admitted free to performance of "Amadeus" and will be in contest free tickets for future performances, Empire State Plaza for the Performing Arts, Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 474-1199.

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Women's marathoner and Olympic silver medal champion Grete Waitz of Norway will be featured at the Freihofer Run for Women from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Albany Hilton Hotel on State and Lodge streets. For information call 465-4573.

Ice Capades, performance to benefit Arthritis Foundation, RPI Fieldhouse, Troy, \$9 or \$10, 6 p.m. Tickets available at Pizza Hut Restaurants.

Triple Handicap Race, based on age, sex and weight, State University at Albany, Physical Education Building, \$2, 1 p.m. Information, 456-7414.

Fundraiser, haircuts to benefit Leukemia Society, Nino and Michael's Unisex II Salon, Hudson Valley Plaza, Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 438-3583.

Toy Train Show and auction, Albany Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, \$2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Freihofer's Run For Women, training session, featuring Olympic Silver Medalist Grete Waitz, Albany Hilton Hotel, noon-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-4573.

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MONDAY 30
MARCH

Dance Classes, all dance styles, no experience required, Union College, Schenectady. Information, 370-6201.

TUESDAY 31
MARCH

Lecture, Ben Moss, painter, will discuss his work and approach to art, Union College, Schenectady, 4:30 p.m. Information, 370-6201.

Interfaith Day, all welcome to join in celebrating day of peace and brotherhood, Saint Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany, noon. Information, 459-3094.

WEDNESDAY 1
APRIL

Toughlove, support group offering parents solutions to coping with kids in trouble at school, with substances, family and law, Bishop Gibbons High School. Information, 393-4253.

Open House, electric construction and maintenance dept., Hudson Valley Community College, Williams Hall, Troy, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 270-7275.

Officers elected

Sandi Hackman of Delmar was elected a vice president and Skip Albright of Glenmont was elected treasurer of Historic Cherry Hill during a recent meeting of the museum's board of trustees.

Area residents serving as trustees for the year include Chester E. Burrell and Benjamin Mendel Jr., both of Delmar.

Bishko appointed

Sherry Bishko of Delmar has been named vice president of the board of governors at St. Margaret's House and Hospital for Babies.

The hospital, located at 27 Hackett Blvd., Albany, offers services for children who are chronically ill or developmentally disabled.

Bishko is co-chairperson of a building committee organized to oversee construction of a new wing and hospital renovation.

The hospital recently obtained permission to care for children under 16 years of age. Previously, the hospital cared for children under the age of five.

For information call 465-2461.

Cordi inducted

Colleen A. Cordi, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, was recently inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international honor society in economics.

Cordi plans to graduate from the State University at Buffalo in May. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cordi of Slingerlands.

In Who's Who

Todd B. Lewis, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a senior at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., has been included in the 1987 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Lewis of Slingerlands.

Denham studies abroad

Thomas J. Denham of Delmar, a junior at St. Lawrence University, Canton, recently completed a semester in London. Denham is a Charles Dana Scholar and a Lista Volunteer. He is the son of Maud V. Denham of Delmar.



Robert Lauffer, center, of the IBM Corporation, awards a grant from IBM to Karen Harbour, executive director of the Samaritans, and Nancy Bub of Delmar, publicity coordinator for the shelter and wife of an IBM employee. The \$3,296 grant will be used to purchase a computer and printer for use by the Samaritans, the area's only suicide crisis line.

Nominate a volunteer

The Volunteer Center of Albany is seeking nominations for three major awards presented annually in recognition of outstanding voluntary service. They are:

The Youth Volunteer Award, which recognizes achievement by a high school or college age youngster. A gift certificate from a local clothing merchant is awarded.

The Patricia McGuinness Yates Award is for an outstanding volunteer program. The winning agency is presented a plaque and \$500.

The Gerald L. Griffin Award is given to a person who has shown outstanding continuing achievement within the local volunteer community.

The awards will be presented at an Evening of Recognition on April 27. Nomination forms are due by April 6 and are available at The Volunteer Center of Albany, 196 Morton Ave., Albany, N.Y., 12202. Or call 434-2061.

Fasy finalist

Kristin Fasy of Elsmere Elementary School was named as a finalist in the "Nature in Winter — the Spark of Life" art contest, sponsored by the Rensselaer County Junior Museum.

Fasy's entry will be on exhibit with the artwork of other finalists at the Rensselaer County Junior Museum, 106 St. and 5th Ave., North Troy, until April 27.

Career day

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Diana Getz of Atlanta, Ga., a native of Delmar, has been named vice president of trade shows for the Atlanta Market Center.

Getz, who joined the Atlanta Market Center in 1979, will now be responsible for the management of sales and operations and the development or purchase of new trade shows.

A graduate of Hartwick College, Getz resides in Atlanta with her husband, Carl Mitchell.

Sources for small business

Albany County Cooperative Extension has compiled a list of sources of assistance for small businesses. The list of helpful sources gives names, addresses, and phone numbers for the following: business loans, a business name or trademark, educational opportunities, employer I.D. number, energy assistance, food and health requirements, legal structure for your business, minimum wage information, population statistics and demographics, sales tax, self-employment tax, state permits and licenses, tax

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For a free list write to the Albany County Cooperative Extension, C.R.D./Small Business Program, P.O. Box 497, Martin Road, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186, or call 765-3520.

Promoted at Key Bank

Elizabeth A. Schraa of Delmar has been promoted to customer service officer for the Delmar office of Key Bank N.A.

Schraa, who was employed by the bank in 1971, previously served as a customer service representative at the Delmar office. A graduate of Watertown High School, Schraa has taken courses through the American Institute of Banking. She is a member of the Onesquethaw Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary.

She and her husband have two children.

Service nominees

Nominations for local citizens who have records of distinguished service to the community are now being accepted for an upcoming community service award program, sponsored by Catskill Savings Bank.

The bank will honor one person each day in April. On April 30 a drawing will be held for a \$100 donation to the organization or charity of the winner's choice.

For information call 943-3600.

New fee schedule

James Breen Real Estate has introduced a new commission schedule based on the length of time needed to sell the property that the company says could mean reduced brokerage fees for many property owners.

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The traditional fixed commission schedule has been the standard in Albany County. In addition to the new market time rate schedule, the fixed commission percentage will remain an option if that is preferred by the client.

Tractor training

A tractor certification and safety program for Albany County residents between 12 and 16 years will be offered at the William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, on April 6 and 13 and May 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

To register call 765-3540 by March 27.

Seafood preparation

Steve Osder, the director of seafood merchandising for the Grand Union Company's main office, will offer consumers advice on selecting and preparing fresh fish on Monday, April 6, at the Bethlehem Public Library. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. To register call 439-9314.

Camping sites

Campsites in the Saratoga-Capital District State Park Region, which includes the Moreau Lake, Thompson's Lake and Max V. Shaul parks, are being accepted by mail and through area Ticketron outlets. Payment must be made at the time of reservation.

The camping season extends from May 1 to Oct. 12. For information call 584-2000.

Garden scholarship

The Bethlehem Garden Club has announced a new \$300 one-year scholarship to be made available to a student specializing in the field of environmental conservation or horticulture.

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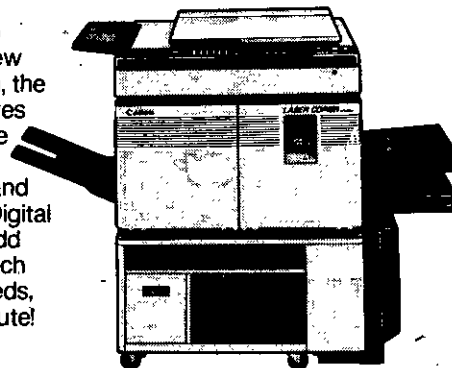


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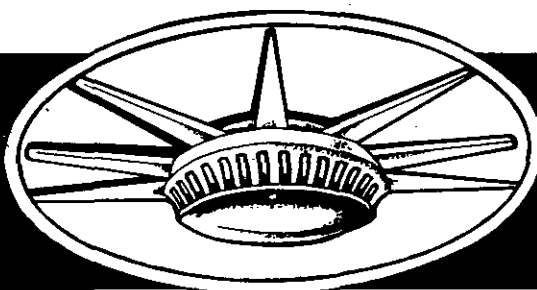
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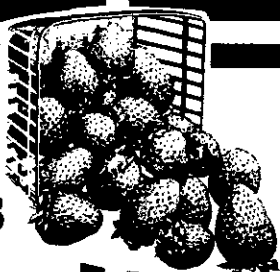
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District voters get budget preview

By Patricia Mitchell

With the caution that the preliminary budget is likely to change before it goes to the voters, residents in the Voorheesville Central School District will be able to have their say on the \$7.55 million budget plan Wednesday (today).

The preliminary budget hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School auditorium. Voters will be voting on the 1987-88 budget on Wednesday, May 13.

The preliminary budget is up 13.5 percent, but the budget package prepared for the hearing by the district notes that the district does not have assessment figures for the towns, state aid figures or a new contract with the district's teachers.

The board of education expects tax rates to rise, but no information on tax rates for 1987-88 was available prior to the hearing, and early figures are expected to be discussed at the hearing.

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The \$7,555,317 budget is an increase of \$902,704 over this year's budget, but board members say that much of that increase is necessary to keep current programs running at the same level next year.

One task the district faces is rebuilding a general fund surplus that could be lost because of a fund shortage of between \$100,000 to \$125,000. Contributing to the problems are a shortfall of about \$80,000 in state aid, cyclical buying for about \$110,000 in supplies that was not done at the end of last year's budget and was done this year; paying back \$35,000 to the unemployment reserve that was transferred out last year; and costs for Board of Educational Cooperative Services and health and dental insurance that were underestimated for this year by about \$87,000.

Superintendent Louise Gonan has said that the district budget will not be running at a deficit this year.

Highlights of the 1987-88 budget are:

- Increases in salary for the staff and several new positions of \$488,034. New positions proposed are two custodians, a new secretary at the elementary school, a part-time social worker, a half-time gifted and talented position at the elementary school, a new bus driver for a new route, a part-time alternative education position at the high school, and three part-time positions for curriculum development at the elementary school under the Regents Action Plan.

- Large increases in social security and health and dental insurance. Social security is budgeted at \$309,670, an increase of about 23 percent from this year's budget \$250,000. Health and dental insurance will increase about 48 percent to \$331,000 from this year's \$223,000.

- An increase of about 48 percent in liability insurance to \$71,200.

- An increase of 25 percent for special education to \$544,124, from this year's budgeted \$435,100. This includes salaries, equipment, supplies, private school and BOCES tuition.

- An increase of about 40 percent for BOCES occupational education tuition to \$165,500 from this year's budgeted \$119,000.

- Private transportation costs are budgeted at \$192,000, an increase of about 13 percent over this year's budgeted \$169,800.

- Purchasing two new buses at \$90,000 and the start of a five-year capital improvements project at \$100,000. Voters will also be asked to approve a bond referendum to buy three more buses at about \$130,000.

Directory available

A publication of the Tricentennial Health Committee, the Health and Human Services Directory is now available. The Tricentennial Health Committee is sponsored by Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield; the newly published directory received sponsorship from Sano Rubin Construction.

The publication describes numerous service organizations in the area and, through cross-referencing, makes it easy for readers to locate available services in a wide variety of fields. It is available from the Albany County Health Dept.

Camera club contest

Winners of the Delmar Camera Club's February competitions were Florence Becker, Robert Anderson, Al Guard, Sheila Schalwin, Marian Van Woert, Fredricka Florant, Yota Lindroth, Abbott Little, Terry Miller and Ben French.

Voter turnout light in village

Edward Donohue and Richard Langford, running unopposed, have been returned to their Voorheesville Village Board seats in very light voting in last Wednesday's elections.

From the 81 voters who came to the polls, Donohue received 72 votes and Langford 78. There are 3,200 residents of the village.

The trustees ran unopposed in the race for their four-year seats on the five-member village board. They were both last elected to the board in March, 1985, but the terms have since been made four years.

Lenten service

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold the annual Henry Tiger Ecumenical Lenten service this Thursday, Mar. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the New Salem Reformed Church on New Scotland Rd. The event is named after the former Kiwanian who began the service, which rotates between the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, St. Matthews Catholic Church, the New Scotland Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Church. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

On the subject of the Kiwanians, the men's service organization will sponsor a take out chicken barbecue on Saturday, April 4, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on New Scotland Rd. Cost of the dinner, which includes half a chicken, potato and cole slaw, is \$4.75.

Legal information

"Legal Information for Seniors" will be presented by Sister Joanne Glavin of the Holy Names, an attorney, at the April 8 meeting of the Second Milers. The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, at 12:30 p.m.

Popp a scientist

Richard Popp of Slingerlands, a fourth grade student at Saint Gregory's School in Loudonville, won first prize for his entry in the school's recent science fair. The topic of Popp's entry was sunspots.

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Children's writer visits schools

Students and teachers in the Voorheesville Central School District will get a chance to meet an award-winning author this week when John Reynolds Gardiner visits the two schools on Monday, March 30.

During the morning the noted author of children's books will be at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High to discuss writing with students from the gifted and talented program and the creative writing classes. In the afternoon he will meet with younger children in grades 2 through 6, and will conduct a writing workshop for elementary school faculty and staff after school.


March 30 will be an extra special day for the author of "Top Secret", "General Butterfingers" and the Newberry Award winning "Stone Fox", which has sold more than 60,000 copies. That evening WNYT, channel 13, will show the premiere of the made-for-television movie of "Stone Fox" at 8 p.m.

Anyone having any questions about the Gardiner visit may contact either high school reading teacher Linda Wolkenbreit at 765-3314 or elementary school librarian Andrea Hampston at 765-2382.

Pancake breakfast
The Voorheesville Area Ambulance will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 29, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion hall in Voorheesville. Tickets for the pancake and sausage meal is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and may be purchased from any ambulance squad members or at the door. All proceeds will go to benefit the Voorheesville Area Ambulance.

One more tax session
Those older tax payers who would like help with their 1986 income tax have one more chance. The AARP tax assistance program to be held for the last time on Monday, March 30, at the Voorheesville Village Hall. All area senior citizens are invited to make an appointment between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to have a qualified representative assist them in preparing this year's return. All are asked to bring their 1985 tax return and information needed to prepare this year's taxes. Those

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451

wishing to make an appointment may contact the Village Hall at 765-2692.

Ice show and dinner
Speaking of senior citizens, the New Scotland Seniors have a busy schedule during the next few weeks.

This Saturday, the group will attend the Ice Capades at the RPI Field House. The group is leaving Voorheesville at 10:30 a.m. and will stop at Jake Kramers for dinner after the show.

On Friday, April 3, the seniors will hold their annual anniversary dinner at the Voorheesville Legion Hall. Those wishing to make reservations for the roast beef dinner should call Martha Navilia at 439-4039 by March 27. Tickets are \$6.50 for the evening, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night
The Voorheesville PTSA will hold its annual Family Fun Night on Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school gym. A dessert buffet will follow an evening of games for the family co-ordinated by the Linendolls of Altamont. There is no admission charge for the program, but each family is asked to bring a dessert to share. The PTSA will provide beverages. All are welcome. For information, contact Joanne St. Denis at 765-4748.

Students in recital
Voorheesville piano teacher Shirley Greene will present her students in recital this Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at the State University at Albany.

Those performing are Ryan Murray, Kara and Matthew Odell, Ann Schryver, Charmaine Davis, Courtney Elizabeth Tedesco, Avery Stempel, Becky Symula, Teri Stewart, Deah Burnham, Joshua Vink, Becky Dawson, Erin McClelland, Matthew Reh, Danny and John McGuire, Haven Battles, Erin Martelle, Melissa Donnelly, Ann Gianatasio, Cheryl and Bill Kerr and Sandra Stempel.

The students, who range in age from 6 to 18 years old, will perform works by Debussy, Chopin, Mendelsohn and Sibelius.

Mrs. Greene and her father, Roy Vanderburgh, will play "La Cygne" by Saint Saens from the "Carnival of Animals", as well as the Military Polonaise of Chopin.

The public is invited to attend the program. Refreshments will be served.

Showtime!
A reminder not to miss the Voorheesville High School production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" this Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and may be purchased at the door. Senior citizens will be admitted free.

Gymnastics at high school
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Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School teacher Susan Podgorski and students Amy Long and Kevin Juandoo prepare for "John Reynolds Gardiner Day" by reading his novel *Stone Fox*. The author will be in the Voorheesville Central School District all day on Monday, March 30.

notified to mark their calendars for Thursday, Apr. 2, when students from the elementary school will take part in the bi-annual gym show to begin at the high school at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend the demonstration, which will include students showing their athletic skills in a variety of forms.

Caught in the act
After hearing a noise in the back room of the Laura Taylor store in Delaware Plaza at about 9 p.m. on March 16, a clerk found a man running from a rear door dropping clothing from the store, Bethlehem Police said. It is not known if the man got away with anything.

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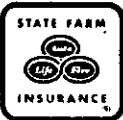
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"I see you have arrived." Ace Palmer, fellow teacher was peering down at the top of one of my students' desks. He sometimes stopped by my room at the end of the day to chat in a way that only Ace could. It was my first year teaching.

"What do you mean, Ace?" I called from my desk at the other side of the room.

"I mean," Ace looked up and met my gaze, "that judging by the way your name is used on this desk I would say you have definitely arrived."

"Oh... that." I remembered what some anonymous student had etched into his or her desk about me, the teacher. "Yes, I noticed that earlier today." I was embarrassed. "The kids were in groups and I guess things got a little out of hand."

Ace assented with a nod. "Is that what they teach now in education courses? Groups?"

"Well, something like that." I did not have the courage to take on old Ace Palmer this afternoon.

But Ace did not want to quit. "The best advice I ever got on instructional methods was, 'tell 'em what you're gonna learn 'em, learn 'em, then tell 'em what they learned.'" Ace's reasoning was always indisputable.

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"Well, yeah, but if they can enjoy what they're doing along the way, they might learn more."

"Enjoy?!" Ace was incredulous — and he was getting my goat.

"Yeah, that's right." Fresh out of graduate school and steeped in educational idealism, I did not realize I was about to make just the sort of naive comment that appeals to the dark underside of every veteran teacher's toughened hide. "I believe learning can be fun."

"Fun?! Good God, Jim. Learning is drudgery most of the time. Pleasant at best, but fun?"

It has been a few years since I last spoke with Ace, but I still think about him. Though he did not change my outlook on teaching, he made me justify some ideas I had always taken for granted. And his memory still makes me pause now and then. In designing "fun" learning activities for my students, I will sometimes find myself checked by a mental image of Ace's incredulous stare.

It makes me wonder sometimes if in planning my lessons I place greater emphasis on engineering classroom events that stimulate my students' visual and auditory senses without considering carefully enough whether the vital material is conveyed. I ask myself, am I an entertainer or a teacher?

Many kids come to school only marginally motivated or completely predisposed against classroom learning. It is my job to somehow gain their attention. Kids these days, and anyone else for that matter, are bombarded continually by stimuli calculated to attract their attention. The public and private places we Americans inhabit place and scream the competing messages of the marketplace. Whether eating at McDonald's, shopping at the mall, driving a commercialized roadway, or watching TV at home, our eyes and ears are kept constantly busy.

My students, who move and breathe in this environment for most of their waking hours, find themselves daily dumped upon the shores of public education by a yellow school bus, and for six or seven hours they move and breathe in an environment that we educators can to some extent design ourselves. We face a choice. We can try, like McDonald's, Coca Cola, Rambo and Record Town to gain our students' attention through dazzle, sensationalism and seduction, or we can herd them into their seats saying learn this or else. Trickery and fear are a teacher's stock in trade.

Fear, as any parent will agree, can only go so far. Ace's classes always sat in neat rows while Ace

lectured for the full period most every day. Assignments were strictly recitation and memorization exercises. And I suspect the students in Ace Palmer's classes bore out Ace's view of learning. Discussion consisted of yes and no answers to Ace's pointed questions. Discipline was a yard stick that Ace was fond of rapping loudly on his formica topped desk whenever the class became unruly — which it rarely did as the students feared Mr. Palmer. I cannot be sure, but my own philosophical bent says students did not learn as much as they might have in that class as their imaginations were stifled by fear.

same types of sense stimulation; therefore, I try to appeal to more than one sense. Not all people express themselves in the same way; therefore, I try to allow for a variety of forms of expression. Not all people think in the same way; therefore, I try to appeal to different levels of thinking skill. My educational trickery seems, most of the time to gain my students' attention.

All the same, I still see these mental images of Ace Palmer scowling at my educational song and dance routines, and it makes me wonder sometimes what unintended consequences all these stimulating learning activities

"Fun? Good God, Jim. Learning is drudgery most of the time. Pleasant at best, but fun?"

That leaves us with trickery. What of it? The people who run McDonald's and the people who run public education have a lot more in common than some might like to admit. We are both in the business of mass appeal. We both have at our disposal an array of psychological techniques to attract the interest of our clientele.

I cannot speak for McDonald's, but I will be happy to divulge some educational tricks and stunts. People need to see purpose in whatever they might be asked to do; therefore, when I teach a lesson, I try to establish for the student its purpose. In order to be interested in something new, people need to sense some relationship between the new thing and their own lives; therefore, I try to bring the subject matter within the borders of a student's realm of experience. Not all people are attracted by the

may have on a student. Perhaps an expectation that all learning must be totally engaging at all times will lead a student to the dangerous conclusion that if something is not engaging, then it is not worth the bother to learn. Will a student's capacity for sustained effort diminish if I establish a norm of excitement and stimulation in the learning process? In the world outside school much that is learned is drudgery. (I'm sure many of my students would say the same about what goes on in school). Do I always serve my students' interests by sensationalizing the learning process? By appealing to my student's visual orientation do I only reinforce a bad TV habit? Once a student is stimulated to learn, how is long-term interest maintained?

I wish I knew the answers to those questions. While I am searching for them, I must be guided by what experience has taught me. Ace Palmer and the Spanish Inquisition won assent; McDonald's has won our hearts and minds. Fear works; trickery seems to work better.

San Salvador study

Debra G. Bausback of Slingerlands, a sophomore biology major at Hartwick College, Oneonta, participated in the January term program in island biology at the Caribbean island of San Salvador.

Bausback is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan H. Bausback of Slingerlands.



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If I were looking for confirmation of the fact that the world has changed since I struggled through the teen years, it came in the mail the other day. A booklet called "Teen Suicide Prevention" arrived, and I found it both enlightening and frightening. When we read of the joint suicide of four teens in New Jersey and the numerous copycat attempts (some of them successful), we might be tempted to see them as isolated incidents. The facts indicate otherwise. In fact, the number of attempted and successful suicides is a growing, clamoring cry from the youth of our society. Where once youth meant a season of vision and hope, too often now it is filled with despair, darkness, and hopelessness.

The lead article in this booklet cites statistics that are staggering. "Since 1950, the rate of suicides for those between ages 15 and 24 has increased three hundred per cent. Last year, it was estimated that between 250,000 and 500,000 young people would attempt suicide with 6,000 of them succeeding. Between 1970 and 1978, 40,000 youth died by suicide, according to the National Institutes of Mental Health. Suicide was thus the third leading cause of death for that age group in those years.

I cannot pretend to understand the pressures and the stress that would lead so many young people to choose the way of death to escape. In fact, I must confess that it is bewildering to me to try to understand. Having grown to maturity in a time of comfort and prosperity, and having entered adulthood with idealistic visions and unbounded hope, I am tempted to nag at young people to count their blessings and shape up. Yet, I cannot escape the vivid

reality of young lives wasted and thrown away on the altar of despair. We, as a society, cannot afford to ignore the cry for help that this epidemic represents.

For Christians, the Lent/Easter cycle represents a time for entering into the darkness of Christ's death in order that we might pass through with him to the unconquered life. The Jewish observance of Passover reminds us all that there is One to lead us through the valley of death's shadow to freedom and a new life. We speak of the redemptive power of suffering, yet fail to identify with those in our midst who may be suffering but have no voice with which to express it.

How do we begin to communicate the potential and the possibilities of life to persons who see only defeat and hopelessness? How do we enter into their pain and suffering in a healing way? How do we help them to see that it is not necessary to take a path that is a permanent solution to a temporary problem? How do we offer them hope? How do we enable them to rediscover the worth of their own lives so that they will claim hope as their own?

Experts have their own ideas and suggestions, all of which should be considered, yet I believe that the answer lies deep within each of us. It begins with our own rediscovery of life's value and potential. If we are to be models of hope, then let us first remember on what foundation our own hope is built. I can't help but wonder what image young people are receiving from the adults around them. If they see hope in us as realistic, might it not encourage hope in them.

In addition, we need understanding. I, for one, believe that it is

time we began to listen to what our young people are saying to us. Rather than writing off their concerns as "immature or childish," might we not be better served by an attitude that seeks to hear the feelings and the needs beneath the outward expressions.

That, of course, requires that we have respect for those whom we seek to understand. To achieve that means we need to get involved with them in caring and affirming ways that demonstrate to them our recognition of their inherent human dignity. Hopefulness is based on an inner sense that you are valued as a person. We learn it as we touch and are touched by others in supportive ways. We claim it as we take responsibility for our lives and discover that we can be successful in living responsibly.

Finally, it is important that we help to spread the word, to encourage all people to choose life over the way and the instruments of death. As we trust in a loving God whose power works to give, renew and sustain life, perhaps we can by our touch encourage another to come to know about our God. If we live in hope ourselves, who knows. It might take hold in others too.

Dance classes

Area residents may sample classes in jazz, tap, ballet, bodyshop or stretch for \$1 at the eba Center for Dance and Movement, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, on March 25 and 26, from 4 to 8 p.m., or on March 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For reservations call 465-9916.

Sign language classes

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For information call 1-800-962-4000.

Rummage sale

A rummage sale will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elmsire on Thursday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Available will be clothing, household items, small pieces of furniture, books, magazines, games, jewelry, dishes and craft materials.

Business women

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will hold a dinner meeting and Chinese auction at the Albany Motor Inn on Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.



Rev. Davis Nuss

Bible study hour

"I thirst" will be the text when Rev. Davis Nuss of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church speaks at the April 1 Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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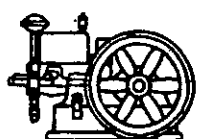
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Compulsive eaters unite in struggle

By Kevin Mullen

It's 5 p.m. Sally leaves work, gets in her car, and on the way home she stops off at Price Chopper and buys a half-dozen of glazed donuts. She eats several in the car as she resumes her trip home, thinking about what she'll cook for her family tonight.

Ingrid is watching "Dallas" with her husband and excuses herself. She goes into the kitchen, opens the fridge, grabs a chicken leg and eats it without sitting.

Arthur is a guest at a party and gorges himself with roast beef, boiled ham, ziti, cole slaw, rolls, and other fare from the table. He's considering a fourth helping.

What all these people have in common is that they are not hungry. They are compulsive overeaters. They suffer from a progressive illness that, like

alcoholism, cannot be cured and can only be arrested.

At the First Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar on a recent Thursday, seven members of Overeaters Anonymous gathered for an hour to share the positives and negatives of the preceding week. OA is a non-profit, self-supporting organization that is patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous. It was formed in 1960. Its basic concept is that compulsive overeating is a disease that affects a person on three levels — physical, spiritual and emotional.

At the Delmar gathering a "contact person", who will be called Thelma, ran the meeting. Six other women took part. After a serenity prayer by Thelma, the members read "The Tools of Recovery," which are abstinence, sponsorship, meetings, telephone,

anonymity, literature, and service. The most important tool is abstinence. OA literature explains that abstinence "means far more than relief from compulsive overeating on a physical level. It also means an attitude change that comes as a result of surrendering to something greater than ourselves.

over 20 years, said that there are many "crossovers" in OA. These are people who suffer from alcoholism and other addictions. Admitting that you have a problem is probably the biggest hurdle, she said.

"I've gone to a lot of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. One of the

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Abstinence means not only freedom from food but freedom from negative thinking. Understood in that light, we can equate abstinence with sobriety, which means in its broadest sense a state of being well-balanced, calm, rational, realistic."

"It's a disease of isolation," Thelma said. "You can withdraw. Eat secretly. They can be like alcoholics, like closet drinkers." Thelma said that many OA members have gone through Weight Watchers and other diet workshops and have ended up at OA because nothing worked. "They help each other, sharing honestly their problems of overeating. In the meetings they're able to do this. You have to get honest."

Thelma, who said that she is an alcoholic but hasn't had a drink in

hardest things I've had to do in my life was to admit that I was an alcoholic. But once you've admitted it, that's a big step."

OA stresses its 12 steps of recovery — fashioned after AA's 12 steps — for its individual members "as a means to grow spiritually and emotionally." The first step is: "We admit we were powerless over food — that our lives had become unmanageable."

"You have to believe in God, a higher power" said Thelma. She described OA as a "spiritual organization."

During the meeting each member introduced herself and admitted that "I'm a compulsive overeater." They briefly outlined what went good and bad for them during the previous week. One woman said that she had a feeling

of "rebellion" after leaving the last meeting. That negative feeling may lead to a "slip."

In closing, Thelma talked about "slips," which might be caused by overconfidence or the interference of social or business affairs that could lead to the loss of abstinence. Fatigue can lead to a slip by letting a person's mental and emotional defenses down.

Many OA members follow an eating plan that can include specific foods and food portions or a more liberal food plan framework. But there is no specific food plan for members to follow. A sponsor — one of the tools of recovery — can assist members in the selection of a food plan. A sponsor's main function is the sharing of his or her experience, strength and hope. Another important "tool of recovery" is the telephone. Since compulsive overeating is a disease of loneliness, the telephone is a daily link between a person who might be suffering a "low" and his or her sponsor.

Asked if there might be any misconceptions about OA by the general public, Thelma said: "I don't think enough people know about it." Another possible misconception, she said, is that all members are "fat."

"Some people are in recovery and have lost weight," Thelma said. "They're at different stages." People who have gone through diet workshops and have lost weight only to regain the weight have chosen OA because they finally admitted that food was a stronger force than they had

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previously believed. Others who don't need to lose as much weight have joined OA because they have recognized their problem and know that compulsive overeating is, like alcoholism, a progressive disease. OA members believe in abstaining rather than in dieting. Some of OA's suggested guides to abstinence are:

Plan your meals in advance.

•Entrust yourself to your higher power every day.

•Don't take second helpings at meals.

•Enjoy your meals.

•Weigh yourself only once a month.

Don't skip any meals.

•Make abstinence your first priority.

•Make a telephone call to your sponsor before breaking your abstinence.

•Beware of foods that have addictive properties (salt, sugar, starch) that may produce a craving.

Members are encouraged to go to at least one OA meeting a week. Many attend two or three a week. In the Capital District, there are OA meetings every day. In one week, 21 sites from Hudson to Glens Falls, and from Fort Plain to Hoosick Falls, offer guidance and sharing.

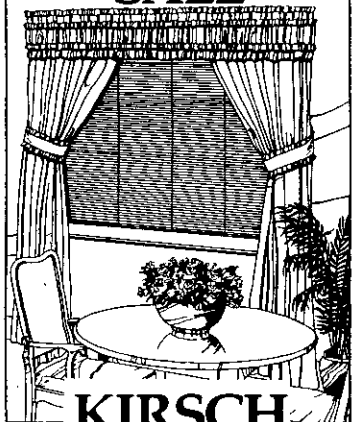
Thelma said that compulsive overeaters often have a feeling of low self-esteem and despair. Being part of OA helps "get rid of those negative feelings." Thelma believes that the stresses of today's world makes people "live faster and harder" and the "result is compulsive behavior."

The seven members of OA stood up from the table in the First Methodist Church in Delmar and held hands — not unlike the members of a defensive huddle on a football field seeking inspiration — and they all said in unison: "Keep coming back, it works."

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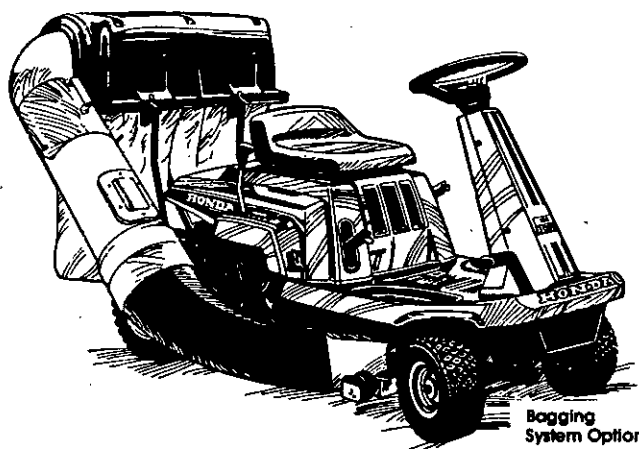
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Area tennis stars rank nationally

Along with the flower garden's first crocus, a sure sign of spring for tennis players is the arrival of last season's tournament rankings in the mail. Local players who compete in sanctioned events in the eastern section of the United States Tennis Association, which includes all of New York State, along with certain parts of Connecticut and New Jersey, are gunning for a prestigious eastern ranking.

Among the juniors, Kristen Jones finished highest, registering a number 10 spot in the girls' 14 singles. That ranking is particularly important since invitations to national tournaments are limited to the top ranked players. Her sister, Jody, is ranked 45 in the girls' 16 singles. Teamed up, they placed number three in scholastic doubles, based on their runners-up status in the state championships.

The "dynasty of the nineties," a term frequently applied to the area's young stars, dominated the eastern rankings, including quite a few newcomers. District 10 comprises the Capital District and has long been a stronghold of Schenectady players, but local juniors are beginning to make their presence felt, possibly due to Phil Ackerman's clinics at Southwood Tennis Club.

Six Bethlehem players show up in this year's rankings. Jeremy Ballam and Alex Frangos finished numbers one and two respectively in the boys' age 10 and under singles category. David Rosenberg is ranked fifth in 12s, Eric Lee is second in the 16s and his brother

Stanley is third in the 18s. David Corey earned a ranking of fourth in the 18s. Jim Ritter, who plays for Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's high school team, placed second.

In the girls' district rankings, Samantha Jones of Voorheesville received a fourth spot in the 12s, the same number Delmar's Julia Hart holds in the 16s.

Although the Bethlehem area boasts a seasoned cadre of adult players, only one shows up in the rankings this year. Linda Burtis cracked into the top of the pack for the first time with a number three ranking in the women's 35 division.

Project WILD

A Project WILD (Wildlife In Learning Design) workshop for teachers and youth leaders will be offered at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Monday, April 6, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

To register call 457-6092.

Religious program

The 1987 Lehrhaus: Albany Jewish Community Adult Studies program will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, at the Albany Jewish Community Center, New Krumkill Rd., Albany. The first program, entitled "Religious Symbols in the Public Square," will be presented by Rabbi Israel Rubin of Chabad Lubavitch and Scott Fein.

All are welcome. To register call 783-7800.



Given S. Hynds

Gold medal skater

Given S. Hynds of Burtonwood Pl., Delmar, has won a first place gold medal in the Esquire Mens Figure Final roller skating competition at the Mohawk Valley Invitational Meet held at Rollarama Skating Rink in Rotterdam.

Hynds has been roller skating for five years, and has passed proficiency tests in figures, American dance, International dance, freestyle and the super skate categories.

Dolphins at Jr. Olympics

Seven Delmar Dolphins placed at the Junior Olympics, the final championship meet of the winter season, held March 21 and 22 at Burnt Hills.

Jonathan Church, swimming in the age 10 and under category, made two club records, placing third in the 200 freestyle and fourth in the 100 fly. He also placed fourth in the 50 freestyle, sixth in the 100 freestyle, and fifth in the 50 fly.

Mark Kanuk, swimming in the age 10 and under category, placed fifth in the 200 freestyle, sixth in the 100 back stroke, sixth in the 100 intermediate and third in the 200 intermediate.

Also swimming in age 10 and under, Brad Mattox placed fourth in the 200 freestyle and fourth in the 200 intermediate.

In the age 13 to 14 boys, Pat Fish placed sixth in the 500 freestyle and sixth in the 100 fly, fourth in the 200 fly and fifth in the 400 intermediate.

For the girls, Jill Cleveland placed fifth in the 100 breast stroke and fifth in the 200 breast stroke in the senior girls category.

Katy Fish, swimming in the senior girls category, placed fifth in the 200 freestyle, fifth in the 500 freestyle, second in the 1650 freestyle, fourth in the 100 breast stroke and fourth in the 200 breast stroke.

Also in the senior girls category, Lisa Ogawa placed fifth in the 50 freestyle, fourth in the 100 freestyle, sixth in the 100 back stroke, fifth in the 100 fly, fifth in the 200 intermediate and fifth in the 400 intermediate.

Baird qualifies

Justin Baird, a 15-year old sophomore and a varsity swimmer at Bethlehem Central, and a two-event finalist in the recent state intersectionals, has qualified for the Eastern Zone Competition in April.

The Eastern Zone Championship, to be held at the State University at Buffalo, Amherst campus, is made up of the fastest swimmers from Maine to Virginia.

STAR BOWLERS

Bowling honors for the week of March 15 at Del Lanes, Delmar go to:

Sr. Citizen Men—Harold Eck 236; John DeFlumer 593; (4 Game Series) Harold Eck 890.

Sr. Citizen Women—Dot Palmer 190; Elizabeth Hullar 465; Ann Saw 177.

Men—Ed Seno 267; Bill Van Alstyne 686.

Women—Janet Van Luyk 228; Dawna Dolen 577.

Major Boys—Mike Graves 243, 700; Steve O'Brien 245, 629.

Major Girls—Tammy Smith 244, 594.

Junior Boys—Bill Cornell 210, 522; Harley Suito 187.

Junior Girls—Lisa Green 192, 495.

Prep Boys—Lee Aiezza 208, 553; Mike Aylward 226, 573; Matt Brown 168; Ben Comtois 167; Tom Stagg 201, 518; Mike Soronen 181, 472.

Prep Girls—Gretchen Seaburg 140, 378; Angie Amsler 173, 432; Hollie Amsler 143, 396; Michelle Kaufman 146, 372.

Bantam Boys—Robert Mossop 128, 314; Jason Wagner 149, 365; August Cardona 123, 364.

Bantam Girls—Michelle Storm 133, 351; Lisa Seaburg 137, 328; Crystal Fink 98.

Rolls a 300

Bill Stolz of Union Ave., Delmar, scored a 300 Wednesday at the Action Lanes Majors League. The score completed a 795 triple after he started with 247 and 248.

Stolz has been bowling for 30 years, and has a 189 average.

Bicycle found

A bicycle was found on the front lawn of a Huron Rd., Delmar, home Saturday, Bethlehem Police said. The bicycle is being stored at the Police Station on Delaware Ave., where the owner can claim it.

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Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John H. Jones, whose wife, Zoetia, is the daughter of Zoie Bowie of Selkirk, recently toured the Western Pacific aboard the destroyer tender USS Prairie, homeported in Long Beach, Calif.

During the tour, Jones participated in the British Royal Navy's "Navy Days" celebration in Hong Kong.

Jones joined the Navy in May of 1985.

Marine Pvt. Rodger T. Downing, the son of William J. and Carol M. Krause of Clarksville, has completed the infantry combat training course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, Calif.

During the six-week program, Downing received classroom instruction and participated in field exercises involving infantry tactics; the construction and camouflage of fighting positions; and the use of mines, demolitions and intra-company communications equipment.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar, he joined the Marine Corps in August of 1986.

Marine Pvt. Keith C. Henry, son of Jerry F. and Carol A. Henry of Zabel Hill Road, Feura

Bush, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC.

A 1983 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, Ravena, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1986.

Elizabeth Colantonio, daughter of James P. Colantonio-Smith of 18 Altamont Road, Voorheesville and Judith E. Colantonio of Troy, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of Airman First Class.

Colantonio is an administration specialist with the 20th Tactical Fighter Wing in England.

Marine Pvt. Kevin C. Deleskiewicz, son of Dorothy Deleskiewicz of Clipp Road, Voorheesville, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Warrant Officer Timothy R. Houck, grandson of Marie M. McMillen of 7 McMillen Place, Delmar, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Houck is a pilot with the 308th Attack Helicopter Battalion. His wife, Darlene, is the daughter of

David and Karen VanDenburg of Delmar.

He is a 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Army Reserve Private Kevin J. Quackenbush, son of Joseph A. Quackenbush of Albany, and Marge C. Quackenbush of Voorheesville, has completed training as an Army military police specialist under the one station unit training (OSUT) program at Fort McClellan, Ala.

(OSUT) is a 13-week period which combines basic training with advanced individual training.

Marine Lance Cpl. Jeffrey M. Myers, son of Alan J. and Gay E. Myers of Valley View Drive, Glenmont, recently completed the Ground Radar Repair Course.

Navy Ensign Michael J. Cerneck, son of G. David and Joanne E. Cerneck of Carolanne Drive, Delmar, was commissioned in his present rank upon completion of Aviation Officer Candidate School.

During the 13-week course at the Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., Cerneck was prepared for future duties and responsibilities as a commissioned officer and to prepare him to enter primary flight training.



Commemorating "Healthy Heart Day," a health awareness day proclaimed by the governor, Glenmont Job Corps medical assistant student Karen Bock takes the blood pressure of a state worker at a hypertension clinic at the Capitol in Albany. Nursing assistant and medical assistant students at the Glenmont Job Corps were asked to help with the hypertension clinic by the American Red Cross.

Rummage sale

The annual spring Rummage Sale of St. Stephan's Episcopal Church in Elmsmere will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 2.

Items available include clothing, household items such as kitchen utensils, curtains, drapes, and bedspreads, electrical appliances, tools, small furniture, books, magazines, games, jewelry, craft materials and dishes and glassware.

For information, call 439-4031.

To take a hike

The New York Walk Book, a classic for hikers, written by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and published by Doubleday, is now available in its fifth edition. The book includes information about the New Jersey Ramapos, Long Island and the Catskills.

The book is available directly from the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, 20 West 40th St., New York, NY 10018, for \$12.95 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. New York State residents must add sales tax.

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BIDS DUE

The Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School District will receive sealed Bids for Contract No. 14 - Roofing Work at the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Senior High School and the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Bus Garage, Ravena, New York.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 1987, at the office of the Business Manager, Board of Education Building, Selkirk, New York. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Mendel, Mesick, Cohen, Waite, Hall Architects, 388 Broadway, Albany, New York, Telephone Number (518) 463-2276, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon depositing the sum of \$25.00 for each set of documents. Those who submit bids may obtain a full refund of deposits if sets are returned in good condition in no more than 10 days after bids have been opened.

Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the Architect and at the other following locations: Business Manager's Office Board of Education Building Selkirk, New York 12158 Dodge Reports-FL 4 Airline Drive Albany, New York 12205 Eastern Contractor's Association, Inc. 6 Airline Drive Albany, New York 12205

Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. One hundred percent Performance, Labor and Material Payment Bonds are required. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject all Bids.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to NYS Wage Rate Schedules and to all other New York State and local requirements.

No bidder may withdraw his bid

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within 45 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

BY ORDER OF THE
RAVENA COEYMANS SELKIRK
SCHOOL DISTRICT
(March 25, 1987)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 1987, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of the Delmar Kiwanis Club, for a Special Exception from Article V, Permitted Uses, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance, for permission to permit performance by the Vidbell Family Circus, May 16 and May 17, 1987, at premises, Bethlehem Elm Avenue Park, Elm Avenue, Town of Bethlehem.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals

(March 25, 1987)

A NEW YORK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the persons herein named have formed a Limited Partnership for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere and have filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership in the Clerk's Office of the County of Albany, of which the substance is as follows: 1. The name of the partnership is SEVENTEEN HUNDRED COMPANY; 2. The character of the partnership's business is to acquire for investment certain real property located in the Town of Guiderland, County of Albany, and State of New York, together with buildings and improvements to be erected on said real property and to own, manage, mortgage, lease, exchange, sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of such property and such other property as the Partnership shall acquire; 3. The principal place of business of the Partnership shall be at 10 McKown Road, Albany, New York 12203; 4. The name and place of residence of each member is as follows: Vincent M. Wolanin, General Partner, P.O. Box 1515, Sanibel Island, Florida 33957; Gregory M. Wolanin, Limited Partner, P.O. Box 1515, Sanibel Island, Florida 33957; 5. The term for which the Partnership is to exist is from the 30th of June, 1986, and shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following: adjudication of bankruptcy or Chapter XI petition by the General Partner; the final disposition of all of the Partnership Property; or the 30th of June, 2016; 6. The capital of the Partnership shall be contributed as follows: Limited Partner.....\$500.00; 7. The Limited Partners shall receive the following in return for their capital contributions: (a) Commencing in the calendar year

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following the year in which full payment is made of the Limited partner subscription, the excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements of the Partnership, annually, shall be distributed 25% to the Limited Partner and 75% to the General Partner. (b) In the event of a sale, refinancing or condemnation, the proceeds thereof shall be distributed 25% to the Limited Partner and 75% to the General Partner. (c) Depreciation expense shall be allocated 25% to the Limited Partner and 75% to the General Partner. (d) Mortgage amortization shall be allocated 25% to the Limited Partner and 75% to the General Partner. The above is subject to such further amplification and/or modification in accordance with an Agreement of Limited Partnership to be executed by the undersigned simultaneously herewith. 8. The assignability of interests of the General and/or Limited Partner shall be governed by the aforesaid Agreement of Limited Partnership. 9. The death, retirement or insanity of a Limited Partner shall not constitute a dissolution of the Partnership and the remaining General Partner or Partners shall have the right to continue the Partnership business; 10. The certificate referred to above has been acknowledged and sworn by all the General and Limited Partners named herein.

Kevin A. Luibrand, Esq.
Tobin and Dempf
100 State Street
Albany, New York 12207
(March 25, 1987)

LEGAL NOTICE VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district on Tuesday, May 12, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time for the purpose of announcing and presenting candidates for the Board of Education and for the consideration of a budget for the school year 1987-1988 and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on May 12, 1987 the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 1987, at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the pool will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect 1 member of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill

the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Peter G. Ten Eyck, II.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

3. To vote on the following proposition:

Proposition: Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York is hereby authorized to secure bonds to purchase three (3) diesel powered school buses for use by the District, at a total maximum estimated cost of \$135,000, and that such sum, or so much thereof, as may be necessary, shall be repaid within a maximum time period of two years.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouse in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Clayton A. Bouton High School-schoolhouse, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

Peter G. Ten Eyck, II
District Clerk

Dated: February 9, 1987
AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the Annual School District Meeting the Public Library budget for the year 1987-1988 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.

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1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Mary Jane Ewart.

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2. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

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Jane Salvatore
Clerk

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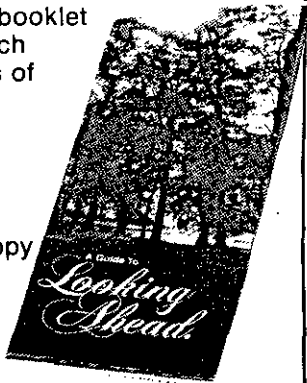
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Obituaries

Herman Brown

Herman D. Brown, 58, of Delmar, a teacher at Bethlehem Central High School, died Monday, March 16, after a long illness at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He was a 25-year resident of Delmar, and he was born in Salamanca.

He taught social studies at Bethlehem Central High School, and continued to teach one class after his retirement in 1986. He also taught in Randolph.

He was involved in the high school's Debating Club and the Explorers, and he was also an outdoorsman who enjoyed canoeing, skiing and mountain climbing.

His survivors include his wife, Doris Brown; two daughters, Maureen Brown of Albany and Carolyn M. Brown of San Francisco; a son, Keith D. Brown of Queens; a sister, June Harter of Salamanca; a brother Leland Brown of Kings Park; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar.



Herman D. Brown

Contributions can be made to the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Florence Gresen

Florence E. Gresen, 75, of Thatcher St., Selkirk, died Monday, March 16.

She was born in Albany.

She worked as an operator for New York Telephone.

She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany and the Court of the Ameranth.

She was the wife of the late Albert H. Gresen.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlotte Saluce of Catskill; a son, Richard H. Gresen of Albany; a sister, Ann Holmgren of Selkirk; a brother, John Weaver of Naples, Fla.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands. Arrangements were by the Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home of Albany.

Frank Baron

Frank Baron, 71, of Rt. 396 in South Bethlehem, died suddenly at St. Peter's Hospital on Friday, March 20.

He was born in Chicago.

He was a retired maintenance foreman for the Albany Casting Co. in Voorheesville, and a retired member of the National Maritime Union.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Wachter Baron; two sons, Milton Baron of Hannacroix and Frank Baron of Stony Brook; a brother, Joseph Chaloupka; and two grandchildren.

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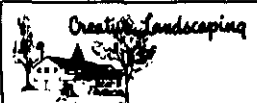
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Virginia Curry Passenger, 68, of Voorheesville, died Saturday, March 14.

Born in New York City, she lived in Guiderland most of her life, and in Voorheesville for a short time.

She was a homemaker and the wife of the late Howard F. Passenger.

Her survivors include four daughters, Ellen E. Quinn of Guiderland, Diann Passenger-Holland of Guiderland, Virginia M. Kendall of Voorheesville and Seena Drapala of Ballston Spa; one son, James H. Passenger of Guiderland Center, and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home of Altamont.

Contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Volunteers needed

The Samaritans of the Capital District Inc., a branch of an international suicide prevention organization, is looking for volunteers to assist with their 24-hour confidential crisis line, suicide education programs and walk-in services.

The Samaritans offers emergency assistance and short-or long-term help to people who are immediately or potentially suicidal. In addition, the Samaritans sponsor Safe Place, a support group for family and friends of suicide victims.

For information call 463-2323.

Held for car theft

Three Job Corps students are being held at the Albany County Jail pending a bail hearing after they were stopped by police Monday morning in a stolen car, Bethlehem Police said.

The students, two 19-year-old men and one 17-year old man, are charged with criminal possession of stolen property, a misdemeanor, and are scheduled to reappear in Bethlehem Town Court on March 31, police said.

Police first spotted the car leaving the closed Atlantic Gas Station on Rt. 9W at about 2:40 a.m. Police said the car, owned by an East Greenbush man, had no rear license plate. When police stopped the car, the driver could not produce a registration for the car, and after telling police that it was their father's car and a friend's car, the men admitted they had taken the car, police said.

Accident injures 5

Five people were taken to the hospital and an Albany man was ticketed for an improper left turn after a two car crash Wednesday afternoon in New Scotland, Albany County Sheriff Deputies reported.

Hyman Rogow, 72, of Albany, was driving south on Rt. 443 when he tried to make a left hand turn onto Rt. 85, turning into the path of Linda K. Smith, 31, of Westerlo, who was driving north on Rt. 443, deputies said.

Taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for minor injuries and later released were Rogow and his passenger, Nancy Rogow, and Smith and her passengers, Debra Sumner and Amy Sumner, three years old, deputies said.

Rogow was ticketed for the improper left hand turn, deputies said.

Easier donations

The American Heart Association will now accept memorial contributions over the telephone and mail an acknowledgement card on the same day, according to William Selwood, chairman of the Albany branch council.

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Date	Time	Unit or Department	Event or Type Call
Mar. 13	7:30 a.m.	No. Beth. EMS	Heart attack
Mar. 13	8:22 a.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Mar. 13	8:22 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Mar. 13	2:14 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Mar. 13	2:18 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Mar. 13		Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Mar. 14	10:20 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Mar. 14	2:42 p.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Dumpster fire
Mar. 14	6:50 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Mar. 15	10:40 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Mar. 16	8:30 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Mar. 16	6:02 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Mar. 16	9:50 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Mar. 16	1:47 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Mar. 16	4:14 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Mar. 16	7:39 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Mar. 16	9:07 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Mar. 17	8:30 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Mar. 17	10:47 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Mar. 17	7:47 p.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Car fire
Mar. 18	4:00 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto accident
Mar. 18	4:00 a.m.	Slingerlands Rescue	Rescue call
Mar. 18	4:00 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Standby
Mar. 18	6:06 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Mar. 18	7:17 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Standby
Mar. 18	6:06 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Mar. 18	7:48 a.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Mar. 18	7:48 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Mar. 18	7:48 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Mutual aid
Mar. 18	11:58 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto accident
Mar. 18	1:06 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto accident
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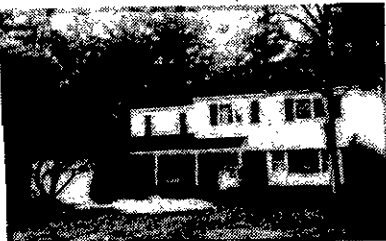
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Bethlehem development: getting out of hand?

Master plan needed, say citizens

Editor, The Spotlight:

A letter to the residents of Bethlehem:

As residents of our Town of Bethlehem, we are very concerned that the unique community character of Bethlehem is being rapidly and irreversibly lost to a philosophy and practice of rapid development.

A recent front page article in the *Capital District Business Review* was entitled "Bethlehem: the New Development Hot Spot." It identified 10 proposed and pending developments and highlights the massive development that could, within a few short years, turn the Town of Bethlehem into a Central Avenue type urban sprawl.

At the moment, what is proposed are 10 large projects, involving apartments, single family homes and shopping centers. Consider the impact on our community from the following in Delmar and Slingerlands:

- **DELMAR VILLAGE** — 336 units, including 280 apartments at the end of Fisher Boulevard, between Orchard Street and Delaware Avenue (more on this specific development below).

- **JUNIPER FIELDS** — 290 units, mostly apartments, on the west side of Elm Avenue, at the end of the Delmar Bypass.

- **THE MEADOWS** — 358 units, mostly apartments, at the intersection of Bender Lane and the Delmar Bypass.

In North Bethlehem around Blessing and Krumkill Roads:

- **BROOKHILL VILLAGE** — 297 mixed residential units, convenience stores and office buildings.

- **GLADSTONE** — 282 townhouses and apartments southwest of Blessing Road.

- **INDIAN HILLS** — 125 single family homes on the south side of the Thruway between Russell Road and Krumkill Road

In Bethlehem Center, Rt. 9W and Feura Bush:

- **VILLAGE GREEN** — 152 condominiums and courtyard homes on the west side of Wemple Rd. near Beason Rd.

- **DOWERSKILL VILLAGE (Section II)** — 125 homes on Hague Boulevard between 9W and Elm Avenue.

We emphasize, we are not against development. Careful, well-planned development is good for our town. We are against the type of haphazard development that seems to be happening in Bethlehem.

Consider the following:

- The proposed developments described above are spread out in all directions. This indicates a tendency to build anywhere and everywhere.

- If all proposed residential units are built, another 1,965 families will be added to our Town, compared to 869 families during all of the 1970's. This is explosive growth.

- Beyond this, the Planning Board has released information that should sound for us even greater alarms of rampant development. From the Vollmer Associates study commissioned by the town in 1985: 8,900 housing units in the Town on the 1980 census, with a projected increase of 4,600 additional units — an increase of 50 percent. From this projected development, an expected population increase from the current total of 24,000 to 37,000 — again an increase of 50 percent.

—Our schools are currently crowded. The development we are faced with will almost certainly require additional facilities. Will we be able to maintain the quality of education we value and expect in Bethlehem?

—We do not believe the costs to the taxpayers of other increased town services caused by development, such as police, fire, sanitation, recreation and library have been adequately evaluated.

—Because of these proposed development activities, traffic, already a problem in our town, will significantly increase. The Vollmer Associates report shows dramatic negative impact, with traffic increasing as much as 600 percent in some areas.

As with most public issues, it is important that

OPINION

we try to deal with the issue of planning and development comprehensively. We must also focus on emerging issues in a timely manner. Now, the issue of importance for all of us is the development in the still country-like western part of our town out Delaware Ave., past the high school, and involving rural Orchard Street, Fisher Boulevard and the areas in the vicinity of Five Rivers.

Delmar Village, a 336-unit development with 280 apartments and 56 single family homes, is proposed to be built between Orchard Street and Delaware Avenue. It is the first of several developments creating problems and pressures brought about by inadequate planning. Significant traffic increases (or perhaps worse, unknown increases for Union Avenue, Brockley Drive and Longmeadow), the unplanned impact of 888 residents and 130 school-aged children, and the overall effect on the community of a 40 m.p.h. roadway built by the developers as the first link in the extension of the Delmar Bypass along Fisher Blvd. to New Scotland Road are concerns we must address *before* development occurs.

We have a plan of action that we ask you to support. Our plan is based on rational development that will promote the unique quality of Bethlehem rather than destroy it. Briefly, it calls for:

- A full-time town planner to develop a Master Plan for the Town of Bethlehem to guide responsible development actions.

- Limiting new development until a Master Plan is formulated.

- Creation of a one-acre zoning structure for the Fisher Blvd./Orchard Street area, and consideration of this for other woodlands within the town in order to protect our irreplaceable resources and unique characteristics from high density development.

You can help, and we ask your help by supporting our efforts toward responsible planning by attending our meetings, town and planning board meetings and public hearings on these issues as follows:

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Room 106, Town Hall, town board meeting: petitions will be presented regarding the above plan of action.

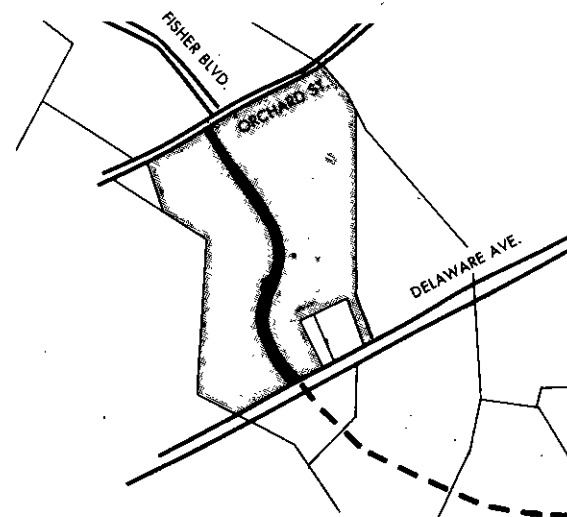
Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., town hall auditorium, public hearing on Delmar Village.

Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., room 106, Town Hall: regular meeting of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning. All are welcome.

Read *The Spotlight* calendar for other important dates.

Thank you for your interest and your support.

Samuel E. Messina,
for the Bethlehem Citizens
for Responsible Planning



Delmar Village is part of a town plan to link the Delmar Bypass, which now ends at Elm Ave., through to Delaware Ave. and eventually to New Scotland Rd. via Fisher Blvd.

Spotlight map

Everyone is for citizen participation in planning and zoning, but making it work can be frustrating.

Editor's View

Occasional comments by the editors of *The Spotlight*

On this page, a group calling itself the Bethlehem

Citizens for Responsible Planning is calling for, among other things, a "master plan" for the town and a limit on new building until a plan is in place. The group got its start several months ago because of concerns about Delmar Village, a major development between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St., and appears to be composed mostly of residents of that area. If it is truly interested in monitoring and having an impact on development in Bethlehem, this organization could be very effective. If, on the other hand, its main goal is to stop Delmar Village, it is likely to fail.

The major decisions about Delmar Village were made nearly two years ago, when the town agreed to rezone the land as a Planned Residential Development (PRD). To be sure, there was opposition to the rezoning, but there was also solid testimony from the developers that appeared to answer the town's concerns about such things as water and sewer service and protection of the environment. And the proposal to bisect the development with a road that would eventually link with the Delmar Bypass was basically the town's idea.

Now Delmar Village is going through its site plan review stage, which involves the specifics — where the buildings will be, road patterns, density, etc. The fact that all of these issues are being dealt with again is testimony to the fact that Bethlehem's zoning and approval process is among the most stringent in the area. It is also testimony to the fact that most citizens and ad-hoc citizens organizations lack both the firepower and the continuity to stop a major development, although they can certainly influence its shape. To a large extent, citizens must rely on the planning board to make good judgements.

Has development in Bethlehem gotten out of hand? The evidence is hardly persuasive, despite the headlines. It is true that Bethlehem, along with the rest of the Capital District, can expect a banner construction season this year, prompted by lower interest rates and a robust economy. It is also true that several major developments are making their way through the planning process.

The fact is that for the past decade the number of *potential* new housing units has far outstripped the number actually built in Bethlehem. Several major tracts of land rezoned for residential use in the 1970s have never been developed, or have been developed only partially. In 1986, 154 single-family homes were built in the town, 48 duplexes, 31 town house units and two apartment buildings with a total of eight units. That total of 295 units was slightly less than the year before (when more single-family homes were built), and translates into a growth rate of something on the order of three percent per year.

The only factor that has changed (besides the economy) is that new sewers have opened up North Bethlehem and the area north of Hudson Ave. in Delmar for large-scale development for the first time. Here again, though, there are other questions that must be answered. Are expensive new homes in North Bethlehem marketable? Will the hilly terrain along the Normanskill make large-scale development in that area too expensive?

The town has committed itself to studying these areas — in effect, developing area master plans — but has so far been hampered by lack of planning staff. The town clearly needs to devote more resources to this work, and to its credit the town board has finally concluded that it is time to hire a full-time planner.

The other interested parties in these considerations are the Bethlehem Central and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts, both of which find themselves trying to plan for the inevitable growth with very little solid information. Again, the town and the school districts appear to recognize the need for closer coordination, but have yet to set up any formal system for doing that.

Ironically, the Vollmer Report, which is cited in the letter from the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, was an attempt by the town at responsible planning. One of its conclusions is that it makes sense to extend the Delmar Bypass through to Orchard St., and eventually via Fischer Blvd. to New Scotland Rd. — all part of the reasoning behind the approval of Delmar Village.

Vollmer Associates did calculate the number of new residential units that could be built in the town if all of the "specific developments likely to occur" go to completion — a very big if. But the report also pointed out that most of these developments are south of the bypass, in relatively unpopulated areas, where actual building has been slower than anticipated. And the report noted that regional planners calculate that Bethlehem's population will grow at only a 5.1 percent rate from 1985's 24,750 to 26,000 in the year 2000 — hardly a major threat.

What this boils down to is that regional planning is an inexact science, and growth projections and master plans should be tempered with a grain of reality. We agree that Bethlehem needs to take long-range planning more seriously, as it seems to be doing, and we think citizens should play a large role in that process, as they did in the Delaware Avenue Task Force. But continuity and perspective are also important. *Tom McPheeters*

Vox Pop

is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to editing and all letters should be typed and double-spaced if possible. Letters must include phone numbers; names will be withheld on request. Deadline is the Friday before publication.

Plaza anarchy

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Delaware Plaza parking lot is, at worst, a serious accident waiting to happen. At best, it is frustrating, aggravating and discouraging that no discernible effort is made by the owners of the property to control, direct, regulate or police the parking.

Drivers go the wrong way on clearly marked one-way aisles, make turns against directional arrows, park improperly, park in marked fire lanes and attempt to exit from enter-only entrances and enter at exits, all without reproof or admonition.

Root causes of the problem seem to be the poorly conceived parking and traffic movement pattern of the parking area and the redesign of the main entrance/exit which combined the original divided entrance and exit into one three-lane driveway, a monumental stupidity.

Management seems oblivious and unconcerned. One never sees a shopping center guard or traffic director doing anything to bring order out of the everyone-for-himself anarchy.

There are shopping centers where traffic and parking rules are enforced. They seemed to be filled and busy, so customers apparently are not offended.

More and more often, I am going elsewhere to shop. I think I am not alone.

William Lowenberg, Jr.
Delmar

Dry eyes water

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading Grand Union's defense of their actions in Elsmere in your March 18th issue, I rushed to grab some of that high-priced Grand Union Kleenex to wipe the tears from my eyes. Surely the citizens of this town should understand that their wiping out of the Albany Public Market was an act of charity as part of their civic improvement program for Elsmere; isn't there something esthetically attractive in that derelict Albany Public Market? Then I remembered that I no longer had any of that high-priced Grand Union Kleenex; I don't trade there any more.

Robert S. Alexander
Delmar

Friends in deed

Editor, The Spotlight:

My husband had to go to the doctor, and, as he is 92 years old and very frail, he could not go in a car.

We called the Senior Citizens bus to take him in the wheel chair. They were here right on time and were very prompt in picking him up at the doctor's office. The men on the bus were very kind and helpful.

I would like to thank them—and the G.E. Plastic Plant that made the bus possible. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for their services to the elderly.

Mrs. Fred Smultz
Glenmont

Timely issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

It is not the usual policy of Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service to make statements regarding actions taken by State, County, or Town officials. In this case, however, the closing of the Jericho Road bridge in Selkirk, N.Y., is of such detriment to the physical well-being of the residents and workers in the area that, as president of the ambulance service, by my own conscience I must go on record in favor of the rebuilding or replacement of the present structure.

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service has only one emergency response vehicle, which is rotated weekly to one of the three companies of the Selkirk Fire Department, with fire halls located at Selkirk (Co. #1), Glenmont (Co. #2), and South Bethlehem (Co. #3). Every third week, the rotation is repeated. Due to this rotation, combined with the closing of the Jericho Road bridge, it has become necessary to circumvent the Conrail Selkirk Railyards when

the emergency is on the opposite side of the yard from where the ambulance is responding. This adds several minutes to the response time of emergency medical care, which can mean extended misery to someone in need.

For example, let us say that the ambulance leaves the Glenmont station enroute to an emergency at Conrail Headquarters on the south side of the railyards. With the Jericho Road bridge open, response time to that location would be less than seven minutes. At present, this response time is in excess of 12 minutes! Five minutes added to our response time, plus five minutes added to transport time to a hospital in Albany can, and undoubtedly will mean the difference between life and death at some time in the future. The same scenario applies to emergencies on the north side of the yard when the ambulance is responding from South Bethlehem.

Additionally, the Ambulance Service responds to all structure fires in the Selkirk Fire District. Again, the delays associated with this problem could be very costly in terms of human pain and suffering.

In conclusion, the officers of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service feel that the lives and health of the residents and workers in the area of the Jericho Road bridge should not be jeopardized by the continued closing of this structure. I hereby request, on behalf of all being neglected by those responsible for this bridge remaining closed, that it be reconstructed as soon as possible.

Arline Wiggand
President
Bethlehem Volunteer
Ambulance Service, Inc.

Selkirk

Manual on lakes

A reference manual providing baseline technical information or many of the significant recreational lakes in Region Four of the Department of Environmental Conservation is available from its office in Schenectady.

The atlas may be obtained for \$2.50 from the license counter at Region Four offices, 2176 Guilderland Ave., Schenectady, 12306.



Linda Kass

Kass-Gleason

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kass Jr. of Glenmont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Mary, to Lt. Daniel Christopher Gleason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gleason of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The bride-to-be graduated from the Doane Stuart School, and will graduate in June from Hood College in Frederick, Md. Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and is attending Officers' Training School in Quantico, Va.

A July wedding is planned.

Roos treasurer

Peg Roos of Delmar has been named treasurer of The Samaritans, a Capital District suicide crisis line.

Appointed as board members were Jeffrey Bryant of Albany and Ann Gridley of Slingerlands.

Ungerer-Hripak

Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Ungerer of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Ann, to Gerald F. Hripak Jr., the son of Mrs. Bernice Hripak of Granby, Mass., and Gerald F. Hripak Sr. of Leeds, Mass.

The bride-to-be is a senior majoring in accounting at the State University at Albany. Her fiancé is a subsistence specialist for the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Spencer, Boston, Mass.

A June 1987 wedding is planned.

Decorating contest

A food decorating contest and show will be held at the Clifton Country Mall from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11.

Sponsored by the Yum Yum Foods Arts Club, registration for the contest and show are still open. Several divisions based on experience are planned and ribbons and prizes will be awarded.

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Library survey

As part of National Library Week, during the first week of April, the Bethlehem Public Library is polling its readers to help encourage reading during the week.

The library is using the poll for a display in the library, and also in its newsletter and the local media.



Community Corner


Going, going, gone!

Services and merchandise, including household items, vacation opportunities, gifts and antiques will be auctioned Friday by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

The auction will start at 7:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Ave.

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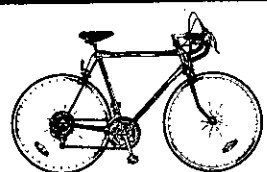
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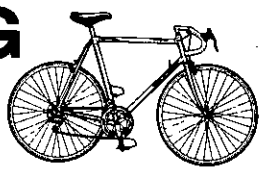
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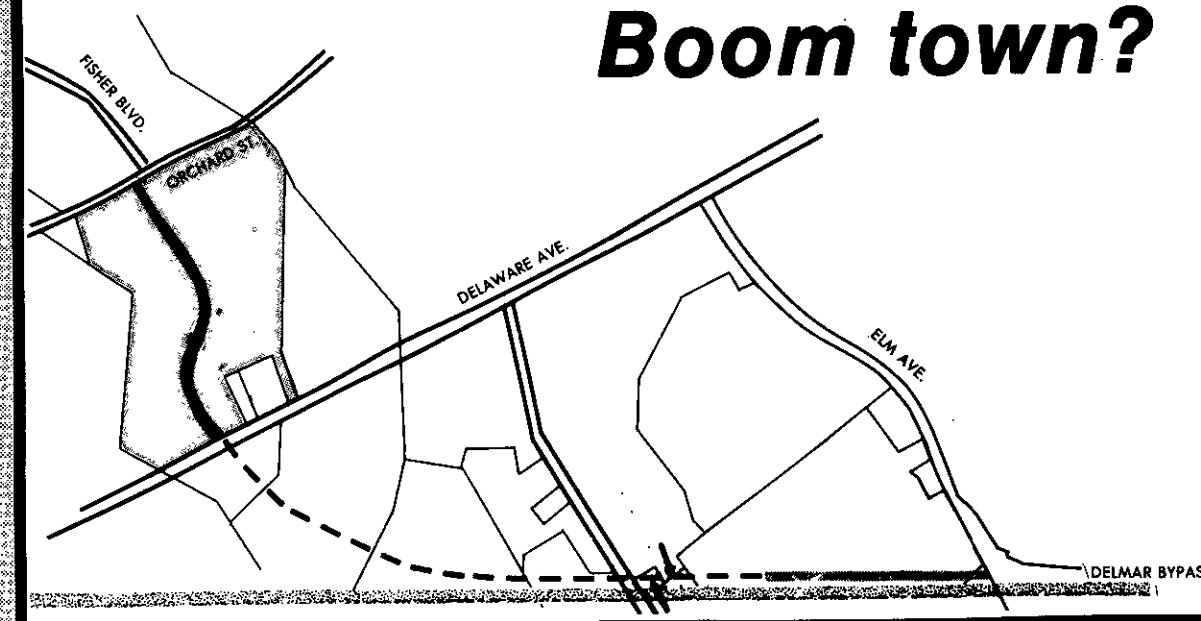
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