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Bethtehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post 3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesday, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome

Trap shooting, Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information 439-4273.



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Tri-Village Welcome wagon, "A Thing of Beauty Luncheon," Normanside Country Club, cocktails 12, noon, luncheon, 12:45 p.m. Reservations by Jan. 11, Mrs. Fran Wingardner, 439-0690.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, legislative forum, panel speakers Assemblyman Lane, County Legislator Sargent, and Town Supervisor Corrigan, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting provided. Information, Doris Davis, 439-5786.

Town of Bethlehem Historical Assn., "Farming in Bethlehem— Past and Present," Richard Thayer to moderate a panel discussion, Old Cedar Hill School House, Selkirk, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Recycling drive, United Methodist Church at Voorheesville, back parking lot. Continuing throughout the weekend. For heavy or bulky items to be picked up, call 765-2895.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 Winter Carnival, Town Park, 11:30 a.m.

German Night dinner-dance, American Legion, Blanchard Post, Elsmere.

Cross-country ski workshop, Five **River Environmental Education** Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, sessions, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Trl-Village Little League, registration, Bethlehem Library and Clarksville Elementary School, 10:15 a.m.-2 p.m. First-time registrants bring birth certificate.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Farewell reception for Rev. Gerard Van Heest and family, Delmar Reformed Church, 3-5 p.m. Community invited.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 Kiwanis Club, La Casa Restaurant, 6:15 p.m.

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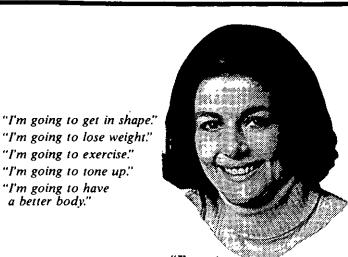
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Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Preschool films, Bethlehem Library, 10-10:30 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m. Deimar Progress Club, drama group, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Parents' open meeting on "Normal Development of Speech and Hearing in the Pre-School Child," speaker, Dr. Evelyn Brayton, Albany Medical Center, at Community Nursery School of Voorheesville, First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

Travelogue, sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept., John Aronson, guest speaker, Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club, colored slide lecture, Walt and Nancy Quillinan, "The Adirondacks," Parish Hall of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Cooperative Extension, board of directors, Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Organizational meeting, QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) evening division, Bethle-



hem Library, 7 p.m. All welcome. Information, Diane Coffey, 439-2678 evenings.

Home economics program, "Selecting a Ski Parka and Sleeping Bag," Albany County Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Wildlife program, "The Bald Eagle in New York," speaker George Steele, wildlife technician from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar.

Career-life planning course for women, Bethlehem Library, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Y-Guides, for fathers, sons and daughters, informational meeting and new member sign-up, Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3908.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Delmar Progress Club, literature discussion, Cox residence, 1:30 p.m.

Round and square dance, Voorheesville PTSA, at American Legion post, Voorheesville, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Tickets, 765-4654.

Tri-Village Little League, registration, Bethlehem Library and Clarksville Elementary School. 10:15 a.m.- 2 p.m. First time registrants bring birth certificate.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Cross-Country Ski Day, sponsored by Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, at Indian Ladder Farm, Rt. 156, Voorheesville, noon to 4 p.m. Ski touring, group instruction, amateur 3-mile race. All welcome. 765-4257.

Christian puppetry by Master's Muppets, Faith Lutheran Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Chamber music concert, winds and strings, Bethlehem Library, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Delmar Progress Club, government council, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

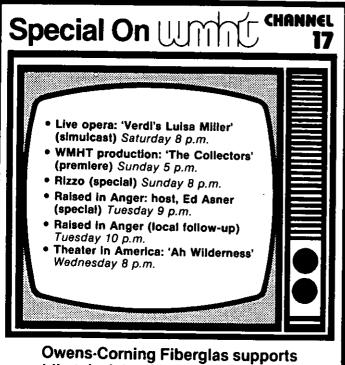
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Trl-Village Nursery School, for preschoolers and parents, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10:15-11 a.m.

Career and educational counseling. with Sister Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 6-8 p.m.

Cooperative Extension program, "Preparing for an Emergency Part 1," with Diane Snyder Ptak, Bethlehem Library, 10-11 a.m.



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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. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

MUSIC

- Midwinter Pops Concert, "Million Dollar Movie Themes," Albany Symphony Orchestra, Palace Theatre, Albany, Jan. 20, 8:30 p.m. 465-4755.
- Recital, Clamma Dale, sponsored by Empire Youth Theatre Institute, Broadway singing actress, tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., Empire State Plaza Main Theater, ("The Egg"), Jan. 21, 2 p.m. special orchestra seating \$10, other seats \$6, children \$3. Reservations 473-4020.
- Norman Luboff Choir, special concert, sponsored by Troy Chromatic Concerts, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Jan. 25, 8 p.m. Reservations 235-6831.
- Capitaland Christian Music Concert, featuring The Joyful Noise, Naphtali, King's Kids, Bob and Etaine Jenkins, Master's Muppets, Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center ("The Egg"), Feb. 2, 8 p.m. \$3.50, under 12 free. 768-2154, 439-4328.
- Piano Recital, Evelyn McKee, Campus Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Rd., Albany, Jan. 28, 3 p.m. Free, 438-7895.

ART

- Exhibition, American Decorative Arts, 18-19th century furniture, glass, china, silver, textiles, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 25.
- Exhibition, 12 oil paintings by Sandford Silverberg of Chatham, Center Galleries, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through March 3.
- "Images of the City," exhibition of prints, posters, broadsides from New York State Museum collection, Terrace Gallery, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through April 1. Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free parking on weekends.

FILM

- "Shanghai Express," (1932-Marlene Dietrich), Auditorium One, CDPC, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Jan. 19-20, 8:30 p.m. \$1.50. 436-7371.
- "Lavender Hill Mob," Alec Guiness, Sterling Holloway classic, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Jan. 23, 2 and 8 p.m. Parking behind library.

LECTURE

Shana Alexander, CBS commentator, discussing her book, "Anyone's Daughter," on the Patty Hearst case, College of Saint Rose gymnasium, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. \$2 at door.



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BETHLEHEM Firemen skeptical of carnival visit

When the advance man of a Florida-based travelling carnival company dropped in on Supervisor Tom Corrigan at Bethlehem town hall to suggest staging a nine-day festival in town, Corrigan did the listening while the promoter did the talking.

On Wednesday, Corrigan, without making any commitment, outlined the proposal to the town board. Board members listened to the brief presentation, then tabled the matter for study and further input from the promoters.

Vic Kalman, president of Festivals and Exposition Associates, Orlando, Fla., acted as his own advance man in presenting his proposal to put on a summer extravaganza in Glenmont July 7-15. For lack of a better name, it would be called the Bethlehem Fair, and would include such attractions as craft fairs and demonstrations, ethnic festivals tailored to the area's demographic mix, a hot air balloon race, and the huge James E. Strates railway show, which carries 50 railroad cars of amusement rides on its travels across the country.

Kalman, a resident of Kingston, said there also would be pony rides, elephant and camel rides, a petting zoo and a steady stream of entertainment. He was careful to explain that the fair could be sponsored by any number of local organizations who would share in the proceeds.

When Albany newsmen covering Wednesday's town board session reported in Thursday's papers that Bethlehem was "considering" a proposal for a summer festival, they touched some sensitive nerves in the



Assemblyman C.D. (Larry) Lane, center, has been appointed assistant minority leader of the Assembly by Republican leader James L. Emery, left. At right is Assemblyman Gordon Burrows.

community. On Thursday morning several local volunteer fire companies called Corrigan's office to express their concern, and a representative of the Altamont Fair asked for an appointment with the supervisor the following day.

Their concerns centered on the prospect of major competition for the annual fire company carnivals and for the traditional Altamont Fair. The Bethlehem Fair proposal would directly conflict with the dates for the Onesquethaw Fire Dept. carnival and the Punkintown Fair, the New Salem Fire Dept. summertime fixture, both of which are among the largest and most popular of the warm weather funfests in this area. The firemen's festivals not only provide a summer highlight for many families in the area, but also provide a substantial source of revenue for the fire companies and thus take some of the fiscal pressure off district taxpayers in the form of lower property taxes.

The Onesquethaw carnival, regularly held on the two week-

ends following the Fourth of July, basically serves a large section of the town of New Scotland from Feura Bush and Unionville to Clarksville. The Punkintown Fair regularly draws from a wide area of Albany County.

In the case of the Altamont Fair, which serves as the Albany County fair, the conflict is a matter of principle rather than of overlapping dates. The Altamont Fair is held each year in late August, but its sponsors fear any competing influence that would dilute or divert the fairgoers' dollar.

On Friday, Kalman paid a return visit to Corrigan's office. He explained that the dates offered Bethlehem fit into the show's 1979 travel schedule. The entourage plays the P.T. Barnum Festival in Bridgeport, Conn. in the first few days of July, then has a booking in Delaware the third week of July. With the railroad bridge in Poughkeepsie out of service, the festival train must cross the Hudson at Castleton and thus will pass through the Selkirk yards with 10 days to spare en route.

Kalman has already made preliminary arrangements to use two large tracts for the carnival. He will be leasing about 400 acres of the 185-acre tract earmarked for the Southgate shopping center on Rt. 9W north of Bender Lane in Glenmont. The shopping center, a project of the Pan American Development Corp., Philadelphia, for more than 10 years has never moved beyond the drawing board.

For parking, Kalman would be leasing vacant land on the other side of the highway, a tract of 35.8 acres owned by Capital Cities Broadcasting Corp. to house the former WROW radio transmitter.

Corrigan told Kalman last week that he would be required to apply for a land use permit from Bethlehem's board of appeals, which would entail a public hearing, and would also be required to file an environmental impact study report. Kalman said he planned to follow through on both procedures.

Kalman said that if his application is approved, he would try to get "all the fire companies in the county" to participate in sponsoring the nineday fair. Under such an arrangement, he explained, a charitable corporation would be set up, in which the participating non-profit organizations would join to stage the carnival, with Kalman's FEA firm serving as a mañagement agency.

Completes course

Darlene Tompkins, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, completed an afternoon course in keypunch at Mildred Elley School, Albany, on Dec. 22. January 20, 1979 • 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. introducing

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NEW SALEM Bethiehem curtails pumping

Four families living in a block-long mini-subdivision in New Salem are hoping a compromise test by town of Bethlehem water officials will help bring water back to their wells.

Paul Wagner, superintendent of Bethlehem Water District No. 1, said the pump on one of two wells on water district property on Rt. 85 in New Salem was shut down Friday afternoon, and would remain idle for a seven-day period. This weekend, when the pump resumes, pumping in the other well will be suspended for seven days in an experiment to determine if the pumping is responsible for exhausting the water production of the wells of homeowners on Meadowbrook Pl., New Salem.



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Bethlehem officials last week agreed to modify the pumping schedule as a concession to repeated appeals by New Scotland residents who have been having water problems over the past several months.

The two Bethlehem wells, which were sunk several decades before the Meadowbrook Pl. area was developed, are at different depths, and presumably on separate aquafers (water tables) in the town of New Scotland. Bethlehem's Well No. 2 is 83 feet deep, and when the pumping was suspended last weekend, water was being extracted at the 17-foot level. Well No. 1 is believed to be about 97 feet deep.

The affected residential wells, located approximately half a mile from the pumping sites, average 70 feet in depth. Residents who have been without water for nearly two months have complained that Bethlehem's pumping operations yielding 1.1 million gallons a day are responsible for their wells running dry.

Until last week, Bethlehem has turned aside pleas by the residents and by Supervisor Steve Wallace of New Scotland to halt the pumping until exhausted wells recover. Wallace then invited Supervisor Tom Corrigan and Bethlehem's four councilmen to meet with the New Scotland town board to thrash out the sensitivities of the situation informally behind closed doors.

Wallace set up the unpublicized session for last Wednesday, and also invited Richard W. Svenson of the Albany County Dept. of Health and the two town attorneys.

From the hour and a half conclave in the New Scotland town hall came Bethlehem's concession to shut down first one pump and then the other to permit engineers to measure the effect on New Salem aquafers. This week measurements are being taken on selected wells on Meadowbrook Pl. Presumably it wil be several



At a closed-door conference in New Scotland on the mutual problem of public water supply last week, Richard Svenson of the Albany County Dept. of Health is flanked by two town supervisors, Tom Corrigan of Bethlehem, left, and Steve Wallace of New Scotland. Spotlight

weeks before the data can be analyzed.

"I was happy we got together," commented Wallace after the unprecedented session with the two town boards. "It was a good start to working out some solutions to the problem. They (Bethlehem officials) are being cooperative."

Wallace also said he was encouraged by the spirit of the informal session. "We ought to get together every so often, just to exchange information," he said. "I may try to schedule



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In Delmar, Corrigan said the conclave "brought out a lot of information about the water situation, and I think we learned a lot from each other." Svenson, who is director of the county's environmental health services division and a resident of Delmar, said "it appears promising" that at least some of the water sensitivities in the New Scotland-area would be resolved.

One possibility: establishment of a separate water district for the New Salem area, including Meadowbrook Pl. and possibly for the side roads off New Scotland Rd. en route to the Bethlehem town line, A similar proposal some 20 years ago was rejected for economic reasons: the cost of such a system at the time was considered too high for individual residents to bear. Today the costs would be even more, but the needs - present and future substantially greater.

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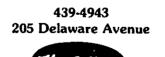


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The congregation of the Delmar Reformed Church will hold a farewell reception at the church on Sunday, Jan. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. to honor their pastor, Rev. Gerard Van Heest and his family. Rev. Van Heest has accepted an appointment as chaplain at Hope College, Holland, Mich.

Rev. Van Heest has been pastor of the Delmar church for 10 years, coming to Delmar from the Lynwood Reformed Church of Guilderland. He has been active in the Delmar Rotary, a past president of the Tri-Village Ministers Assn., a member of the boards of the Family and Children's Service of Albany and the Capital Area Ministry of Higher Education. He is vice president of the Capital Area Council of Churches.

His wife, Eloise, is active in the women's department of the Reformed Church as a consultant and has led many local seminars in leadership training. She is project director of the new Reformed Church curriculum for church schools. Their three children, Tim, Greg and Jocelyn, have been active participants in sports programs while students at Bethlehem Central High School.

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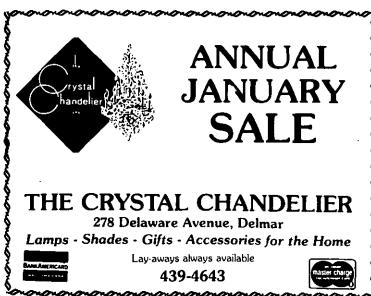
Rev. and Mrs. Van Heest

Women job classes

Bethlehem Library will offer. a career-life planning course for women, covering job hunting and personal development, Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 1 through April 26, at the library. An organizing meeting will be held Jan, 25 at 10 a.m. Course size is limited. Pre-register at the library.

Students honored

Among local students selected recently for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" are Paul Moylan of the State University College at Buffalo, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Neal Moylan of Delmar, and Jean Sharkey of Albany, sister of Mrs. Peter Applebee of Delmar, a student at Mt, Saint Mary's College, Newburgh, who spent last summer as an intern reporter on the Spotlight.



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DELMAR Mother's complaint jails horseplayer, 17

A Delmar woman who called police to report a series of thefts from her house, including blank checks that came back with her signature she said had been forged, furnished Bethlehem detectives with the name of the prime suspect: her son, 17.

The investigation revealed that the boy, whose name was withheld because of his age, apparently had used the money to play the horses at the Elsmere off-track betting parlor. police said.

The youth was picked up at the local OTB establishment by Officers Alfred Lamouree and Charles Rudolph at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. He was booked on six counts of criminal possession of stolen property. He entered a plea of not guilty at his arraignment before Justice Roger Fritts in Bethlehem town court, and was remanded to the Albany County jail to await a hearing,

Police said approximately \$1,600 in checks had been issued in the mother's name. Also missing were three \$25 U.S. savings bonds and quantities of cash and blank checks from her pocketbook over a period dating back to last October, the report said.

Y-Guides signup

Chief Tom Kershaw of the Atatharo Longhouse of the YMCA Y-Guides has pronounced that Jan. 20 is Y-Guide Day in the Tri-Village area. An informational meeting and new member signup will follow on Friday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Library. Y-Guides is a national father and child program of the YMCA, in existence for more than 50 years. Longhouses and member tribes are managed locally by members, with fathers and children planning activities together. Up-coming plans include the Snow-Blast, an overnight trip to Camp Hebron, the Memorial Day parade and a June weekend at Silver Bay, Lake George.

Chorus tryouts

Tryouts for SUNYA's University Chorale will be held by appointment Jan. 22 through Feb. 2 at the university's Performing Arts Center. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 457-6889 or 457-6868. Chorale members will help select and sing the world's top 10 choral hits in performances scheduled for March and May. The Chorale is open to all singers from the community.

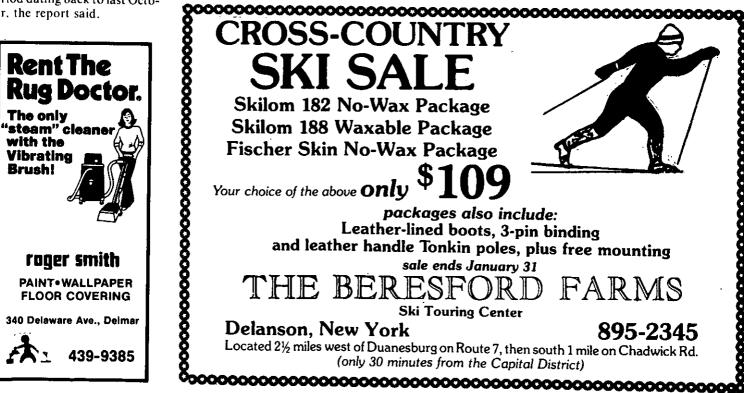


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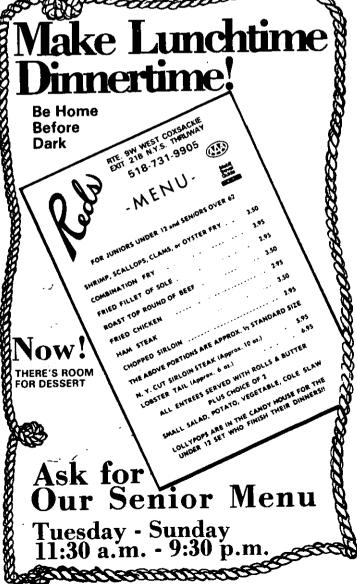
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Named consultant

Sue Ann LaMantia of Cohoes has been named community consultant for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, Slingerlands. She succeeds James M. Stewart, who has been named assistant to the Blue Cross president. She has been with the Plans since 1974.

Police promotions

Two Bethlehem Police Dept. officers have been promoted to detective. Alfred Lamouree, acting detective, and Chuck Martin, head of the juvenile bureau, will boost the number of detectives to five.



DELMAR Police subdue unruly prisoner

It started with a car stuck in a snowbank, protruding into a traffic lane on Kenwood Ave. at Woodridge Rd., shortly before 2 a.m. Monday. Officer James Haker, on patrol in a Bethlehem police cruiser, routinely asked the driver for his license and registration.

The license was there, but not the registration. Meanwhile, Haker, suspecting his subject had been drinking, called for the alert test machine from headquarters, but the driver refused to submit to the test.

Haker then arrested Paul R. Yingling, 24, of 12 Snowden Ave., Elsmere, handcuffed him and took him to headquarters. Police said Yingling refused to give information for the arrest record, refused to be fingerprinted or photographed, and rejected a breathalyzer test. In the detaining area he tried to provoke a fistfight with an officer, police said, so he was again handcuffed and all furniture removed from the room.

After Yingling's father had been unable to persuade him to submit to the tests, he was arraigned before Justice Roger Fritts on charges of driving while intoxicated and obstructing governmental administration. He was remanded to the Albany County jail pending an appearance in Bethlehem justice court.

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2 youths held in school theft

When Bethlehem police halted a car on Kenwood Ave. shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday for a routine check, an alert officer recognized a gasoline credit card in the wallet of the driver as bearing a different name. Upon investigating, police traced the card to one of three wallets that had been stolen at Voorheesville Central High School during a varsity swimming meet between Voorheesville and Bethlehem Central four days earlier.

Police charged the driver, 16, and his companion, 15, both of Slingerlands and both students at Voorheesville Central, with criminal possession of stolen property, a felony. The older youth was released in custody of his parents pending a court appearance in Delmar on Feb. 1. The juvenile was turned over to his parents pending court action by the Bethlehem police youth bureau. Their names were withheld.

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Nurserv school speaker

Dr. Evelyn Brayton will be the speaker at an open meeting of parents and the public sponsored by the Community Nursery School of Voorheesville on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 at the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, Dr. Brayton, associate director of the Communicative Disorders Center at Albany Medical Center Hospital, will discuss the normal development of speech and hearing in the preschool child.





BETHLEHEM Female cop nabs 2 youths

The call came in shortly after 11 Sunday morning at Bethlehem police headquarters: a Selkirk resident was reporting a break-in at a vacant house next door on Rt. 144 a quarter of a mile south of the Thruway exit.

The first patrol car to reach the scene was driven by Officer Cynthia (Cyndi) Reed. As she pulled in the yard, two youths leaped to the ground from a second-floor window.

But Officer Reed was too quick for them: she collared both and took them to police headquarters in Delmar.

Her report took only one paragraph: their names and ages (the names were withheld because their ages are 15 and 14), and the fact that they gained entry through the rear door and



"exited via a second-floor front window." The boys were charged with juvenile delinquency and turned over to their parents pending court action by the Bethlehem police youth bureau.

Officer Reed, who will be 24 next month, completed her training in December, along with four other provisional officers, and has been driving a patrol car alone since Jan. 1. The Selkirk burglary she interrupted was her first felony arrest.

At headquarters, her fellow officers, including the veterans, were not surprised at her taking two teenage boys into custody without help. "She can handle herself as well as anybody in the department," said one of her superiors.

Cyndi was appointed to the Bethlehem force in September as the first female member of the department.

Camera club program

The Delmar Camera Club will meet Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, to view a slide lecture by Walt and Nancy Quillinan of the Adirondack Camera Club entitled "The Adirondacks."



BETHLEHEM Town, police sign 2-year contract

The Bethlehem Police Benevolent Assn., bargaining unit for Bethlehem's 30-member police force, and town officials have agreed on a two-year contract, and were expected to complete the formal signing on Wednesday of this week.

The new contract, replacing the one-year pact that expired Dec. 31, calls for pay raises, improved service and vacation benefits and a 20-percent increase in the maximum allowance for cleaning uniforms. The pension benefits remain unchanged.

The contract provides a 5percent pay boost across the board for 1979 and 6.5 percent in 1980, plus salary increases for detectives, a salary adder for college degree and an additional longevity increment at 22 years. Previously department members received service increments only at 6, 10, 14 and 18 years.

The vacation improvement provides three weeks vacation after 12 years of service. Previous contracts specified eligibility at 14 years. The contract allows reimbursement for uniform cleaning up to \$90 a year instead of \$75 under the old contract.

Officer Theodore Wilson, BPBA president, said the bargaining unit membership unanimously approved the new terms on Jan. 4. He said the negotiating sessions "were handled in a professional, amicable manner without the necessity of any outside professional negotiators."



Swimming for wives

An American Red Cross housewives water safety instructor and lifesaving course and progressive swimming class for women will open at the State University of Albany pool on Friday, Jan. 19. Classes for beginners through advanced swimming will run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with lifesaving and water safety instructor courses meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday. Registration may be made at the pool.

In Central America

Gretchen P. Waugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Waugh, 45 Brookview Ave., Delmar, is one of 13 St. Lawrence University students participating in a month-long course on cultural survival in Guatemala and Honduras as a January mini-term project. **POSTERS PLUS** ART POSTERS - REPRODUCTIONS - CUSTOM FRAMING

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Bethlehem quilters hold regular meetings at the Bethlehem Library. Among them are Shirley Hedman, left, Jo Williams and Betsy Ellsworth. Photo by Carol Gregory

Burnt Hills next week, competing in a dual meet with the

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meet Sunday, Jan. 28.

Playhouse tryouts on

Evening quilters organize

The evening division of QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) will have its first and organizational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. Anyone interested is urged to attend. There are no dues. For information contact Sandy Turallo, 472-9661, or Diane Coffey, 439-2678 after 4:30 p.m.

Dolfins In action

The Delmar Dolfins swim team will make two trips to

On the cover:

Rev. Warren Winterhoff, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, left, stands with Ginny Rath as she and her husband, Dan, second from right, discuss plans to take their three children on a missionary assignment to remote areas of New Guinea. Listening are Mark Louderback, Debbie Pangburn and Jon Pangburn. The Ladies Guild of the church contributed \$300 to the Raths' mission, translating the Bible in native outposts.



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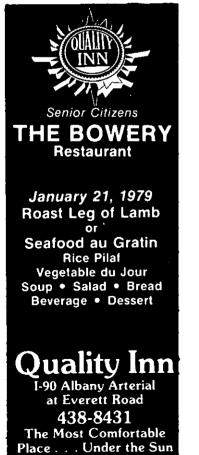
DELMAR Art students win awards

Three sixth-graders at Bethlehem Middle School have won prizes for their artwork advertising "The Battle of the Books," a reading competition between pupils at the Middle School and St. Thomas School.

First-prize winner George Varga won "Peanuts Jubilee" by Charles Schultz. Second prize of a speedball artist pen set went to Glenn Castle, and a sketchbook as third prize was awarded to Brenda Gravlee. Their designs will be used on bookmarks and posters.

The art contest was conducted among members of Team 6-A who are pupils of art teacher Betty Koban.

Middle school librarian Shirley Schenmeyer is coordinating "The Battle of the Books," a competition designed to stimulate interest in reading among pupils at the two schools. Prizes to "Battle" winners will be awarded at the end of the school year.





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BASKETBALL Blackbirds get momentum

Beating Coxsackie-Athens was "a big win, personally" for Voorheesville basketball coach Mike O'Brien, but far bigger is the Blackbirds' perch atop the Central Hudson Valley basketball standings. No matter that Waterford also shares the topmost nest, it's the 4-1 ledger that counts, and O'Brien feels his team can take care of the Waterford business in due time.

The Blackbirds posted two impressive triumphs last week, dissecting Chatham in a nonleague game, 73-42, and manhandling Coxsackie-Athens, 71-53, in a CHVL game, both on the friendly home floor. This week there was a road test outside the league at Rensselaer, a state-ranked team, on Tuesday, and a league tussle coming up Friday at Averill Park. Voorheesville took Rensselaer, 66-61, earlier, and had an 80-54 romp over the Parkers, but this time it should be tougher because of the alien courts.

"Coxsackie was a tough, physical game," observed OBrien "We couldn't blow them out. They stayed close, 10-12 points, until the last three minutes. I was glad to get that one out of the way."

O'Brien served as varsity coach at C-A until this year, when he switched to Voorheesville while retaining his teach-

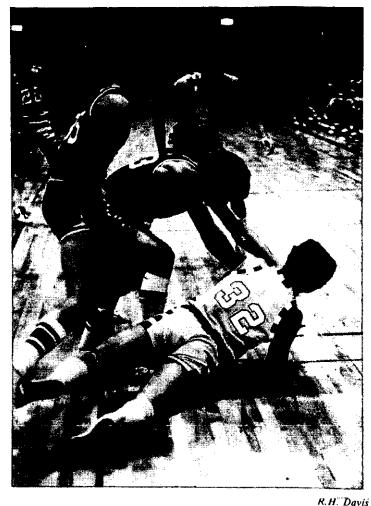


R.H. Davis Joe Probst (42) penetrates C-A defense for a Voorheesville layup.

ing job in physed at Coxsackie.

Craig Gleason had another strong performance, posting 29 points with 15 rebounds and dominating the inside action. The Blackbirds fed him consis-



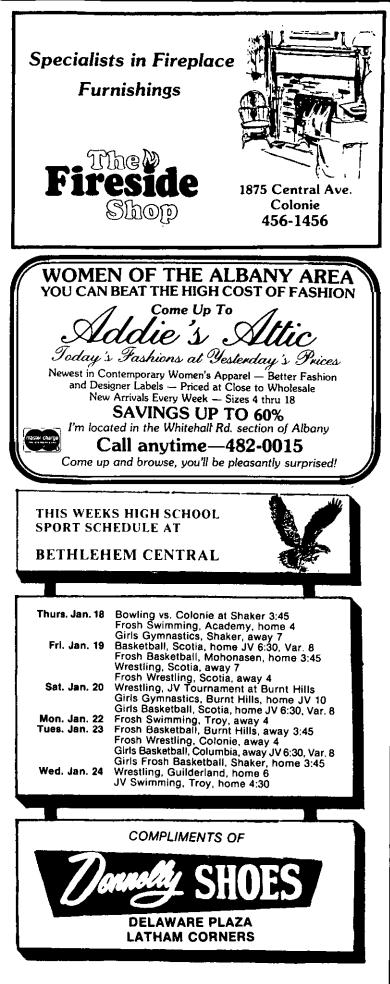


Tom George (32), a football standout for Voorheesville, recovers a "fumble" on the basketball court against Coxsackie-Athens.

tently, and he either pumped the leather home or was fouled.

In the Chatham exercise, everybody got into the act. The Blackbirds were 7-3 overall, 4-1 in the league, going into the Rensselaer game. On the medical side, John Harding is expected to shed his cast this weekend, raising hopes he might get back to work for the last week or two before the Sectionals. Harding has been out with a broken ankle since early December.





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SWIMMING Eagle natators set new marks

Bethlehem Central's swimming juggernaut raised its record to 6-0 without a serious challenge and faced relatively easy meets before getting down to the serious business of battling state powers Rome Free Academy and New Hartford next month.

The talent-rich Eagles were entertaining a young Voorheesville team this Wednesday and go to Shaker High next Wednesday. Coach Jack Whipple's merpeople last week wrote two new records for the Glens Falls High School pool in a 99-73 victory, and submerged Albany High 53-30.

The Glens Falls meet was reasonably close up to the final three events. Then Jay Henehan, a Bethlehem ninth grader, lowered the pool mark as BC took first, second and fourth in the 500-yard freestyle. Henehan's time was 5:21.3.

In quick succession, BC's Ken Neff matched his best time of the season with a 56.9 for the 100-yard backstroke for another pool record, and sophomore Bob Holland took the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.1.

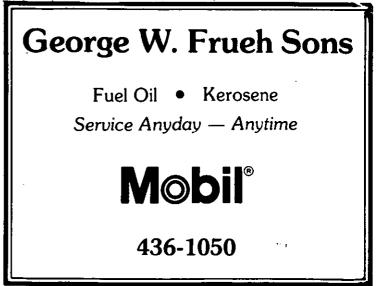
In the Albany meet at home, Neff churned the 200 free in 1.49.9 for an Adirondack Swim Conference record. The performance fractured the old standard of 1:50.4 set by Malcolm Cooper, Bethlehem's contribution to the Harvard University varsity, and also shattered an eight-year-old Delmar pool record of 150.7 set by Alan Toll in 1971.

FOOTBALL Local athletes make all-state

Four members of Bethlehem Central's Suburban Council champions and one athlete from Section 2 Class C titlist Voorheesville are among the 264 high school football play⁴ ers honored by the New York State Sports Writers Assn. on its 1978 all-state squad.

Bethlehem's center, Brian Bourque, and its fullback, Mike DeAngelis, were chosen to the fourth offensive unit in the large school division, while Joe Giacone at offensive end and Adam Herman at defensive end both were named to the sixth team. The four, all seniors, played major roles as the Eagles rolled to nine straight wins before losing to Bishop Maginn in the Section 2 Class A playoff in Albany.

Tom George of Voorheesville was a third-team selection at linebacker in the smallschool division. George, a senoir, set a new school record by carrying for 2,402 yards in three years. His 958 yards rushing in 1978 also broke the old record. He did his team's placekicking, accounted for a number of field goals and kicked the deciding extra points in the Black birds' 20-18 win over Whitehall in the championship playoff.



BASKETBALL Hodge hopeful on girls' team

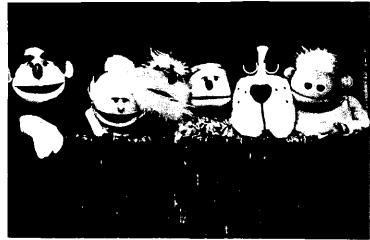
Girls' basketball swings into high gear in the Suburban Council this week, with Bethlehem Central opening with two games at home.

BC hosts Colonie on Wednesday and Scotia Friday before travelling to East Greenbush Tuesday for a game with Columbia. Three of the first four contests on the 18-game league schedule are on the Delmar floor.

Coach Ken Hodge describes his team as "very well balanced, with a lot of depth." He has picked 10 girls for his varsity squad, and says ail 10 "will be playing a lot." The loss of injured Joanne Van Woert, the school's most gifted female athlete, has "really hurt us, but we have a pretty good club," says Hodge. Van Woert, out with a broken ankle has been a starter for two years and was on the varsity as a freshman.

Until her ankle mends, Hodge will count on seniors Edie Eyres and Kathy Cleary, juniors Katie Fitzpatrick, Jackie Bevan and Molly Nevens and sophomore Mary Howell to carry the load.



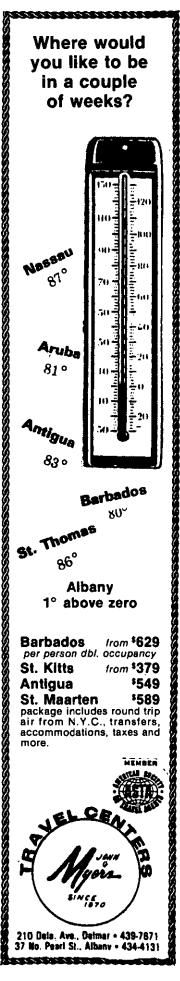


Master's Muppets will put on a special performance on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Christian puppetry is new, and it's full of singing

Contract bids sought

The town of Bethlehem is seeking bids on a contract for general excavation work beneath the west wing of the former Delmar elementary school as part of the renovation project for the new town hall. Bids will be opened at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22.







BASKETBALL Eagles win pair but lose a star

Unless Shaker High's potent basketball team has an "off" night—or two—the Suburban Council's 1979 race will be a yawner, devoid of the excitement that has marked the battle for top honors in recent years.

Bethlehem Central picked up two league wins last week, including a surprise one-point squeaker over Columbia on the Delmar planking, but BC's 5-3 conference mark doesn't give them much of a shot at the title.

The Eagles suffered a major loss when Jim Giacone, 6-3 senior, broke his jaw in two places during a practice session. Giacone, 200 pounds and a powerful rebounder, had his best game last Tuesday, ruffling the cords for 18 points in a routine 89-71 rout of Shenendehowa at Clifton Park, 16 of them in the first half.

Giacone's muscle under the boards was sorely missed in the 55-54 escape on Friday when Columbia, winless and the Council's doormat, nearly pulled a shocker. Bethlehem led most of the game, but John Sica fouled out in the third quarter after scoring only two points on an off night for him. Joe Rutnik had 22 points and Mike Lawrence, a 6-3 sophomore starter, had 14 points and seven rebounds on his best night so far.



R.H. Davis John Sica (24) tips in a muchneeded two points for Bethlehem

top scorer, Jim Corona of Colonie, in a road game Tuesday, then it's back to Delmar for a meeting with Scotia Friday.



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We park in the town parking lot and walk across the street to a house where the porch is thick with macrame hanging baskets of all sizes. In the summer these are filled with plants. We notice the unique sign and ponder the name. We open the door and for the next 30 minutes are fascinated and somewhat awed.

The first room has the greatest collection of beads and accoutrement for jewelry-making I have seen in any shop locally. To the left and rear is a room where finished jewelry (made by the owners) is displayed. And in the old dining room area of the house is a large round table for learning.

I learned about creativity. The owners, Marcia Waldbillig and Jack Justin, are casual and hospitable. A white bunny appears, hopping out to the dining room with no fanfare, and received with none. "The escape artist," commented Jack. They explained that they keep rabbits in the fireplace to amuse the children who come in, and that "Susie-Q" has earned the name "escape artist" for she would not be confined.

"Jack is a softie for animals. anyway," Marcia teased.

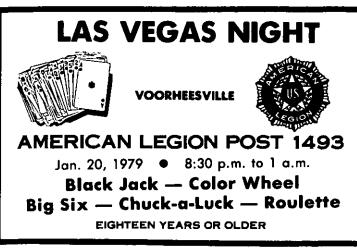
"However did you arrive at the name of your shop?" I had waited as long as I could, containing a burning curiosity. Jack had the answer:

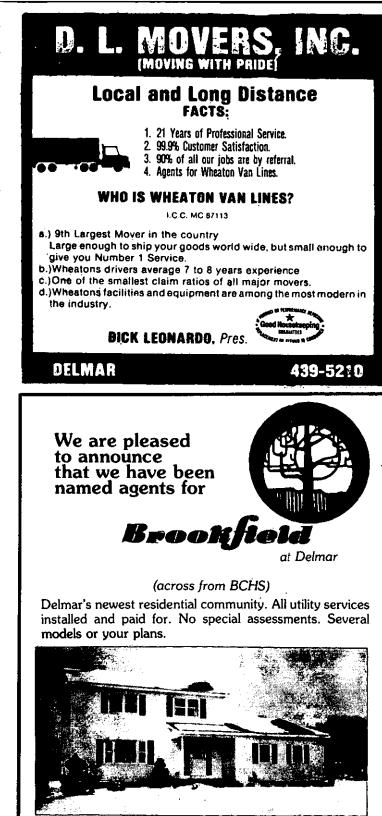
"I used to go out to the farm from my place in Albany, 1 landmarked it by the crossroads where she lived . . . crossroads, a place where people meet and creative hands come together. Everyone is from a different pattern and way of life. And so, it's the meeting place."

"The farm" is Marcia's former home. She had a shop there. It all came about for her when her mother and father urged her to join them at their home in Key Biscayne for a winter holiday and to recover from the flu. "Mother literally swept me off the plane and into a local macrame shop," Marcia told me.

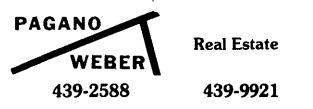
From then on, she was in love with the art of knotting and creating! Marcia returned to Albany only to find there was no local supplier for her new-found craft. So, in a few days, she started clearing out the living room to make room for the huge order she had sent for. Within weeks hanging baskets, lamp shades, cake holders and whatever were appearing. In a month or so she added jewelry and could be found making up packets of beads and liquid silver for mothers and tots who wanted to create.

As for Jack: 12 years ago he was in Canada. His first venture into the arts was painting (he did over 400 paintings, and when he ran out of canvas he





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Jack just happened to stop in Albany a few years ago. It was tulip time, and Washington Park was beautiful and filled with craftspersons selling their wares for the day. The result of that day: Jack bought out one of the leather craftsmen who had planned to give up his shop. He eventually purchased a second store. He needed macrame supplies one day, and ventured out to the Crossroads.

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Meanwhile, Marcia had taken me upstairs to see the "new gallery." She and Jack create for interior designers, whether homemakers or professionals. In such creation, they had fashioned a hanging table. Hung from the ceiling, the macrame was woven to about one-third distance and accommodated a hanging plant. Then it enlarged its radius and became the hanger for a table three feet in diameter. A tassle under the table secured it in its hanging place and continued on to the floor. It would look magnificent in a paneled den where comfort and casual beauty are the goal. A corner bay window had a hanging macrame cradle!

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A fabulous collection of antiques, including OG mirrors, Hitchcock chairs, Empire chairs and sofa, Depression glass, slant front desk, flo blue, rope beds, 4-poster beds, dressers, dining table w/claw feet, crystal, cut glass, pewter, Limoges, Pembroke table, photo equipment, household goods, many rockers, Shaker rocker, sterling, coin, antique jewelry, linens, quilts, thousands of miscellaneous items.

Saturday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. (not before) Sunday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m. NO PRIOR SALES OR VIEWING. No. 1 Furman Place, Delmar, New York (off Kenwood Ave.)



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 abridgement by the editor, and must be signed. Names will be withheld on request.

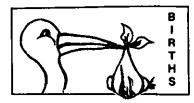
Unusual films

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are most grateful to you for your well written announcement in the "Community Corner" of our presentation of the Educational Film Library Association American Film Festival. While it was not difficult to have announcements of the event published, it was very difficult to interest anyone in the uniqueness of the films to be shown. You, however, expressed this very well; the films are unusual and not often shown, and we do want people to know about them.

Thankyou for helping people in the area understand the meaning and purpose of the American Film Festival. Marie S. Carlson AV Librarian

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Girl, Laura, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hotaling, Delmar, Dec. 23.

Girl, Lynne, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hutter, Delmar, Dec. 18.

Boy, Bramdon, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones, Voorheesville, Dec. 16.

Girl, Jodi, to Mr. and Mrs. James Wisenburn, Delmar, Dec. 7.



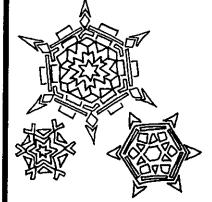
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Community Corner

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Once again it's time to enjoy delicious Girl Scout cookies. Girls from the Bethlehem area are joining other Scouts throughout the Hudson Valley Council to take cookie orders through January.

Many varieties of cookies are available: samoas, thin mints, peanut butter cookies, vanilla and chocolate cremes, shortbread trefoils and the new granola, a crunchy cookie made of rolled oats, molasses and sesame seed.

The Girl Scout who takes your order will deliver the cookies to you early in March.

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